

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
114th Congress Disclosure Form
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Zero Accountability: The Consequences of Politically Driven Science- August 29, 2015

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

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CURRENT SUMMARY

DISTINGUISHED SENIOR FELLOW IN RESIDENCE

DIRECTOR - ARMSTRONG CENTER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION, Austin, Texas
January 2008 – Present

Directing a policy area at TPPF devoted to energy, environmental and natural resource policy. The Armstrong Center conducts research on major federal and state environmental and energy policy issues.

Topics include climate change, air quality, energy sources, water supply, water rights, water quality, environmental flows and waste. Write research papers, law review articles, feature articles, editorials, testimony, policy analyses. Invited testimony for U.S. Congress and Texas legislature. Public speaking across the country.

Articles and commentaries appearing in national and state publications to include the National Review, Washington Examiner, Investors' Business Daily, The Hill, Daily Caller, Fuel Fix, Houston Chronicle, Dallas Morning News and regular editorial column in Austin American Statesman. (See Attached Publication List)

CHAIRMAN – COMMISSIONER

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, Austin, Texas
November 2001- August 2007

As Chairman, served as presiding officer and one of three full-time commissioners. The Commissioners act as final decision makers for the state, responsible for policy, rule promulgation, permits, enforcement orders and contested matters and agency budget. The TCEQ is the primary environmental agency of Texas, with jurisdiction under federal and state law over air quality, waste management, water quality and water supply (water rights, water utilities & districts, water rates, dam safety).

- Oversaw a staff of approximately 3,000 engineers, scientists, attorneys, and other technical and administrative employees in headquarters and sixteen regional offices
- Responsible for 2006 operating budget of \$510 million
- Responsible for the regulation of more than 315, 000 public and private entities, including authorizations or registrations for almost 49,000 entities
- Issue approximately 9,000 permits annually
- Issue more than 1,000 administrative enforcement orders, imposing administrative penalties of more than \$12 million annually
- Oversight of 5 interstate river compacts, including the Rio Grande Compact
- Chairman's key achievements and priorities: See Attachment

RANCHER - BREEDER; WRITER – CONSULTANT

PRIVATE RANCHING OPERATION, Rosanky, TX
1994- Present

Partner with husband, Beau Brite White, in 130 year-old family Hereford ranching operation in Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties of far West Texas. Breed, show, and hunt national champion working terriers. Write, consult and speak on environmental laws, natural resources, private property rights, southwestern history and dog breeding & training. Legislative analysis, legal research, public speaking,, briefing papers, documentary scripts, promotional materials.

CURRENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TEXAS WATER FOUNDATION (PRIVATE FOUNDATION)
TEXAS EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD (APPOINTED BY
SPEAKER OF THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES).

RECENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY, 2008-2013, Austin, Texas – Officer,
Director, Chairman of Ad Hoc Strategic Initiative Committee, Ad Hoc Water
Vision Committee
GENTEX POWER CORPORATION BOARD, 2010-2013, Austin, Texas
ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 2006, Austin, Texas
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 1999-2001, Austin, Texas
TEXAS STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMISSION, 1999-
2001, Austin, Texas

OTHER FORMER BOARDS

NATIONAL CATTLEMEN’S BEEF ASSOCIATION (NCBA)
CATTLEMEN’S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE FOUNDATION
TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
BI-NATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT
JRTCA RESEARCH FOUNDATION, BREEDERS COMMITTEE

AWARDS

TEXAS WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION - *2007 President’s Award*
COLORADO RIVER FOUNDATION - *Friend of the River Award*
TEXAS CHEMICAL COUNCIL - *2007 Leadership Award*

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

RANCHING HERITAGE ASSOCIATION 1993-1994
Lubbock, Texas

Executive Director responsible for museum administration of Ranching Heritage Center with Texas Tech University while full-time law student at Texas Tech School of Law.

NATIONAL CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION 1987-1993
Washington, DC

Director of Private Lands and Environment. Responsible for natural resource and property rights issues in U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and media. Regularly invited to testify to U.S. congress and federal agencies. Public speaking, writing testimony, legislative analysis, lobbying, conference planning, coalition-building. Helped create and manage large ,national Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act Reauthorization coalitions.

WHITE HOUSE 1985-1987
Washington, DC

Office of the First Lady in East Wing. Press and Special Projects.
Full-time volunteer.

HARTNETT & EVANS 1980-1985
Salina, Kansas

Managed fifth generation family-owned ranching, farming and oil & gas business.

WRITER - CONSULTANT 1979-1982
New York, New York

Developed documentary film treatment and scripts for various film concerns including National Geographic, Reeves Teletape, and Keating Productions. Special project consultant for the Brooklyn Museum. (Concurrently studied and performed modern dance.)

EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Palo Alto, California
B.A. cum laude and M.A. degrees in Honors Humanities and Religion.
Lyman Award (3 years, full academic scholarship) for Distinguished Woman in the Humanities.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY Princeton, New Jersey
Doctoral Program in Religion, specializing in East Asian and comparative Religions.
Danforth National Fellowship for all doctoral study. Jonathan Edwards Award.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Lubbock, Texas
Completed first year of law school. Awarded Lineberry and Regents full academic scholarships.

Spanish Proficiency.
Studied Mandarin & Classical Chinese for five years.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

ATTACHMENT

TCEQ Chairman's Key Achievements and Priorities:

- Development of EPA required State Implementation Plans (SIP) for Texas, especially for ozone non-attainment areas in six urban regions of the state. Houston. 2007 SIP achieved attainment of Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard in 2010 and 2011.
- Implementation of Texas Emission Reduction Program- a grant program annually awarding in excess of \$125 million for replacement and retrofit of diesel engines and equipment
- Water rights administration, including National Academy of Science approval state's scientific methodology for study of environmental flows
- Compliance with US-Mexico 1940 Treaty on Rio Grande, including successful negotiations in March 2005 for repayment of the Mexican Water Debt.
- Achieved second-only "No-Take Concurrence" agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that state water quality rules adequately protected over twenty listed species, significantly shortening cost and time required to received federal approvals.
- Water conservation public education program.
- Development of state licensing program for low-level radioactive waste disposal site for acceptance of commercial and federal waste
- TMDL development / Technical Task Force on modeling bacteria impairments; bacterial source tracking.
- Permit streamlining, development of performance-based permitting standards, physical measurement of environmental conditions & trends, compliance assistance & incentive programs
- Small business & local government programs – compliance assistance.
- Streamlined rule development.
- Strengthening TCEQ programs for fraud & waste detection and prevention through integration of agency internal & external audit functions and special contracts.

Former Member

- Western States Water Council
- Environmental Council of the States
- Dividing the Waters
- Texas Environmental Flow Advisory Committee
- Texas Coastal Coordination Council
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Current

- Texas & Southwestern Cattleraisers
- Texas Wildlife Association
- Jack Russell Terrier Club of America
- Ranch Heritage Association
- National Federation of Republican Women
- St. Mary's Catholic Church