



Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association

THE VOICE OF THE KANSAS  
INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024



# CHALLENGING ISSUES FACE 2024 KANSAS LEGISLATURE

Regulation by  
Any Means Necessary

08

Economic Impact of  
Kansas Oil & Gas Industry

16

Oil & Gas Day  
at the State House

20



**Complete Line of oilfield repair parts,  
rig supplies, new and used equipment**

**Sales & Service downhole pumps,  
head, clutch and magneto repair,  
chemical pump repair**

- \* Pumping Units
- \* Engines
- \* Casing
- \* Tubing
- \* Rods
- \* Pipe
- \* Culverts

**SPIVEY** 620.532.5175  
**PRATT** 620.672.9461  
**MEDICINE LODGE** 620.886.5050  
**COLDWATER** 620.582.2525  
**WAKEENEY** 785.743.9200

**OAKLEY** 785.671.1180  
**GREAT BEND** 620.603.6233  
**HUGOTON** 620.544.8244  
**ULYSSES** 620.491.3414  
**DIGHTON** 620.397.2811



# CONT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024



08

# ENTS



16



20

## WHAT'S INSIDE

- 04 Chair's Letter
- 06 President's Letter
- 08 Regulation by Any Means Necessary
- 13 COP28 Climate Summit Ends with a Thud
- 14 KIOGA President Edward Cross Chosen as Top Lobbyist
- 16 Economic Impact of Kansas Oil & Gas Industry
- 20 Oil & Gas Day at the State House
- 22 KIOGA is Here to Help!
- 24 Challenging Issues Face 2024 Kansas Legislature
- 29 Kansas Senate President Ty Masterson Becomes New National Chair of ALEC
- 32 2024 Midyear Meeting Schedule of Events and Forms
- 36 Kansas Department of Revenue Property Valuation Division Appraisal Courses
- 37 Membership Application

### PUBLISHED FOR

KIOGA Topeka Office  
800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400  
Topeka, KS 66612  
p. 785-232-7772  
www.kioga.org

### PUBLISHED BY

E&M Consulting, Inc.  
p. 800-572-0011  
www.emconsultinginc.com

### MANAGERS

Caleb Tindal  
Kayla Grams

### LAYOUT & DESIGN

Madi Johnson

### COPY EDITOR(S)

Victoria Luing  
Becca Johnson



For information regarding advertising, please contact us at [advertising@eandmsales.com](mailto:advertising@eandmsales.com) or 800-572-0011.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Editorial and contents of this magazine reflect the records of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA). KIOGA has done its best to provide useful and accurate information, but please take into account that some information does change. E&M Consulting, Inc., publishers, and KIOGA take no responsibility for the accuracy of the information printed, inadvertent omissions or printing errors. We take no responsibility regarding representations or warranties concerning the content of advertisements of products/services for a particular use, including all information, graphics, copyrighted materials, and assertions included in the advertisements. The reader is advised to independently check all information before basing decisions on such information. Any views or opinions expressed in this publication are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of E&M Consulting, Inc., publishers.





**DANA WREATH**  
KIOGA CHAIR

# CHALLENGING 2024 AWAITS

**A**s we look forward to a successful 2024, we should not forget the key issues we faced in 2023 and how they will impact us in the future. One of those issues is threats from new regulations driven by climate change lobbyists, which are not going away and will likely get worse over time.

During the COP meeting in Dubai this December, the Biden administration unveiled details of their new methane emission rules. KIOGA recognizes the risk these rules will cause is a perma-

nent closure of many marginal wells in Kansas and a resultant loss of jobs. In response, KIOGA is actively engaged in a multi-state legal effort to oppose, or at least greatly delay, the implementation of these rules. Beyond burdensome and costly compliance work for operators, these rules would also impose tremendous staffing requirements for state agencies and create mountains of paperwork for little benefit. KIOGA is committed to adding value for its members by taking up this fight.

Energy Hypocrisy proliferated in 2023, and the COP meeting gave us a prominent demonstration on a world scale. News reports indicate there were over 85,000 delegates to the COP conference! These delegates didn't swim or walk to the conference but rather flew in on planes burning jet fuel and then stayed in fancy hotels eating what I presume were very nice meals grown and transported in using oil and gas. However, these same folks are pushing for governments to phase out oil and gas, demanding other people be

deprived of the energy and food they need to lead productive lives. It's an example of the old saying, "rules for thee, but not for me." It's also odd to think about a conference like this in Dubai of all places, a city thriving because of oil and gas, and without which would be a poor fishing village.

This last year, I personally experienced energy hypocrisy right here in Kansas. On a cold winter day in February 2023, I was in Topeka testifying before a Kansas Senate committee concerning an ESG bill to prevent state money from being invested with financial firms that vote shares in a manner detrimental to the Kansas economy. This bill subsequently became law with KIOGA's support.

After the testimony concluded, Ed Cross and I were chatting in the hall, and a local environmental lobbyist approached us. Naturally, he disagreed with almost everything I had stated since his job involves advocating for the elimination of oil and gas. Despite our differences, he is a personable fellow, so we talked a



bit. I happened to know he lives out in the country between Topeka and Lawrence, and since the weather was chilly that day, I asked him if he was using propane to heat his house. He said no, he had a natural gas pipeline out to his house. I said, "Oh, that's good you have a pipeline." And I asked if the gas heat was working fine. His answer: yes, his house was staying nice and warm. Pleased to hear his gas heat was effective, I then asked how he got to the capitol that day. He said he was driving an old car, but it got him there just fine. I said that's good too, and thanked him for being such a good customer of oil and gas.

This fellow could choose to attempt to heat his home with solar and wind. He could choose to purchase an electric car and try to charge it with solar panels. Doing so would be expensive and require him to make some sacrifices. But he didn't make those choices, despite advocating for policies to stop others from using oil and gas. It's Energy Hypocrisy.

There is a natural tendency to read absurd articles written by reporters with no technical background concerning irrational and unrealistic energy proposals and think they are all crazy, and none of this will come to pass. However, we have to appreciate the power of propaganda and accept some folks cannot, or will not, make the connection between draconian energy policies and how their own lives will be affected. It's important to speak out against such hypocrisy and be realistic about impractical and costly energy policies.

