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## TIPRO commemorates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary with members in Houston, the energy capital of the world

### Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association

The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), joined by hundreds of its members, gathered in Houston, the energy capital of the world, during the final days of March for the association's Annual Convention and 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The event brought together crowds of industry executives, business leaders and energy professionals, along with local, state and federal officials, to talk about the importance of the state's oil and natural gas industry, highlight TIPRO's leadership on priorities for producers and royalty owners and explore strategies for success and future opportunities for those working in the state's energy sector. Oil and gas price conditions following the United States' war with Iran and the impact of the prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz to global energy markets were also leading topics of discussion at TIPRO's convention this year.

Officials participating in the association's convention included Texas Governor Greg Abbott, U.S. Senator for Texas Ted Cruz, Houston-area state Representatives Charles Cunningham (House District 127) and Briscoe Cain (House District 128), Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Wright, Houston Mayor John Whitmire and Toby Deen from the U.S. Department of Energy.



Texas Governor Greg Abbott delivers remarks at TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Houston.

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## Speaker Burrows announces House interim charges

Speaker of the Texas House Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock) at the end of March issued his list of legislative charges he wants state representatives to focus on ahead of the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. The interim charges assigned to committees in the Texas House will build on recent legislative successes, eliminate government inefficiencies, ensure effective implementation of key priorities and lay the groundwork for another productive session next year, described the speaker. "Following a legislative session defined by historic solutions, it is critical the Texas House remains engaged in thoughtful policymaking and oversight as our state continues to grow and advance," Speaker Burrows said in a statement.

Of note, Speaker Burrows has asked the Texas House Committee on Energy Resources to focus on a range of priority issues this interim session, which include the following:

- **Produced Water:** Review the utilization of produced water in Texas. Examine efforts to develop mechanisms for beneficial reuse, barriers to deployment, and other financial impediments limiting the use of produced water. Evaluate the effectiveness of recently passed legislation to address liability concerns and streamline permitting. Make recommendations to encourage greater utilization of this resource.
- **Severed Well Operations:** Review the procedures and administrative rules related to severed wells and the process for an operator to resume operations after a well has been severed. Make recommendations to address any relevant safety and regulatory compliance concerns regarding severed well operations.
- **Seismic Activity and Injection Wells:** Study the Railroad Commission of Texas' regulation of disposal and injection wells and determine whether additional measures are needed to protect public safety and critical infrastructure. Review the efficacy of current statutes, rules, and industry practices intended to mitigate seismic activity related to injection and disposal wells.
- **Preventing Orphaned Wells:** Monitor the implementation of [Senate Bill 1150](#) and review the administrative processes and safeguards in place to ensure inactive wells are adequately and timely plugged. Identify strategies and policy recommendations to reduce the number of inactive wells that become orphaned.
- **Global Energy Overview:** Assess the impact of increased geopolitical uncertainty on Texas' oil and gas industry. Consider the effects of regime changes in the Middle East, the importation of Venezuelan oil, tanker traffic risks in the Strait of Hormuz, and disruptions to the international liquefied natural gas market.

Speaker Burrows also has directed members of the House this interim to take a hard look at water infrastructure and production, as well as consider opportunities to improve the regulatory process, including streamlining permitting processes, reducing unnecessary or duplicative regulatory requirements and improving coordination among responsible agencies. Like legislators in the Senate, House members this interim have also been tasked with looking at the rapid growth of data centers in Texas and assessing their impact on the state's infrastructure.

Members of TIPRO can view the full list of interim committee charges for the House [here](#).

## A message from TIPRO's Chairman

Greetings, fellow TIPRO members,

If you were unable to attend TIPRO's Annual Convention and 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last week, you truly missed a memorable event. We had an outstanding line-up of speakers, excellent networking opportunities and a great deal of fun at the historic Hotel ZaZa in Houston's Museum District. This meeting was made possible by the generous support of our sponsors, and we were pleased to see strong attendance from both Houston-area members as well as guests from across the state.

