D. Kirk Edwards  President and CEO Latigo Petroleum, LLC

Kirk Edwards is a fighter for equity in our industry and isn’t afraid to let his voice be heard! He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Austin in 1981 and began his career in Petroleum Engineering for Texaco in West Texas & Southeaster New Mexico until 1986. He founded his own company, Odessa Exploration, which later sold to Key Energy with Kirk joining the board and becoming the executive vice president. The company grew from 600 employees when Edwards joined the board to more than 10,000 workers when he retired in 2001.

Kirk is now the President and CEO of Latigo Petroleum and develops, manages, operates diverse oil and gas assets and surface lands. The idea was to focus as CEO of a new oil company operating in the Panhandle called Latigo Petroleum. Latigo has developed an estimated $50 million worth of wells last year.

Kirk’s accolades and awards include being named Entrepreneur of the Year 2020 by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and recently appointed Chairman of “The Permian Fuels America” task force, and it will 100% directly help the PPROA members. Kirk and the city of Odessa took this on since it seems like no one anywhere wants to stick their necks out and help our industry!

Jim Wright  Republican Candidate for Texas Railroad Commissioner

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 nominee for the Texas Railroad Commission. 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 decided to run for the Texas Railroad Commission because he saw the uneven and arbitrary enforcement of regulations by life-long, unelected bureaucrats at the Commission. Jim will fight for fair standards to allow compliant companies to keep operating and growing the economy, while cracking down on those who skirt the law. The Commission must evolve, and that should be done by bringing more people to the table, including stakeholders and the public to fully inform the Commission. He wants to fight for change to ensure consistent regulation of the energy sector, improve transparency, and develop stronger ethics standards.

Dr. Ronny L. Jackson  Rear Admiral (Retired), U.S. Navy  Republican Candidate 13th Congressional District

Doctor Ronny Jackson is a retired Rear Admiral in the United States Navy. After 25 years of Active Duty and service to his county he retired from the military on December 1, 2019. His last assignment was at the White House, where he served as Assistant to the President and the Chief Medical Advisor to President Donald J. Trump.

Born and raised in a hardworking blue-collar family in Levelland, Texas, Dr. Jackson worked full time since the age of 14. Ronny paid for his entire education working at the local grocery store and as a roustabout in oil & gas. Ronny graduated from Texas A&M University and attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

In 2005 he was assigned to the United States Marine Corps and joined the 2nd Marines Combat Logistics Regiment 25, in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He deployed to one of the most violently contested regions of Iraq as the Emergency Medicine Physician in charge of Resuscitative Medicine for a combat Surgical Shock Trauma Platoon in Taqaddum, Iraq.

In 2006, while still in Iraq, Dr. Jackson was selected as a White House Physician in the George W. Bush Administration. The Navy extended his active duty at the White House numerous times over the next 14 years, with increasing levels of responsibility. He has served three administrations.