KIOGA is doing just that and adding value for our members through the many excellent articles Ed Cross writes for various publications and testimony Ed provides in both Topeka and Washington, D.C. Moreover, plans are underway for the KIOGA Midyear Meeting in Hays,

April 17-19, 2024, which promises to be educational, informative, and fun. Do not miss this opportunity to network with colleagues and catch up with old friends.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to all of you who work tirelessly each day, regardless of the weather, to produce the oil and gas we all need, even for environmental lobbyists! I hope you have a happy and prosperous 2024! ✍

*Dan Wreath*

KIOGA Chair

“**DURING THE COP MEETING IN DUBAI THIS DECEMBER, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION UNVEILED DETAILS OF THEIR NEW METHANE EMISSION RULES.**”

## MEMBERSHIP IN KIOGA GIVES YOU:

A United Voice in Topeka & Washington  
Access to Legislative & Business Information  
A Way to Build Public Understanding

For more information on how to join, contact:  
[www.KIOGA.org](http://www.KIOGA.org)  
785-232-7772 | [holly@kioga.org](mailto:holly@kioga.org)



Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association

**THE VOICE OF THE KANSAS  
INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM INDUSTRY**







**EDWARD CROSS**  
KIOGA PRESIDENT

**D**uring the give and take of public discourse, few truly stop to think how absolutely essential oil and natural gas are to our lives, to our prosperity and security, and to our future. Oil and natural gas are the foundation of our energy-dependent economy. They profoundly affect how we live and work. They are key to our mobility, to keeping our homes and businesses warm, to providing us with electric power, and to supplying the raw materials for countless consumer and industrial products.

The energy policy choices our nation makes today are among the most important and far-reaching policy decisions we will make in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. U.S. oil production reached a record high in 2023. If we are to continue our nation's positive energy trends, we must implement energy policies based on current reality and our potential as an energy leader. American energy policy should focus on what's important: American jobs, American energy security, and American global energy leadership.

Building a better future takes energy, and oil and natural gas are central to continued progress. To do this, we need policies based on science and the

# Oil & Gas Policy Integral to 2024 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

A Message from your KIOGA President, Edward Cross

free market to continue the positive effects of American energy abundance.

Policymakers at the federal and state levels can move forward and build upon our nation's energy abundance, self-determination, and global leadership. Federal and state policymakers have a unique opportunity to find solutions for many of today's most prominent issues, such as creating jobs, ensuring affordable and reliable energy for consumers, and enhancing our national security. And for all of these goals and more, the American oil and gas industry offers solutions.

The good news is that recent polls show the American voter clearly wants policymakers to set aside outdated assumptions and partisan talking points and work together on safe, responsible, and fact-based energy policy that grows our economy, creates well-paying jobs, and maintains our nation's global energy leadership.

Voters clearly expect their elected leaders to place what's best for our state and nation's economy and energy future above partisan ideology and political posturing. I strongly believe that the American people need and want moral, intellectual, and strategic clarity and courage from our policymakers.

A growing world demand for energy is why energy experts, economists, and government agencies around the world, including the U.S. government's own Energy Information Administration (EIA), estimate that fossil fuels will continue to provide most of the U.S. and world energy needs far into the future.

Worldwide energy consumption will increase 23% by 2045, and 54% of that energy consumption will be met by oil and natural gas. The world will need more energy in the future, and oil and natural gas are poised to be the primary sources of that energy for decades to come.

Beyond consumption, we continue to make and pursue advancements in energy efficiency. A recent EIA study indicated the U.S. used 15% less energy and emitted 23% fewer energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2022 than in 2005. Methane emissions have also declined even as oil and natural gas production has soared.



According to the EIA, U.S. air pollutants have fallen by 70% since 1970. Further, thanks in part to the increased use of domestic natural gas, ozone concentrations have dropped by 17% since 2000, all of which makes the U.S. not just an energy superpower but also a global emissions reduction leader.

The fact is that domestically produced oil and natural gas are economical and abundant. This market-driven success has helped our nation achieve significant emission reductions. The oil and gas industry has helped prove, conclusively, that oil and natural gas production and environmental stewardship are compatible. Clearly, a majority of Americans reject the stale

mindset of last century's thinking peddled by some that oil and natural gas production and environmental stewardship are not compatible.

As the 2024 elections approach, we must stay focused on energy solutions for the American consumer and work together regardless of political party. The stakes are high, and together, we are bringing the benefits of our nation's energy abundance to all. From supporting more jobs and lowering energy costs to ensuring clean water and air, energy is not a partisan issue.

Going forward into 2024, we need smart pro-growth energy policies. Americans support developing do-

mestic energy resources and believe that can be done in a way protective of our environment. Policymakers at all levels should pursue energy policies that drive economic growth, lower costs for consumers, protect the environment, increase American competitiveness, and use our considerable energy resources as a way to lift people up. For our part, the oil and natural gas industry will continue our high standard of environmental stewardship. American energy policy is not a Republican issue or a Democrat issue. It is an American prosperity and leadership issue. ✦

*Edward P. Cross*

KIOGA President

# **SPECIALIZED INSURANCE**

## **FOR THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY**

- Insuring energy risks since 1968
- All coverages and services from one partner
- Programs exclusive to the oil and gas industry
- Individualized, on-site services, at no additional cost
- Fast, fair, 24/7 claims service



800-999-0474

---

Hays - Great Bend - Russell



Scan here to learn more





Insurance Planning

INCORPORATED





# BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

Federal March Toward Over-Regulation Continues

**E**xpansion of federal regulations affecting oil and natural gas production continues to grow. KIOGA's advocacy efforts for the problems our industry faces have only gotten more urgent. Active engagement by KIOGA and our allies is necessary to minimize the damage to the industry as the Biden administration seeks to implement dubious regulatory policy decisions. Since there is no room to include an in-depth look into all of KIOGA's efforts in every issue of our magazine, please check our website ([www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org)) for all the latest information on KIOGA's efforts on behalf of the Kansas independent oil and gas industry. Some of the most recent federal regulatory actions in which KIOGA has been engaged are summarized here.



## EPA Unveils New Methane Regulations for U.S. Oil & Natural Gas Industry

The U.S. EPA finalized new rules expanding methane emission regulations for the U.S. oil and natural gas industry in early December 2023. The new rule will impose strict new standards on releases of methane by the oil and gas industry, including, for the first time, emissions from existing sources nationwide. Once the rule takes effect, the EPA's new policies will also ban flaring of natural gas that is produced by new oil wells, require companies to monitor for leaks from well sites and compressor stations, and implement reductions to emissions from high-emitting equipment like controllers, pumps, and storage tanks. The EPA said they would hold training sessions in early 2024 to provide an overview of the rule for stakeholders and small businesses. Information on the trainings will be posted on the EPA website as they are scheduled.