Monday afternoon began with a productive TIPRO Board of Directors meeting, featuring a guest appearance by Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Wright. Chairman Wright shared his perspective on the most pressing issues facing our state's most important industry and engaged in a thoughtful Q&A with the board. This kind of direct dialogue between TIPRO members and key elected officials is one of the many benefits of active participation in our organization.

The evening then kicked off with a welcome reception that provided attendees the opportunity to connect with fellow members and distinguished guests, including our inaugural TIPRO Energy Icon Award recipient Scott Sheffield, former chairman and CEO of Pioneer Natural Resources, and our Chairman's Dinner speaker Bruce Niemeyer, president of Chevron Shale and Tight Unconventionals.

We then moved into the Chairman's Dinner, which began with an entertaining welcome from Houston Mayor John Whitmire. Mayor Whitmire spoke about his relationship with Chevron and Mr. Niemeyer, developed during Chevron's decision to relocate its corporate headquarters to Houston in May 2024. It was a true honor to later join Bruce on stage to talk about Chevron's deep Texas roots and hear his perspective on the strength of our state's oil and gas industry.

During our discussion, one of Bruce's comments particularly stood out: Chevron holds an interest in approximately one in five Permian horizontal wells, an incredible statistic considering more than 50,000 horizontal wells have been drilled across the basin. In conversations leading up to the event, I heard consistently from Chevron employees about Bruce's strong character and leadership, which made his participation in TIPRO's event even more meaningful.

Tuesday morning began with an insightful panel featuring Raymond James' Senior Managing Director Marshall Adkins, Jeff Bellman from Daniel Energy Partners and Jim Wicklund with PPHB. Their dialogue on the current complexities affecting commodity prices was both timely and eye-opening, particularly considering recent geopolitical tensions involving Iran.

We then transitioned into a lively father-son discussion with Scott and Bryan Sheffield, moderated by TIPRO President Ed Longanecker. Their candid and engaging conversation included a humorous moment when Bryan joked about poaching employees from his father's company, Pioneer Natural Resources. Following the discussion, Scott was presented with TIPRO's inaugural Energy Icon Award, a well-deserved recognition for his industry leadership, role in the shale revolution and contributions to the development and growth of the Permian Basin.

Next, Diamondback Energy COO Danny Wesson joined Ed for a leadership discussion. Danny's insights on leadership, culture and the challenges of integrating teams through acquisitions were both practical and thought-provoking. Given Diamondback's active acquisition strategy, his perspective on onboarding employees and executing the mission was especially valuable.

At the TIPRO Convention, we also heard from Toby Deen from the U.S. Department of Energy, who provided an overview of geothermal advancements and available grant opportunities for independent operators. His presentation was well received, gauging by the number of attendee inquiries immediately following his talk.

During our membership meeting, we also elected an outstanding slate of TIPRO officers for the upcoming 2026–2027 term. With this next group in place, I am confident TIPRO will be well positioned for an exciting and productive period ahead. We then presented the Excellence in Advocacy Award to Jimmy Carlile of Fasken Oil and Ranch—a truly deserving recipient. His heartfelt remarks, particularly his comment to Fasken leadership that he “would have done the job for free,” were both inspiring and a testament to his passion for our industry.

The program continued with a discussion featuring two highly successful independent CEOs: Jason Cansler of Birch Resources and Gray Lisenby of X2 Resources. Their candid insights into building multi-billion-dollar private companies offered valuable lessons on leadership, discipline and strategic decision-making.

It was also a distinct honor to introduce Texas Governor Greg Abbott, who joined us on stage to sign and present a proclamation recognizing TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In his remarks, the governor emphasized the critical role the oil and gas industry plays in Texas' energy security and economic strength, noting, “Your industry helps build the schools that educate our children and the roads Texans rely on every day.”

