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2022 Convention Speakers

RICHARD E. MUNCRIEF



Richard E. Muncrief, 63, was appointed to the board of directors and elected president and chief executive officer of the company in January 2021 following Devon's merger with WPX Energy. Muncrief previously served as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of WPX Energy. Prior to joining WPX, he served as senior vice president, operations and resource development of Continental Resources, Inc.

Muncrief holds a Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering technology from Oklahoma State University, where he has also been recognized as a distinguished alumnus and is a member of the College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology Hall of Fame. He serves on the board of directors and the executive committee of the American Petroleum Institute. He is a past chairman and currently serves on the board of directors and the executive committee of the American Exploration & Production Council.

JAMES TAYLOR



James Taylor is president of The Heartland Institute, and is also director of Heartland's Arthur B. Robinson Center for Climate and Environmental Policy. The Board of Directors unanimously elected James Taylor president of The Heartland Institute on March 18, 2020.

Taylor is also the former managing editor (2001-2014) of Environment & Climate News, a national monthly publication devoted to sound science and free-market environmentalism. For many years, he wrote a regular column for Forbes, which appeared on the magazine's Forbes.com website.

Taylor has presented energy and environment analysis on CNN, CNN Headline News, Fox News Channel, Fox Business Channel, MSNBC, PBS News Hour, PBS Frontline, CBS Evening News, ABC World News, and other TV and radio outlets across the country. He has been published in virtually every major newspaper in the country. He has been a featured presenter at conferences sponsored by such groups as the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Council of State Governments, National Association of Counties, National Foundation of Women Legislators, State Policy Network (SPN), CPAC, Cato Institute, Heritage Foundation, and European Institute for Climate and Energy.

MATT BARR



An accomplished Government and Public Affairs leader with 15+ years of experience and deep connections in government relations, political affairs and community engagement. **Matt Barr** currently serves as Vice President of State & Local Government and Community Affairs at Cheniere Energy, a Houston-based Fortune 500 company and the largest exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the United States. During his time at Cheniere, the company has developed nearly \$38 billion in energy infrastructure along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Cheniere Energy, Inc. (NYSE American: LNG) Around the globe, countries, communities and companies want many of the same things: to be productive, healthy and safe. At Cheniere, we provide clean, secure and affordable energy to the world—energy that can reduce carbon emissions, help lead to cleaner air, and light homes and power factories—all manufactured and transported by modern energy infrastructure run by a world-class workforce. The energy we make is liquified natural gas, or LNG. We began operations in 2016, and we're already the largest producer of LNG in the United States and the second largest LNG operator in the world. Our LNG has reached dozens of markets on five continents, and the demand for our fuel is expected to grow as countries around the world seek cleaner ways to power their economies. of the energy sector, improve transparency, and develop stronger ethics standards.

STATE SENATOR ELECT KEVIN SPARKS - District 31



Kevin Sparks is a conservative business leader and a man of faith with a lifetime of experience in the oil and gas industry. Kevin's strong business leadership utilizing proper business practices has resulted in the creation and maintenance of many well-paying jobs in West Texas and the Panhandle of Texas. Once elected, Kevin will be the only Texas Senator with direct experience in oil and gas and he will provide expertise and experience to ensure that the oil and gas sector continues to flourish in Texas despite the on-going assault from President Biden and the Democrat Congress who are continuing a relentless attack on fossil fuels. Kevin will be a strong, and trusted voice for the oil and gas industry in the Texas Legislature.

Kevin knows and understands every aspect of the oil and gas industry, from the lease, to drilling and completion, to production. After graduating from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Kevin entered the workforce as the oil market crashed in 1986. Kevin headed out to the oil field where he worked as a pumper and a roustabout for almost three years. The next 25 years he spent chasing pulling units, supervising field personnel and directing administrative duties as Discovery Operating navigated the ups and downs of the oil business. This on-the-ground experience strengthened his understanding of the oil business and today he is president of Discovery Operating, Inc., a family-owned and operated oil and gas company in Midland.

JIM WRIGHT



"Our energy industry is our greatest economic engine. We need to let this sector create jobs and be a catalyst for recovery as Texas opens up for business. Serving as Texas Railroad Commissioner, I will champion the industry and work with the people of Texas to find 21st century solutions to maintain the state's status as the country's energy leader." — Jim Wright

Jim Wright is a life-long south Texan and the Republican was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission in November 2020. As a fifth-generation Texas rancher, Jim understands the important relationship the energy industry has with the state, and its ability to revitalize and rejuvenate the economy.

Jim is no stranger to the energy industry; his first job was at a hazardous waste facility when he was 19. It was there he began building his understanding and knowledge of the energy sector. Since then, he has successfully used his hands-on experience to create a group of environmental services companies that service the energy industry.

Jim Wright ran for the Texas Railroad Commission because he saw the uneven and arbitrary enforcement of regulations by life-long, unelected bureaucrats at the Commission. Jim Wright is focused on fair standards to allow compliant companies to keep operating and growing the economy, while cracking down on those who skirt the law. His goal is to ensure consistent regulation of the energy sector, improve transparency, and develop stronger ethics standards.