The Biden administration rushed the EPA to get the pre-Federal Register final rules out during the COP28 climate summit. The Biden administration has a history of dropping climate-related activity just prior to a COP meeting to garner a single round of applause. We will likely see a Federal Register version of the rule sometime at the end of 2023 or early 2024. That will start a 60-day clock for interested parties to petition for review of the rules on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. With the elections coming in 2024, the D.C. Circuit might slow-walk any substantive briefings on the issues until after the election. If we have a Republican administration, we will likely see new proposals and litigation stayed. If



the Democrats retain the White House, we will have to litigate the issues.

The federal government has set its sights on methane emissions. Methane has become villain #2, right behind CO<sub>2</sub>. Methane has been determined to be an even more potent greenhouse gas than CO<sub>2</sub>. Not a single methane molecule must get out, or we are all going to die from climate change. Never mind that methane breaks down a lot more quickly, which diminishes its effect. But that doesn't matter to climate alarmists and overreaching federal regulatory agencies. The Biden administration seems to see every challenge as an opportunity to impose more burdensome regulations and raise taxes.

### Several Congressional Leaders Vocal in Opposing EPA's Final Oil and Natural Gas Methane Regulations



Several Congressional leaders have warned that the rule package will unnecessarily increase the regulatory burden on energy producers and have other damaging economic impacts.



"The Biden administration has piled on another massive regulatory burden designed to encumber and even shut down American energy production," said U.S. Senator Kevin

Cramer (R-ND), a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee. "I led all of my Republican colleagues on the EPW Committee in warning the EPA its proposal oversteps their authority with third-party enforcement, disregards foundational principles of the Clean Air Act, establishes dupli-

cative well-plugging requirements, and forces new burdens on small, independent producers. There's no good time for a terrible rule, but this seems like a crude joke in the wake of heightened geopolitical tensions and global oil instability caused by OPEC."

Meanwhile, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) said she also was "deeply concerned" by the rules that dramatically expand the EPA's regulatory reach in a manner that will increase operational costs for U.S. energy producers and likely raise the price of energy. "These burdens will fall directly on American families and businesses, potentially jeopardizing thousands of American jobs and billions of dollars in local economic development. The EPA must be accountable to the American people about how their rush-to-green is encroaching on people's way of life and the futures they want to build for themselves."

The chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Joe Manchin (D-WV), expressed concerns over the agency's rules expanding methane regulations on oil and gas facilities, as well as other proposed changes from the EPA that would modify the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP).

"The current administration has made its intentions clear: It is determined to target our flourishing oil and gas sector, despite its substantial progress in reducing methane emissions, irrespective of how it might impact American energy security, reliability, and consumer cost. This has put pressure on the EPA to hastily finalize and implement these extensive new regulations, leading to proposals that lack thorough consideration and alignment. This lack of alignment unjustly burdens industry while simultaneously hindering EPA's ability to achieve its own stated emissions reduction objectives," Chairman Manchin said. "Because EPA is so singularly

focused on its anti-fossil agenda, it has missed an opportunity to craft calibrated proposals that achieve emissions reductions while ensuring that the domestic oil and natural gas industry can continue to provide affordable and dependable energy to meet global market demands. While the federal government has a role in responsibly regulating methane emissions, a failure to harmonize these rules before they are finalized will have severe consequences for the nation and our strategic partners, putting our energy and national security at risk."

Manchin said the EPA should revise its approach to make sure that new regulatory standards also align with the objectives and requirements of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

### What is KIOGA Doing?

EPA wants the implementation of the new rule to be done by state agencies. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) is the Kansas agency charged with implementing air emission regulations. KIOGA President Edward Cross met with KDHE Deputy Secretary Leo Henning and other KDHE staff in late 2023 to offer our assistance in helping make sure Kansas gets delegation of the regulatory program. If not, EPA writes the regulations and enforces them.

KIOGA participated as a member of the 21-state oil and gas associations' industry methane coalition in a meeting with EPA policy folks in July of 2023 to discuss issues with the EPA's proposed methane rule for oil and gas. The EPA said states could get as much as \$350 million through a DOE grant to help producers of low-volume wells identify and reduce methane emissions. KIOGA and others pointed out that:

- Existing oil and natural gas facilities are far more numerous than the EPA methane proposal was designed to manage.
- Hundreds of thousands of existing oil and natural gas facilities are low-

production wells operated by small businesses where EPA proposed methane regulations could make them uneconomic with no substantive environmental benefits.

- The EPA-proposed oil and gas methane rule presents an unnecessary potential federal-state conflict that adversely affects producers.

KIOGA, as part of a broad group of national and state trade associations led by the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), is currently working to review the EPA's final methane emissions regulations. In the meantime, the producer associations issued a joint statement citing initial concerns, particularly for the nation's smallest independent producers. "The new source requirements will impose complicated new requirements, and the 2022 proposed existing source requirements have been estimated to lead to the shutdown of 300,000 of the nation's 750,000 low-production wells, wells that are essential to our country's energy production," the producer associations said. "The producer associations support the cost-effective management of methane and volatile organic compounds emissions related to the oil and natural gas production industry that achieve sound environmental benefits while reflecting the significant differences between aspects of the industry."

**KIOGA Meets with Kansas AG Kobach**—KIOGA President Edward Cross met with Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach in late 2023, expressing the concerns the Kansas oil and gas industry has with the EPA oil and gas methane rules. AG Kobach listened to our concerns about EPA actions to impose methane regulations on marginal wells and facilities. One important point is that the EPA-proposed methane regulations override Congress' decision to protect low-volume oil and gas wells as outlined in the Inflation Reduction Act. It appears the EPA is engaged in

the practice of changing, altering, and amending laws after the fact. They are saying that their role and responsibility at the agency level is to improve upon a statute if they disagree with it. This creates a lot of regulatory uncertainty.



AG Kobach listened and was empathetic to KIOGA's concerns about the EPA oil and gas methane rule. KIOGA will be working closely with Kansas AG Kobach going forward on this very important concern.