Longtime TIPRO friend Dr. Scott Tinker delivered an engaging presentation on Texas' role as the global energy leader, highlighting the “Texas advantage” for energy development and encouraging proactive work on issues like produced water, the power grid and a Texas State Wealth Fund so we can make investments from our remarkable resources for future generations. We concluded the event with remarks from U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, who energized the audience with his thoughts on national energy policy and his continued support for our industry. Senator Cruz was presented with TIPRO's Hats Off Award in recognition of his leadership in Congress on oil and natural gas legislation.

This 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was, as it should be, memorable, informative and enjoyable for all who attended. If you missed it, we look forward to celebrating this milestone again at TIPRO's 2026 Summer Conference in August at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort.

Finally, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our sponsors and the outstanding TIPRO staff for their hard work in making this event such a success.

Thank you for your continued support,

T. Grant Johnson



**T. Grant Johnson**

## There's still time to sign up for the next TIPRO-HPF-IPAA luncheon happening April 21<sup>st</sup>!

At the upcoming April 21<sup>st</sup> "Leaders in Industry" luncheon in Houston, hosted by the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), Houston Producers Forum (HPF) and Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), hear from Cheniere Energy Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer Anatol Feygin.

Feygin has served in his role as executive vice president and chief commercial officer since September 2016. Feygin also currently serves as a director and executive vice president and chief commercial officer of Cheniere Partners GP.

Feygin joined Cheniere in March 2014 as senior vice president of strategy and corporate development. Prior to his time with Cheniere, Feygin worked with Loews Corporation from November 2007 to March 2014, most recently as its vice president, energy strategist and senior portfolio manager. Before joining Loews, Feygin spent three years at Bank of America. He began his banking career at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. as senior analyst of natural gas pipelines and distributors. He previously served on the board of directors of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., an offshore drilling provider, from May 2019 to April 2021.

To sign up for this month's TIPRO-HPF-IPAA "Leaders in Industry" luncheon, please [click here](#).



Anatol Feygin

## RRC State Taskforce gathers in Midland to talk about how to stop problems of oilfield theft

Members of the Railroad Commission of Texas' (RRC) State Taskforce on Petroleum Theft (STOPTheft) met last week in Midland to continue their work addressing the challenges of oilfield theft in Texas. TIPRO President Ed Longanecker serves as a member of this critical task force, alongside other industry representatives and partners in state, federal and local law enforcement.

"Today's STOPTheft task force meeting marked a successful step forward in our effort to combat oilfield theft in Texas," said Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Wright, who is also chairman of the task force. "I appreciate the commitment shown by the members and am confident that this collaborative approach will deliver results."

During the recent STOPTheft meeting, task force members reviewed how theft extends beyond the theft of just oil. It also involves criminals stealing trucks, tools and other materials such as copper. According to the Dallas Federal Reserve, more than 40 percent of oil and gas operators indicated that their operations have been impacted by theft in the past year, an increasingly sophisticated crime that has been linked to organized crime and foreign criminal syndicates, costing Texans millions of dollars in lost state revenue. With the rise in oil prices, particularly above \$100/barrel, industry leaders have expressed concern over the larger financial incentive for oil theft to occur, further accelerating this problem for Texas oil and gas producers.

Members of STOPTheft used their meeting last week to divide up into four subcommittees to focus in greater detail on issues associated with oilfield theft. Analysis compiled by the subcommittees will be used to contribute to the broader group's report which will be delivered to the state legislature at the end of the year, assessing theft impacts, long-term economic effects and recommendations to improve coordination between law enforcement on oilfield theft.

To learn more about the Railroad Commission's State Taskforce on Petroleum Theft, [click here](#).

## Railroad Commission seeking input for its Annual Oil & Gas Monitoring and Enforcement Plan

As the Texas Railroad Commission works on the development of its annual Oil and Gas Monitoring and Enforcement Strategic Plan for the upcoming fiscal year, the agency is asking industry stakeholders to submit their feedback for the plan, which is used to define and communicate the priorities for monitoring oil and gas activities and enforcing regulations across the state. In addition to confirming many of the division's current goals, the annual plan also establishes direction for additional new priorities the commission seeks to work on.

