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Remembering Rick Walker

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Rick Walker's passing. Rick and his brother, Primo, were killed in a tragic plane crash in late January. In addition to being a great friend, supporter, and member of TLMA, Rick served on the Board of Directors since his election in 2011. Primo was a long time TLMA member as well.

Rick joined TLMA in 2000, just 6 months after the official founding of TLMA. He was elected as a director in 2011 and remained a director until the time of his passing. In addition to serving on the Board, he was a regular sponsor of the Statewide Members Meeting.

Mr. Walker was passionate about conservation and protecting the lands that he and his brother ranched. One of his most proud accomplishments was hosting the Annual Hero Hunt for

Veterans, another cause dear to him. Rick's support of causes he dedicated his life to was unwavering.

We have been honored to be able to serve alongside Mr. Walker in making a difference for land and mineral owners. He will be greatly missed, but we will always remember him in our work on behalf of all land and mineral owners.

If you would like to view his obituary, please visit this [link](#).

Please keep the Walker family in your prayers.



25th Anniversary

This December, TLMA will celebrate 25 years of advocating for YOU! Throughout the year, there will be opportunities to increase your financial commitment to TLMA. As we have mentioned before, we cannot continue our critical work without sustained funding.

We are grateful for your support throughout the years and hope that you will consider taking advantage of one of the opportunities to provide additional support to the Association.

The first opportunity is to increase your dues one membership level! It's as easy as emailing Jennifer at execdir@tlma.org for an updated invoice.



Judicial Update

While the legislative front is slow currently, the judicial system is keeping us busy! Below are a few cases that TLMA is currently monitoring.

[Myers-Woodward, LLC v. Underground Services Markham, LLC, et. al](#) - Salt royalty and underground cavern ownership case accepted by the Texas Supreme Court: The Court requested and the parties filed briefs on the merits, and the Court now awaits reply briefs.

[Carl/White Trust v. Hilcorp Energy Company](#) - Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals certified questions case before the Texas Supreme Court regarding a market-value-at-the-well oil and gas lease, off-lease gas use and post-production costs. The parties filed briefs on the merits and oral arguments are set for March 19, 2024.

[Opiela v. Railroad Commission of Texas, et. al](#) - Allocation well designation the Railroad Commission under Administrative Procedure Act case before the Texas Supreme Court: the Court requested and awaits the response to the petition for review.

[Cactus Water Services, LLC v. COG Operating, LLC](#) - Produced water ownership case before the Texas Supreme Court: the Court is Reviewing the petition for review and recently filed response to petition.



2024 Texas Primaries

The primary elections are underway! Early voting is now open and will close on Friday, March 1, 2024. Election day is Super Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

For more information on your specific ballot items or where to vote, visit votetexas.gov.

*as a reminder, TLMA does not endorse any candidates.

Do you have a topic or issues you want included in the monthly newsletter? Please email it to info@tlma.org for review and potential inclusion.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

March 1, 2024 - Early Voting Ends

March 5, 2024 - Super Tuesday

March 19, 2024 - Carl/White Trust v. Hilcorp Energy Company Oral Arguments

April 26, 2024 - [GDHM Land & Mineral Owner Seminar, Austin](#)

Additional Articles and Links

[Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog - Two Cases on Royalty Fractions](#)

[Texas Ag Law Blog - Weekly Round Up](#)

[Texas Oil & Gas Association 2023 Energy & Economic Impact Report](#)

[Hart Energy - Analysts: Diamondback-Endeavor Deal Creates New Permian Super Independent](#)

[EPA Methane Final Rule](#)

[Texas Ag Law Blog - US Supreme Court Considers Texas Takings Case](#)

[Montana Ag Network: Plugging Orphaned Gas Wells Helps Fight Climate Change](#)

[Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute Launches The Land Steward Podcast](#)

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