**Kansas Joins Coalition of States Pushing Back Against EPA's Proposed Oil & Gas Methane Rule**—Legal officers representing over 20 states recently wrote the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator expressing concerns over the federal government's efforts to expand regulatory oversight over the nation's energy industry.



Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach joined a West Virginia-led letter commenting on the EPA's proposed rule,

"Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review." Kobach and the other state attorneys general warned in their letter that the EPA's regulations overextend statutory and legal authority allowed by the federal agency under the

Clean Air Act. Officials also said the EPA's proposed rule would impose unnecessary costs on the country's energy industry, with regulatory expenses anticipated to become especially burdensome on smaller production operations. This will lead to increased costs for the production of energy and drive up expenses to Americans, asserted the attorneys general.

"Reducing methane emissions is a noble goal that industry stakeholders have already been working toward," explained the attorneys general in the comment letter. "The oil sector, for instance, reduced methane emissions relative to production by 60% between 2011 and 2020. Admirable environmental goals do not justify crushing the American energy sector. Top-down, heavy-handed governmental control is not the way to achieve the right balance between energy needs and environmental concerns—rather, we should look to American ingenuity and innovation, fostered by private initiative and state leadership, to provide solutions. The Supplemental Proposal leaves little room for that. ... The agency should, therefore, abandon its latest methane misadventure and confine itself to lawful, reasonable rules that don't upset a crucial sector of our economy."

**KIOGA Works with Congressional Delegation**—KIOGA keeps the Kansas Congressional delegation informed of our concerns with the EPA's supplemental proposed rule on oil and gas methane emissions. Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) submitted comments, joined by U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT), urging the EPA to reconsider the impact of the proposed regulations on small oil





producers. In addition, Congressman Ron Estes (R-KS) and Congressman Jodey Arrington (R-TX) submitted comments as well. All the Congressional members noted in their comments that the EPA's supplemental proposal is in direct opposition to congressional intent. The Inflation Reduction Act directly exempted smaller wells from a methane fee. The EPA's supplemental proposal completely oversteps by seeking to override the will of Congress in terms of regulations on low-production facilities.

### KIOGA Continues Legal Challenge to Lesser Prairie Chicken Listing



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed the Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) as a threatened/ endangered species in March 2023. The USFWS listed the LPC as "threatened" in the northern distinct population segment and listed the LPC as "endangered" in the southern distinct population segment. The northern distinct population segment includes Kansas.

Listing the LPC as a "threatened" species in Kansas under the ESA makes it illegal to "take" an LPC. "Take" means to harm and harass, as well as kill. "Harass" is defined to include annoying an animal to such an extent as to disrupt its normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering habits. Therefore, after March 27, 2023, it is illegal to so much as disrupt the normal habits of an LPC in much of western Kansas.

### What is KIOGA Doing?

KIOGA joined legal action against the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) concerning the listing of the lesser prairie chicken (LPC) in March 2023. The legal challenge is being led by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) and includes KIOGA, Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Texas Cattle Feeder's Association, Kansas Livestock Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, New Mexico Cattle Grower's Association, and several New Mexico Counties. In addition, the Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma Attorney Generals (AGs) also filed legal action against the LPC concerning the listing of the LPC.

The Kansas Natural Resources Coalition (KNRC) filed an additional LPC lawsuit in July 2023. The KNRC lawsuit filed in Kansas challenges the 4(d) grazing rule and restrictions in Kansas but not the actual "threatened" designation.

The court transferred the KNRC lawsuit to WDTX (the same court as our case) and consolidated our lawsuit and the lawsuits filed by the AGs and KNRC. We sent our settlement demand to the defendants in mid-September 2023. Our settlement demand is for the defendants to vacate the LPC listing decision with prejudice. Unsurprisingly, in October 2023, the federal defendants rejected our settlement demand. The case will now proceed as scheduled through most of 2024.

KIOGA President Edward Cross met with Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach to review the concerns the Kansas oil and gas industry has with the USFWS listing of the LPC. AG Kobach listened and was empathetic to our concerns. KIOGA will be working closely with the PBPA and Kansas AG Kobach going forward on this very important concern.

**KIOGA Submits Comments and Provides Briefing on Lesser Prairie Chicken Listing**—The USFWS accepted comments in 2021/2022 regarding their intent to list the LPC. KIOGA prepared and submitted comprehensive comments. KIOGA's comments provided a body of information to support a "Not Warranted" USFWS determination for listing LPC. KIOGA provided a briefing on the LPC listing and the impact of the listing on the Kansas oil and gas industry to the Kansas House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee in January 2023 and before the U.S. House Small Business Committee in April 2023. KIOGA President Edward Cross provided comments that specifically underscored that the best scientific and commercial information available demonstrates that the LPC does not meet the ESA's definitions of either a threatened or endangered species. None of the five factors utilized by the USFWS under the ESA to determine if a species is endangered or threatened are present in the case of the LPC in the northern distinct population segment. The LPC has a stable and growing habitat and range. There is no overutilization that places the species at risk. There is no disease or predation beyond the typical norm. There are adequate existing regulatory mechanisms in place that have already produced demon-







Roger Marshall



Tracey Mann



Ron Estes

strable successes. And there are no other natural or manmade factors that affect the continued viability of the species. In short, there is no basis for action under the ESA and its implementation regulations. Through a combination of public and private efforts, the LPC is now better protected than at any previous time. A listing as threatened or endangered will not provide any additional conservation benefits above what already exists.

### **Kansas Congressional Delegation**

**Response**—U.S. Senator Marshall (R-KS) introduced a Congressional Review Act (CRA) challenge to the listing of the LPC. Congressman Tracey Mann (R-KS) introduced a measure in the U.S. House to prohibit the U.S. Interior Secretary and U.S. Commerce Secretary from listing a species as threatened or endangered under the ESA without congressional approval. Congressman Ron Estes (R-KS) introduced a measure in the U.S. House that would delist the LPC and put the LPC habitat protection under local control.