The deadline for feedback is 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Input can be submitted via email to [public\\_comment@rc.texas.gov](mailto:public_comment@rc.texas.gov).

Alternatively, written comments can also be sent to:

Oil and Gas Strategic Plan Stakeholder Input/Oil and Gas Division  
 Railroad Commission of Texas  
 P.O. Box 12967  
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967

To see the commission's current Fiscal Year 2026 Oil and Gas Monitoring and Enforcement Plan, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2zrna6a3>.

## Trump officials declare Gulf drilling is exempt from ESA protections, in name of national security

The [Endangered Species Committee](#), a high-level federal panel comprised of cabinet leaders, met on Tuesday, March 31, to consider a Department of Defense request that would exempt oil and gas activities in the Gulf from following endangered species protections. The group voted in favor of exempting Gulf of America oil and gas activities from various Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements and restrictions, citing national security concerns presented by the Department of Defense. "There are serious consequences if our ability to get oil from the Gulf is compromised," Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth warned. "We cannot allow our own rules to weaken our standing and strengthen those who wish to harm us."

The ESC Order is effective immediately. See more [here](#).

### TIPRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**APRIL 21, 2026**

HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA

"Leaders in Industry" Luncheon.

For information, email

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**MAY 19, 2026**

HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA

"Leaders in Industry" Luncheon.

For information, email

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**JUNE 16, 2026**

HOUSTON — TIPRO/HPF/IPAA

"Leaders in Industry" Luncheon.

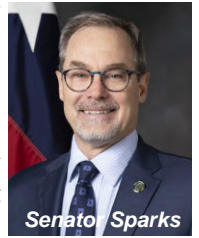
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## Senator Kevin Sparks named chairman of the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee

Midland Senator Kevin Sparks will lead the important Texas Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick announced at the end of March. Senator Sparks takes over the committee chairmanship from retiring state Senator Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury), who announced last year he would not be seeking re-election to the Texas Legislature and has since been nominated by President Donald Trump to become assistant secretary of defense at the Pentagon.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Sparks will guide state policies for Texas' energy landscape and natural resources. During the state's last legislative session, Senator Sparks led legislation aimed at preventing oilfield theft and promoting energy dominance in the Permian Basin. "Texas' natural resources are the lifeblood of our economy, our communities, and our way of life. I am honored to serve as chairman of this committee and committed to advancing policies that protect and grow these vital assets for all Texans," said Senator Sparks.



## Texas Lt. Gov. puts out more interim charges for Senate members to examine before next session

Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, president of the state Senate, on March 27<sup>th</sup> released a more extensive list of interim charges for Texas Senate committees to study in preparation of the 90<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, which begins in January 2027. The lieutenant governor's interim charges follow earlier charges he [announced](#) for the Senate on January 30, 2026.

"The Senate and I will work energetically to advance the priorities of Texas' conservative majority, including providing meaningful property tax relief via 'Operation Double Nickel,' reducing the age to freeze homestead property taxes from age 65 to 55, increasing the homestead exemption to \$180,000 for under 55 homeowners and \$240,000 for senior homeowners, and reining in local government budget growth, eliminating fraud and abuse in state government, strengthening the Texas power grid, and promoting a sweeping Texas-first agenda," commented Lieutenant Governor Patrick. "When the 90<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session begins in January 2027, the Texas Senate will move quickly to address these priorities, and many more."

Some of the key energy legislative charges Senate members will study over the interim include:

**-Grid reliability and resiliency:** The Business and Commerce Committee has been directed to review the state of the Texas electric grid, including monitoring rulemaking for Senate Bill 6 (89<sup>th</sup> Legislature) and evaluating previous efforts to strengthen the reliability and resiliency of the Texas electric grid, including the Texas Energy Fund and post-Winter Storm Uri reforms.

