

PPROA 2022 - 93rd Convention and Annual Meeting

2022 BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

STATE SENATOR ELECT KEVIN SPARKS - District 31



Kevin Sparks is a conservative business leader and 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. 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. 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. He then worked as a pumper and roustabout. 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 CARDLE



Former Chief of staff at United States House of Representatives. On-air contributor with Texas Insider Talk Radio 1370 AM. **Jim Cardle** is publisher & CEO of the online Texas political newsletter TexasInsider.org. He is also the founder & chairman of the Austin Economic Club.

From 1985 through 1988, he worked on Capitol Hill for a Texas Congressman, prior to working in President George Bush's Administration, serving as Director of Congressional Affairs from the Legal Services Corporation 1989 to 1991. In 1992, he became the Director of Development & Government Affairs for the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis. In 1996 he joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation as Vice President, where he served through late 1997. Cardle became President & CEO of the Austin-based Lone Star Foundation in January of 1998, publisher of The Lone Star Report, a weekly newsletter covering Texas politics and policy.

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. He has since 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

AMARILLO CIVIC CENTER – GRAND BALLROOM

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| 1:30 pm | – | 2:15 pm | PPROA Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members |
| 2:15 pm | – | 3:00 pm | Breakout Session – <i>Jim Cardle</i> – Civic Center Grand Ballroom |
| 3:00 pm | – | 3:45 pm | One-on-One with Texas State Senator Elect - <i>Kevin Sparks</i> |
| 4:00 pm | – | 4:45 pm | Breakout Session – <i>Jim Wright</i> – Civic Center Grand Ballroom |
| <i>Time Slots for Speakers Are Subject to Change Prior to Convention.</i> | | | |
| 5:00 pm | – | 7:00 pm | Civic Center Grand Ballroom – Industry Reception Cocktail Hour |