### **KIOGA Continues Working with Key Federal Policymakers and Agency Officials**

To address issues of regulatory concern, KIOGA continues our vigilant regulatory advocacy efforts. We continue to express our concerns to key federal policymakers, officials from EPA, USFWS, and more. We also submit comments to EPA,

## **“ KIOGA KEEPS THE KANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION INFORMED OF OUR CONCERNS WITH THE EPA’S SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED RULE ON OIL AND GAS METHANE EMISSIONS.**

USFWS, and other agencies on issues of endangered species listings, air emissions, and more. Federal agency economic analyses frequently ignore jobs lost, competitiveness, and energy reliability. KIOGA’s comments underscore these points. KIOGA continues working with our partners to file legal challenges. Federal regulatory agencies have shown a propensity to base decisions on political motivations instead of sound science. We work with subject matter experts, analyze issues, and work with other groups who share our challenges and concerns. And we continue to keep members informed.

As we continue to educate federal policymakers, state legislators, regulators, and the public about important environmental and regulatory issues, we continually update our fact sheets and reference material. You can find KIOGA’s reference material on our website at [www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org).

KIOGA is actively engaged with our allies at DEPA, IPAA, and others to craft strategies and aggressively push back against unwarranted regulatory

measures and proposals targeting oil and natural gas production. KIOGA is working with our allies to share information and intelligence on agency proposals. We also share technical resources to inform governmental agency officials of the operational impacts stemming from regulatory proposals. KIOGA also works with our allies to aggressively respond to agency proposals, engage specialized legal expertise, and, where necessary, initiate litigation against unwarranted federal activities. KIOGA also seeks out key regulatory officials with EPA, USFWS, and other federal agencies to gain a better understanding of potential agency regulatory proposals. KIOGA will continue our aggressive engagement as these issues progress. Finally, KIOGA continues to educate members of Congress regarding the administration’s efforts to include oil and natural gas production operations in the President’s broader strategy to address global climate issues. KIOGA will continue to monitor the events related to air emissions, the Endangered Species Act, and more and advocate for Kansas independent producer interests. *K*

Lesli has been an invaluable resource to my company by finding ways to reduce costs and helping us stay current with ever-changing regulations.  
 —Doug Evans, DE Explorations, Inc.—



## Oil & Gas Consulting Services

### KCC Filings via Kolar:

- Operator License/Renewal
- Drilling Intents
- Completion Reports
- Waste Transfer
- Pit Application/Pit Closure
- Plugging Application/Plugging Record
- Temporary Abandonment
- Injection/Disposal Well Application
- Transfer of Operator
- Well Inventory Management
- Water Injection Reports

### Project Management

- Oil & Gas County Assessments
- Insurance Management
- Mineral Tax Exemption
- Property Tax Exemption
- Tier II Reporting/SPCC Plan Management



Lesli has a Bachelor's degree in Business and is a 3rd generation operator in Eastern Kansas. Lesli is a Board Member for KIOGA, EKOGA & Kansas Strong.

Lesli Baker • Office : (913) 837-4100 • Fax: (913) 837-2241  
 Email • lesli@dbdoil.com • Website www.dbdoil.com

# COP28 CLIMATE SUMMIT ENDS WITH A THUD

## COP28

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



**F** The COP28 climate summit in Dubai, UAE, ended last December without a global agreement for the phaseout of oil and gas.

There have been 28 climate summits since 1995. Every year, there is a lot of talk about shifting away from fossil fuels and a lot of financial commitments. Only both oil and gas demands continue to rise. Oil-producing nations are opposed to an oil and gas phaseout.

The Biden administration should have touted America's successes in reducing emissions. Since 2005, U.S. energy-related emissions fell by 10% as the economy grew by 25%. The Biden administration should have compared that to the fact that energy-related emissions from the rest of the world have increased by 24%. The president should have stood up for his people. Our people.

The Biden administration did not say a word about the record-breaking U.S. oil output in 2023. And it was the Biden administration that sold 180 million barrels of oil from the *Strategic Petroleum Reserve* to keep prices at the pump low. Climate summits like COP28 are nothing more than expensive energy-burning theater. Their main message is that people should use less and do with less. Climate summits should focus on emission reductions, not energy choices.

The truth about climate summits and energy policy is that people don't want high energy costs, and their governments must respond—in China, in Europe, or in America, the ramifications of high-energy costs are politically dangerous whether they go to the ballot box or have revolutions. ⚡



**KONZA OIL**  
 AND GAS, LLC

1700 N Waterfront PKWY, BLDG 100 Suite B  
 Wichita, KS 67206 | (316) 200-5166 | rusty@konzaog.com

### SERVICES

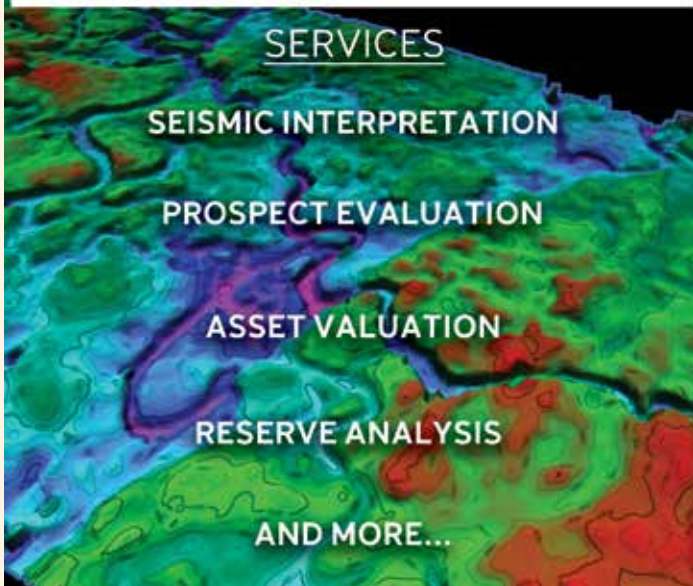
SEISMIC INTERPRETATION

PROSPECT EVALUATION

ASSET VALUATION

RESERVE ANALYSIS

AND MORE...







# KIOGA PRESIDENT EDWARD CROSS CHOSEN AS TOP LOBBYIST

**T**he National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics (NILE) released its list of 2023 Top Lobbyist award recipients. The Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association President was among them.

Nominated by colleagues, Congressional staff, or clients for their outstanding work in 2023, Cross was selected from over 500 nominations. According to NILE, the selection process was rigorous and competitive, and each nominee was blindly evaluated to ensure this honor was 100% merit based on the following criteria:

- Saw significant legislative success in 2023,
- Were innovative in their field or policy area during 2023,
- Are held in high regard by their clients and peers, and
- Are individuals who give back to their community through charity or pro bono work.