**-Data center and load growth:** Multiple committees in the Senate will evaluate the impact of high-load data centers on electricity demand, water consumption and infrastructure, and will also review how the state may balance economic growth benefits against consequences on landowners, private property rights, water infrastructure, and community integrity.

**-Transmission lines and infrastructure:** Senators will assess plans to build 765-kV transmission lines in Texas, evaluating how these kinds of transmission line routes effect private property rights, property values and environmental factors. They will recommend ways to improve transmission planning, permitting and siting decisions for the infrastructure necessary to serve growth in the state.

**-Wildfire prevention and mitigation strategies:** The Natural Resources Committee will continue to work on ways to help protect regions of the state from threats of wildfires, including evaluating the effectiveness of fuel management practices and assessing the vulnerability of utility infrastructure in high-risk areas, along with consideration of the adequacy of early warning systems.

**-Implementation of oilfield theft prevention legislation:** The Natural Resources Committee will also monitor bills passed during the last legislative session pertaining to oilfield theft prevention, including Senate Bill 494, Senate Bill 1806 and House Bill 48.

TIPRO members can read Lt. Gov. Patrick's 2026 interim charges [here](#).

## EPA finalizes updates to OOOOb/c regulations for oil and gas operators

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Monday finalized revisions to certain aspects of the Biden Administration's 2024 Clean Air Act rules for oil and natural gas, commonly known as OOOOb/c. The EPA says its final rule, which is part of a series of actions the Trump EPA is taking on Biden-era oil and natural gas regulations, is estimated to save \$2.5 billion over 15 years, equivalent to \$208 million annually in industry compliance costs.

"My predecessors weaponized environmental regulations to regulate the oil and gas industry out of existence. We are taking another step to fix those mistakes while proving we can both protect human health and the environment and grow the economy at the same time," said EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin. "Making rules workable for owners and operators advances American energy dominance, lowers cost for American families, and ensures the United States is providing better and cleaner energy."

The EPA's final OOOOb/c rule responds to petitions for reconsideration, feedback from industry and additional data received by the EPA after the 2024 final rule was issued by the Biden Administration. Amongst the regulatory revisions adopted by the EPA in the rules, owners and operators will now be able to utilize temporary flaring for up to 72 hours. During exigent circumstances where site access is limited due to extreme inclement weather, temporary personnel shortage, or supply chain issues due to circumstances outside the owner or operator's control, the final rule provides additional time beyond the 72 hours. Owners and operators will be required to keep records and report when such situations occur.

The EPA also in its rulemaking has adjusted provisions tied to net heating value (NHV) monitoring and testing of vent gas from flares and enclosed combustion devices (ECD) so that owners and operators do not need to perform NHV sampling from flares or ECD, except where inert gases or other miscellaneous scenarios are present. The final rule also removes the general exemption from NHV monitoring for associated gas for any control device used at well sites affected facilities. These changes will reduce the number of unnecessary tests by up to 141,000 per year—about 1.9 million over 15 years. The agency does not expect any emissions changes as a result of the final revisions to the NHV compliance demonstration requirements.

TIPRO members can [click here](#) to learn more about the EPA's 2026 final rule to reduce burden on the oil and natural gas industry.

## U.S. Senator Ted Cruz honored with TIPRO's Hats Off Award for championing Texas oil and gas

During the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association's (TIPRO) 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Houston last week, TIPRO proudly recognized the Honorable Ted Cruz, U.S. senator representing Texas, as the 2026 TIPRO Hats Off Award honoree. The award was presented to Senator Cruz for his efforts advancing policies maintaining the strength and vitality of the state's oil and natural gas industry.

