

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORT CONTINUED

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In the first Quarter of 2019, Community Affairs for PBPA dealt mostly with calling on and continuing to foster relationships with elected officials and stakeholders throughout the Permian Basin, particularly in support the 2019 Legislative sessions in Texas and New Mexico. The Midland office worked in conjunction with the Austin and Santa Fe offices to develop background information when it came to a few key legislative issues. While others made assumptions on what Permian Basin constituents wanted, having relationships with community officials and residents in place came in handy when lawmakers, government affairs personnel, and PBPA itself, wanted to know the temperatures of constituents and ultimately what stance to take on certain bills.

We have also spent a considerable amount of time acting as a resource with many of the community development projects underway in the Permian Basin. Julie Green has been working with engineering and planning firms to provide data and insight into local communities, constituents, and politics. PBPA is grateful for the groups that have decided to focus on bettering our communities and for their recognition of PBPA's long standing commitment to the Permian Basin.

Another project in Q1 that PBPA is excited about is the development of a partnership with Hobbs Schools who is developing a Vocational Training Program that is to be introduced to Hobbs High School in the fall on 2021. The program will include a state-of-the-art facility and curriculum that is able to provide knowledge and training on four major and 12 minor groups of focus for up to 800 students at any given time. PBPA plans to be a resource for Hobbs Schools to find industry resources who will give their expertise to help build reliable and practical curriculum and participate in the program as speakers and demonstrators.

Particularly at the end of Q1 and the beginning of Q2 2019, PBPA worked with elected officials in the Town of Pecos City to help them further understand state law as it applies to municipalities' authority to take action effecting oil and gas operations