NILE said Cross' work exemplifies the highest standards of integrity, ethics, and excellence.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected for this prestigious designation," said Cross. "It is my honor to serve the oil and gas industry as an energy policy lobbyist for over 20 years. The oil and gas industry enhances life experiences and improves the quality of life for people around the world. Lobbyists understand that the advocacy they practice is part of the democratic process. Lobbying helps find real solutions."

In 2020, NILE embarked on a mission to create an annual list that recognizes excellence in lobbying while ensuring the selection process is purely merit-based. NILE said a dedicated panel of judges blindly evaluated each nominee to guarantee that the honor of being a Top Lobbyist is earned solely through outstanding performance and dedication to their profession in the given year.



"This award celebrates the top in our profession this year," stated Jocelyn Hong, NILE President. "This award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to those they represent, as well as those who have made a commitment to giving back through pro-bono work. Given the number of local, state, and federal lobbyists, grassroots, and PAC professionals, to be singled out by your peers for this award has real meaning," added Hong.

The 2023 Top Lobbyist list is a diverse representation of the advocacy profession. It features lobbyists, PAC professionals, and grassroots professionals who were nominated by their peers. These individuals have demonstrated their exceptional skills in advocacy in addition to showcasing innovation and thought leadership. They have earned high regard from their



clients and peers and actively contributed to their community through charity/pro bono work. Their dedication, expertise, and commitment to ethical practices have made them exemplary representations of the profession. Cross was honored with the recognition at a black-tie event in the Russell Senate Office building in Washington, D.C.

The National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics (NILE) is a national organization representing lobbying, public policy, and government affairs professionals. Our mission is to promote professionalism, competence, and high ethical standards through education. We work to provide a unified voice for the profession and the Constitution's First Amendment right to petition the government.



Above all else, NILE is committed to promoting ethical lobbying. Members of our board of directors have been at the forefront of both calling for and helping to write laws that require federal lobbyists to register with

Congress. We promote transparency so that anyone can go online and see who our clients are, what issues we are working on, and how much we are paid.

NILE prescribes a strong Code of Ethics for its members to follow, as well as, a rigorous Public Policy Certificate Program that assures lobbyists have a complete knowledge of the legislative and regulatory processes.

The National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics Public Policy Certificate (PPC) program is today's gold standard for certifying that lobbyists, government affairs, and grassroots professionals possess in-depth knowledge of legislative and political processes plus the rules, regulations, and ethics that shape lobbying requirements. The PPC program is FOR the profession, BY the profession. It is critical for government affairs professionals to keep up to date on the latest insights into working with policymakers and stakeholders, especially at a time when technology and social media are changing the way we all advocate. PPC participants will learn the keys to success for getting results while meeting the highest standards of ethics and professionalism. ✎



We can measure and record how much gas you could flow.



**TRILOBITE  
TESTING, INC.**

785-625-4778

# ECONOMIC IMPACT OF KANSAS OIL & GAS INDUSTRY

## THE NUMBERS TELL THE TALE



**W**here would the Kansas economy be without the oil and gas industry? KIOGA has compiled statistics that paint a remarkable picture of the oil and natural gas industry's impact on the economic vitality of Kansas and the level of state taxes imposed on the industry.

"The Kansas oil and gas industry has contributed tremendous amounts of government revenues and created some of the highest-paying jobs in Kansas," said Edward Cross, KIOGA President. "Kansas' oil and natural gas businesses have brought together technology, labor, and investment to keep Kansas a top energy-producing state despite turbulent times in energy markets. Under threat from the Biden administration to destroy domestic oil and natural gas production, Kansas' oil and natural gas industry remains a key contributor to the Kansas economy today and a critical part of the economy going forward."

After many decades of productive stewardship, oil and natural gas resources continue to play an important part in the livelihoods of Kansans. In 2023, the Kansas oil and gas industry generated nearly \$2.4 billion in output, put tens of thousands of people across Kansas to work, and pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into the state's economy. The industry supports 100,000 jobs, \$3 billion in family income, and \$1.4 billion in state/local tax revenue. The industry is an important element of the Kansas economy today and will be a critical part of the economy in the future.

The economy is one big circle. The oil and natural gas industry employs people who pay taxes to various governmental entities, which then provide services such as schools, roads, and hospitals to individuals. When the oil and natural gas industry thrives, everyone benefits!

While the U.S. and Kansas economies continue to grow, significant concerns exist, including high inflation, U.S. monetary policy, volatility in energy markets, U.S. trade and foreign policies, and more. Most destructive for the economy has been Biden's historic spending spree (\$4.8 trillion in new spending), which the Federal Reserve said was the main inflation contributor. Kansas crude oil prices averaged \$67.85/barrel in 2023, recovering from \$30 in 2020.

Crude oil markets remain subject to heightened levels of uncertainty related to inflation, volatility in energy prices, U.S. trade and foreign policy, and demand. The crude oil market is fraught with uncertainty that creates volatility in crude oil prices. Volatile crude oil prices have a significant impact on the small businesses that make up the Kansas oil and natural gas industry.

KIOGA has compiled a report that shows the oil and natural gas industry is a key contributor to the Kansas economy. KIOGA has prepared several white papers and reports that provide a summary of the current state of the oil and natural gas industry.

"These informational pieces highlight how oil and natural gas uniquely impact many aspects of our life," said Edward Cross, KIOGA President. "Whether it is providing well-paying jobs, saving consumers thousands of dollars each year on their energy bills, producing the building blocks for products we use every day, or developing innovations that have reduced air emissions to historic lows, the oil and natural gas industry is a vital part of the Kansas and U.S. economy."

### **Independent Oil and Gas Industry Leads the Way**

Independent oil and natural gas producers continue to lead the way in the Kansas oil and natural gas industry. Independent producers account for over 92% of the oil and natural gas produced in Kansas.