"On behalf of TIPRO and its members, we are pleased to present our Hats Off Award this year to Senator Cruz for his leadership in Congress and his longstanding support of the oil and gas industry," remarked Ed Longanecker, president of TIPRO. "Since he was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2012, Senator Cruz has authored key legislation that is helping to secure our energy future and ensure American energy independence. In his time in office, the senator has made oil and natural gas issues a priority. Notably, he has also worked to defend our industry from burdensome federal regulations and government overreach that undermines domestic energy production, job creation and our national energy security, particularly during the Biden Administration. Senator Cruz truly understands the importance of energy production to the Texas economy and how essential energy independence for the United States is."

In the current 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Cruz has continued to be a leading voice for American energy dominance and on repeated occasions stood up for America's energy workers. He has spearheaded legislation like [the Natural Gas Export Expansion Act](#) and [the Protect LNG Act](#), amongst other significant oil and gas policies, which will benefit Texas energy producers and solidify America's energy leadership.

"I was honored to receive the Hats Off Award from the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association," commented Senator Cruz. "I'm proud to stand with the men and women that fuel Texas energy and empower American energy dominance."

TIPRO's Hats Off Award is the association's highest accolade that honors leaders who make significant contributions in support of the oil and natural gas industry in Texas. Recipients of the TIPRO Hats Off Award are selected for demonstrating service that has promoted opportunities for independent producers and royalty owners to continue to prosper. Past honorees of this award include Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, State Senator Robert Nichols, State Representative Drew Darby and other notable state officials.



## Governor Abbott presents TIPRO with proclamation honoring association's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Texas Governor Greg Abbott last week presented a proclamation to the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the association was formed by Texas independent producers in 1946. Speaking to TIPRO at its Annual Convention in Houston, the governor thanked TIPRO and the men and women in the oil and gas industry who work to provide Texans with the power needed to carry out their daily life. "The world has recognized the critical role Texas, and Texas oil and gas, plays in global security, thanks to the work you do to make both Texas and America energy independent," said the governor. "Your industry helps build the schools that educate our children and the roads Texans rely on every day. You help fund efforts to secure our border, and you provide the most essential power source for our electric grid. Quite simply, Texas would not be able to achieve what it does without the contributions of the oil and gas sector. On this important anniversary, I want to thank everyone in the Texas oil and gas industry for helping make Texas the number one state!"

## Thomas Janiszewski named next chairman of TIPRO

In conjunction with the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) held in Houston, the TIPRO membership has confirmed Thomas Janiszewski as the next chairman to lead the association. His term as chairman of the TIPRO Board of Directors will begin on July 1, 2026.

Janiszewski, who holds over 40 years of experience working for the oil and gas industry, currently is vice president land, regulatory, government relations and corporate affairs at Oxy. He is responsible for Oxy's mineral and surface interests, including the lease administration and division order functions. He also manages the groups responsible for regulatory permitting, compliance and reporting, lobbying and policy advocacy, external communications, community outreach, and water technology and strategy. With more than 22 years of experience at Oxy, Janiszewski's broad domestic and international experience includes joint operations and development, acquisitions and divestitures, major project construction, and oil and gas litigation. Before joining Oxy, Janiszewski spent 19 years with ExxonMobil Corporation. He held various positions in ExxonMobil's Law Department, including ExxonMobil Development Company negotiating and providing counsel for major projects in the deepwater Gulf of America, the north slope of Alaska and Angola, and Exxon's Litigation Section handling oil and gas cases. Before graduation from law school, Thomas spent 11 years as a reservoir engineer for Exxon.

Following the 2026 TIPRO Convention, the association is also pleased to announce the confirmation of other new and returning directors for the board's leadership, including:

- Immediate Past Chairman — T. Grant Johnson, Lone Star Production Company
- Region 1 Director — W.B. Osborn IV, W. B. Osborn Oil and Gas Operations, Inc.
- Region 2 Director — Joshua Baumbach, Birch Resources
- Treasurer — Todd Guest, Spirit Oil & Gas, LLC
- Secretary — Derek Davis, Sequitur Energy Resources

"TIPRO extends our sincere gratitude to all members of our board for their service and strong leadership of the association. As the oil and gas industry continues to navigate market volatility and reacts to shifting regulatory conditions, the broad range of experience and knowledge provided by TIPRO's board is crucial to guiding the work of our association and allowing TIPRO to keep serving its mission of advocating for independent producers and mineral owners at all levels of government," commented TIPRO President Ed Longanecker.

