

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORT

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During the second quarter, PBPA's Community Affairs efforts have continued to focus on issues and concerns of local communities. We are continuing to work with "Priority Midland" team members and serving as a source of information through their monthly meetings. Along with the efforts of community development, this quarter, we sponsored and attended the Lea County EnergyPlex conference for the third year. This year, much of the focus of the conference centered on ways in which the energy industry and the communities of Lea County have found to partner and work with the growth, for the better, instead of fighting it.

During a time in which communities throughout the Permian Basin are working to address the challenges of growing populations, inadequate infrastructure, and developing plans to improve the quality of life and living conditions for its residents, it's important to share and learn from others' experiences; observing what has been successful and what has not. Lea County serves as a great blueprint of managing its ever-evolving community issues and PBPA and its member companies benefit from engagement at this active and developmental local level.

PBPA community affairs was asked by the United States Census Bureau to serve on Midland County's Complete Count Committee. The committee is made up of many other representatives from county and city entities and leaders. The focus of the committee is to engage and educate citizens on the census and the importance for as many people as possible to be counted in Midland County next year. The committee has identified the challenges that the county will face in trying to secure an accurate count and currently is working to create initiatives to target each of those challenges and address them in the coming months. Because so much funding at the federal level is tied to population, and that census figures will be critical in drawing legislative and congressional maps, an accurate figure of those living and working in the Permian Basin will help bolster funding and representation for these communities. Julie Green has been keeping in touch with officials in Hobbs and Carlsbad who are on similar committees through the Bureau to share ideas and resources.

In June, PBPA met with local officials in Carlsbad and Andrews to address the controversy of potential Nuclear Waste sites, helping officials and leaders understand that although there could be concerns, PBPA takes no official stance other than its support of all energy and its continued commitment to being a resource of information and line of communication to industry. Just at the tail end of the second quarter, we began working on a strategy to target and expand our service company membership. The service company aspect of the industry is an integral part which operators partner with to be successful in their endeavors. PBPA not only recognizes this needed partnership but is working to represent these interests more to better serve the industry across the Permian Basin.