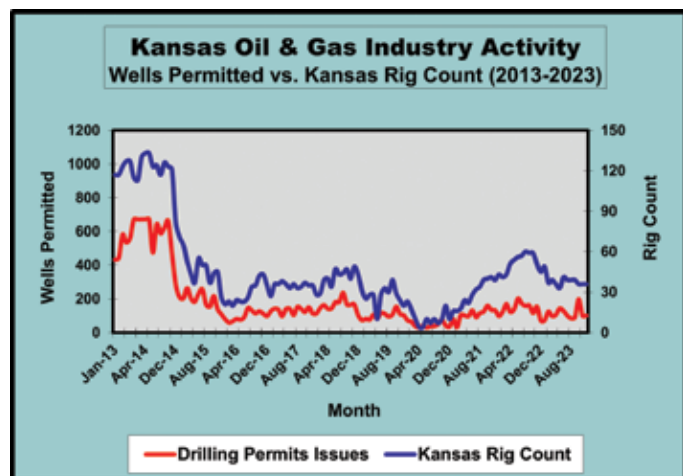
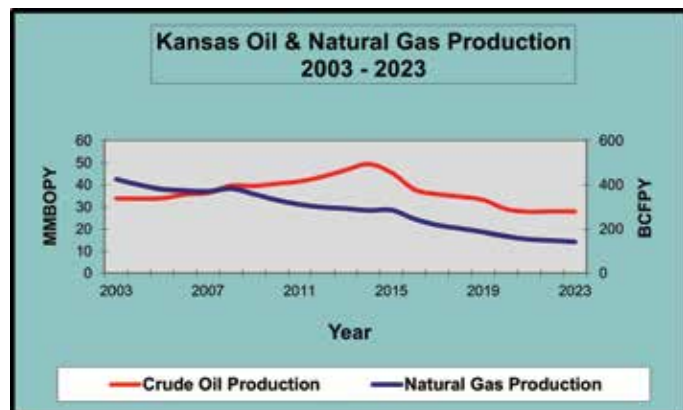
Kansas independent oil and natural gas producers have significant advantages. The independent oil and natural gas producers in Kansas have developed strong skill sets based on their size and scale. Independents historically use their resources to the fullest and, therefore, accelerate the process of creating value from their assets. Independents are typically able to run quicker and leaner than larger companies. Finally, Kansas independents know Kansas geology and how to develop wells

**“MORE WORK. MORE JOBS. MORE MONEY FOR EVERYONE. MORE TAXES PAID. THAT’S WHAT KEEPS THE WHEELS TURNING ON THE ECONOMY IN KANSAS.”**

in Kansas. Kansas independent producers have a subsurface intelligence that you cannot buy, which gives them a unique competitive advantage. Kansas independent producers have a significant advantage by running lean but being smart. All of this gives independents significant advantages.

**Kansas Industry Activity**

The Kansas oil and gas industry used 2023 as a recovery year. Many Kansas producers refocused capex high-grading and drilling only the best prospects. Companies have optimized operating cost structures to achieve efficiency gains and are becoming more specialized regarding their core producing assets, focusing on the most resilient short-cycle projects.



Labor market and service/supply costs challenges continue to plague producers. Like many industries, labor is a critical issue for the Kansas oil and gas industry. In addition, input costs, inflation, and other factors have significantly increased supply and service costs.

As market conditions improved in 2022 and 2023, oil and gas exploration/production activity in Kansas was robust. As a result, Kansas crude oil production stayed flat in 2023, and natural gas production declined by 9.2%.

The Kansas oil and gas industry produced nearly 28 million barrels of oil and 143 billion cubic feet of natural gas in 2023. Nearly 84% of the value of the Kansas oil and natural gas industry comes from oil production, and 16% comes from natural gas production. The industry saw 33–49 drilling rigs running each month during 2023. The KCC reports that over 1,300 drilling permits were issued in 2023. While the average oil well in Kansas produces 2 BOPD and the average natural gas well produces 23 Mcf per day, the industry supports more than 100,000 jobs, \$3 billion in family income, and pays \$1.4 billion and state and local taxes.

**Kansas Oil & Gas Industry Strategic Analysis**

KIOGA has prepared several reports and white papers on the oil and natural gas industry’s impact on the economic vitality of Kansas and the level of state taxes imposed on the industry. The report shows that the oil and natural gas industry is a key contributor to the Kansas economy.

In the future, Kansas producers will focus on the most resilient short-cycle projects and concentrate on their core competencies and smaller producer advantages. Kansas producers are working to optimize supply chain relationships, improve operational efficiencies, reduce and refocus capex, and exam-

**Oil Well Supervision**

- Fluid Levels**
  - Producing Wells
  - Temporarily Abandoned
  - Waterfloods
- Well-Site**
  - Completions | Pipe Set
  - Workovers
  - Plugging

**Serving All of Western KS**  
 Ryan Pfeifer | 785.216.0099 | ryan.pfeifer@hotmail.com





ine acquisition and divestiture opportunities. Operators are high-grading and drilling only the best projects. In many cases, improved productivity is less about improved technology and more about better application of existing technology.

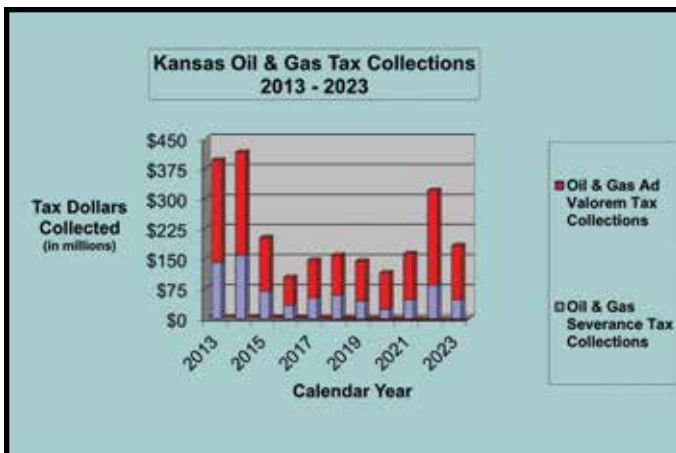
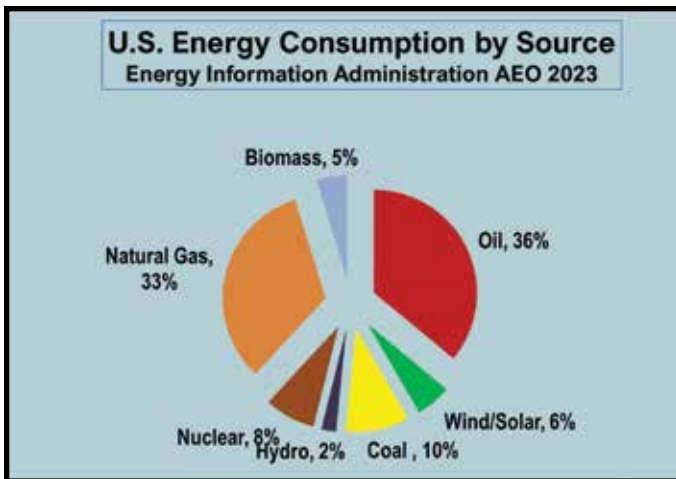
KIOGA put together our annual Kansas Oil & Gas Industry Strategic Analysis study to highlight the importance of the oil and gas

industry in Kansas. You can find this report on KIOGA's website at [www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org). Some of the key findings include:

- Over 1,300 drilling permits were issued in Kansas in 2023.
- Kansas oil and gas industry contributed over \$190 million in taxes during 2023.