# Photos from TIPRO's Annual Convention and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Houston!



Houston Mayor John Whitmire talks to Texas energy leaders at the TIPRO Chairman's Dinner, praising TIPRO for representing the oil and gas industry since 1946.



TIPRO Chairman's Dinner



Bruce Niemeyer, president of shale and tight for Chevron, speaks with TIPRO about his company's deep Texas roots and his thoughts on the industry's future.



TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson delivers welcome remarks at the TIPRO Annual Convention.



PPHB's James Wicklund (left) and Daniel Energy Partners' Jeff Bellman (center) join Marshall Adkins from Raymond James (right) to discuss complex market dynamics impacting oil and gas prices.



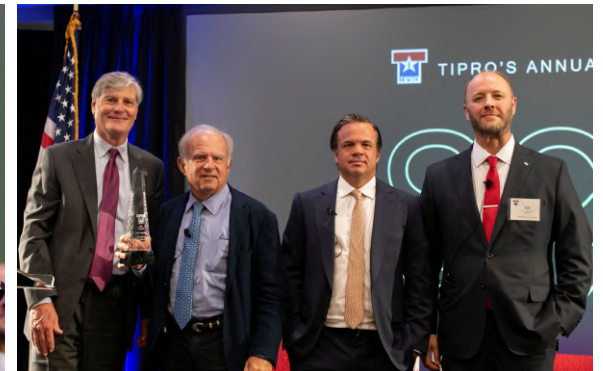
TIPRO President Ed Longanecker (left) on stage with Bryan Sheffield (center) and Scott Sheffield (right).



Formentera Partners Managing Partner Bryan Sheffield highlights emerging opportunities for oil and gas development outside of Texas, including Australia.



Scott Sheffield pictured receiving TIPRO's inaugural 'Energy Icon' award during the association's convention.



TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson (far left) with Scott Sheffield (center left), Bryan Sheffield (center right) and TIPRO President Ed Longanecker (far right).



Diamondback Energy COO Danny Wesson discusses growth in his company's Permian Basin operations.



Toby Deen, senior advisor in the U.S. Department of Energy's Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office, details the Trump Administration's energy priorities.



TIPRO President Ed Longanecker addresses attendees of TIPRO's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

# More photos from the 2026 TIPRO Annual Convention!



Jimmy Carlile, manager of regulatory and government affairs for Fasken Oil and Ranch, is presented with TIPRO prestigious 'Excellence in Advocacy' award.



TIPRO President Ed Longanecker (left) with TIPRO honoree Jimmy Carlile (right).



Industry executives Gray Lisenby (center) and Jason Cansler (right) share with TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson (left) how they started their careers working in oil and gas.



Birch Resources President and CEO Jason Cansler gives his advice on how he approaches making oil and gas deals.



X2 Resources CEO Gray Lisenby offers guidance on professional strategies new energy professionals should follow entering the industry.



TIPRO's 80th Annual Convention



Governor Greg Abbott presents TIPRO Chairman T. Grant Johnson with a special proclamation honoring the association's 80th anniversary milestone.



Governor Abbott highlights the critical role the oil and gas industry plays in supporting the Texas economy.



TIPRO executive leaders and staff, Ryan Paylor, T. Grant Johnson, Ed Longanecker and Joanne Reynolds, pictured with Governor Abbott.



Dr. Scott Tinker from Tinker Energy Associates talks with TIPRO about how Texas is meeting rising global energy demands.



U.S. Senator for Texas Ted Cruz reviews energy-related bills he is working to get passed into law by Congress.

View more pictures from TIPRO's Annual Convention online [here!](#)

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