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April 2026 Member Update

Interim Hearings Underway

Following the release of interim charges, the Legislature moved quickly to begin scheduling hearings. While some committees have only reserved dates without assigning specific topics, activity is ramping up.

We are actively tracking hearings that impact TLMA's mission and will continue to keep our website [calendar](#) updated. For a full list of upcoming hearings, you can also visit the [Texas House](#) and [Senate](#) websites.

House Energy Committee Holds First Hearing

The House Energy Committee met in late April to address several key topics, including House Bill 48, House Bill 2663, a global energy overview, and hydrogen development.

Of relevance to our members is the implementation of House Bill 2663, which requires operators seeking an extension to plug inactive wells to submit an affidavit confirming that electricity has been disconnected. Both the RRC and the PUC reported that interagency coordination is working effectively.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association noted meaningful progress in cleaning up properties across the Panhandle, while emphasizing that additional work remains. Chairman Darby requested data to show the results of the required affidavit and any enforcement actions taken as a result of the legislation.

TLMA will continue monitoring implementation to ensure landowner interests are protected.

Call for Photos – TLMA Annual Magazine

We're currently gathering photos for our upcoming annual magazine and would love to feature submissions from our members. If you have a photo of any energy production equipment, wildflowers surrounding pipeline markers, or anything similar and would allow us to use it, please email to execdir@tlma.org. Contributor credit will be given unless you prefer to remain anonymous.

Magazine Articles – What do you want to read about?

Do you have a topic you'd like to learn more about? Send us an [email](#) so we can include topics you want to read about. Your input helps ensure we're delivering content that is both relevant and valuable.

Upcoming Runoff Elections

The month of May can be a confusing time for voters. Some voters may have multiple opportunities to vote due to overlapping local, special, and primary runoff elections.

Early voting for the primary election runoffs will be held Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22. Election day is Tuesday, May 26. The Republican runoff includes the Railroad Commissioner race between Jim Wright and Bo French.

Other statewide races on the ballots:

US Senate Runoff (Republican)

Lt. Governor (Democratic)

Attorney General (Republican and Democratic)

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (Republican)

If you have any questions about any of the elections, please email info@tlma.org.

GDHM Land & Mineral Owner Seminar

Graves Dougherty Hearon and Moody is hosting its annual Land & Mineral Owner [Seminar](#) on Friday, May 22 at The Austin Club. Register using this [link](#). I hope to see you there!

NARO-TX Convention

Our friends at NARO-TX are hosting their annual convention July 14-18 at the Omni Barton Creek in Austin. They have a great agenda lined up. You can register using this [link](#). Early bird registration ends June 15.



Extra Reading

Braun & Gresham released a series of articles related to the 765kV lines coming in Texas. Click this [link](#) to read one of the articles and scroll through to read the rest!

[Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog Oil and Gas Lease Revisited - Part 3](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 6 – House State Affairs Hearing

Monday, May 11 – Senate Water, Ag, and Rural Affairs Hearing

Tuesday, May 12 – RRC Open Meeting

July 14-18 - [NARO TX Convention](#), Omni Barton Creek, Austin

Tuesday, October 6 - [TLMA Statewide Members Meeting](#), McNay Art Museum in San Antonio

*All legislative hearings and RRC Open Meetings can be watched live online.



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