- Over 16% of the value of oil and natural gas produced is paid in taxes. And that doesn't include sales taxes, income taxes, or the taxes imposed on final products. This makes the oil and gas industry one of the most heavily taxed industries in Kansas.
- The Kansas oil and gas industry pays taxes not just once but multiple times before the oil and natural gas reaches its final destination. Taxes are imposed on oil and natural gas while still in the ground, then again when they are produced, when transported, when refined, and again when sold as final products. Plus, the Kansas oil and gas industry is subject to all other general business and income taxes that other businesses pay.

More work. More jobs. More money for everyone. More taxes paid. That's what keeps the wheels turning on the economy in Kansas. ✍



**WERTH WEALTH MANAGEMENT**  
 ENHANCING LIVES & STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

**FORBES BEST-IN-STATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAM\*\***  
 STATE OF KANSAS  
 Received by Werth Wealth Management (2023)

**FORBES BEST-IN-STATE WEALTH ADVISORS\*\*\***  
 STATE OF KANSAS  
 Received by Financial Advisor Tim Werth (2019-2023)

**BARRON'S TOP 1200 FINANCIAL ADVISORS\***  
 NATIONAL  
 Received by Financial Advisor Tim Werth (2021-2022)

**EXPERIENCE MATTERS**  
**IT'S THAT SIMPLE**

1200 Main St, 6th Fl, Hays, KS 67801 | 785.628.1712  
 11551 Ash St, Ste 205 Leawood, KS 66211  
[www.werthfinancial.com](http://www.werthfinancial.com)

Werth Wealth Management is a registered investment advisor and a member of National Futures Association, Inc. Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., member FINRA, SIPC. Investment advisory services offered through Raymond James Financial Services Advisors, Inc. \*\*The Forbes ranking of Best-in-State Wealth Management is based on a proprietary algorithm of qualitative criteria, mostly gained through client and peer feedback, and quantitative performance data, such as investment returns, client under management, satisfaction levels, industry experience and brand profiles. These advisors that are considered have a minimum of seven years of experience. Portfolio performance is not a guarantee. Out of approximately 10,000 investment firms, 733 advisors received the award. Please visit [forbes.com](http://forbes.com) for more details on the award. \*\*\*The 2023 Forbes ranking of America's Top Wealth Management Firms Best-in-State, developed by S&P Global Research, is based on an algorithm of qualitative criteria, mostly gained through client and peer feedback, and quantitative data. Advisor Firms that are considered have a minimum of seven years of experience, have been in existence as a business for at least one year, have at least 10 employees, and have been ranked by this firm. The algorithm weights factors like revenue growth, assets under management, compliance records, industry experience and client satisfaction. Best practices in their practice are recognized by working with clients. Portfolio performance is not a guarantee due to varying client objectives and risk tolerance. Out of approximately 6,000 firms nationwide, 1,800 advisors were ranked the award based on this methodology. \*\*Barron's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors\*\* March 2022. Barron's is a registered trademark of Dow Jones & Company, L.P. All rights reserved. The ranking and award are based on the firm's regulatory record, quality of practice and fiduciary record. These rankings are not indicative of an advisor's future performance or individual client experience and are not an endorsement. Neither Raymond James nor any of its Financial Advisors or RIA firms pay a fee or seek any fee for these rankings. Raymond James is not affiliated with Charles Schwab Securities or Barron's.





**CVR Energy is a growth-oriented, independent downstream energy company with crude oil refining, gathering and refined petroleum product marketing operations located in the Mid-Continent.**

Our crude gathering system is comprised of approximately 947 miles of owned, leased and joint venture pipelines and associated tankage and truck transportation facilities. Our gathering system purchases crude from independent crude oil producers in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.



For more information, contact one of our Lease Purchasing Crude Oil Representatives:

**Eric Schlecht**  
(316) 841-7763

**Chad Arnold**  
(918) 332-2523

**Bill Copeland**  
(620) 242-6873

**[www.CVREnergy.com](http://www.CVREnergy.com)**

# OIL & GAS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE



## EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNICATION VENUE FOR THE KANSAS OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

**T**he Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA), along with the Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association (EKOGA), hosted an “Oil & Gas Day” legislative reception in the **Kansas State Capitol in Topeka** on January 18, 2024. Several KIOGA and EKOGA members made the trip to Topeka to showcase the Kansas oil and gas industry and remind legislators and government officials about the importance of oil and gas to our state.



Kansas State Capitol



A Kansas country breakfast was offered to all Kansas legislators, government officials, and other decision-makers. Over 20 KIOGA members joined **KIOGA Chair Dana Wreath** in welcoming legislators and governmental decision-makers to the **Kansas Oil & Gas Day** at the State Capitol.

“The difference this day makes for the Kansas oil and gas industry is tremendous,” said Edward Cross, KIOGA President. “By having oil and gas producers from across the state taking part, our legislative leaders and governmental decision-makers will have no doubt about the challenges and opportunities facing the Kansas oil and gas industry.”

Several KIOGA members took the opportunity to meet with key legislators to discuss issues important to the Kansas oil and gas industry. In addition, KIOGA President Edward Cross made presentations before the Kansas House Energy Committee, Kansas House Appropriations Committee, Kansas Senate Ways & Means Committee, and the Kansas Senate Utilities Committee on the state of the oil and gas industry and the challenges/opportunities facing the Kansas oil and gas industry.

### State of the Oil & Gas Industry Opportunities/Challenges Facing Kansas Oil & Gas Industry

Edward P. Cross, P.G., M.B.A.  
President & COO  
Kansas Independent  
Oil & Gas Association

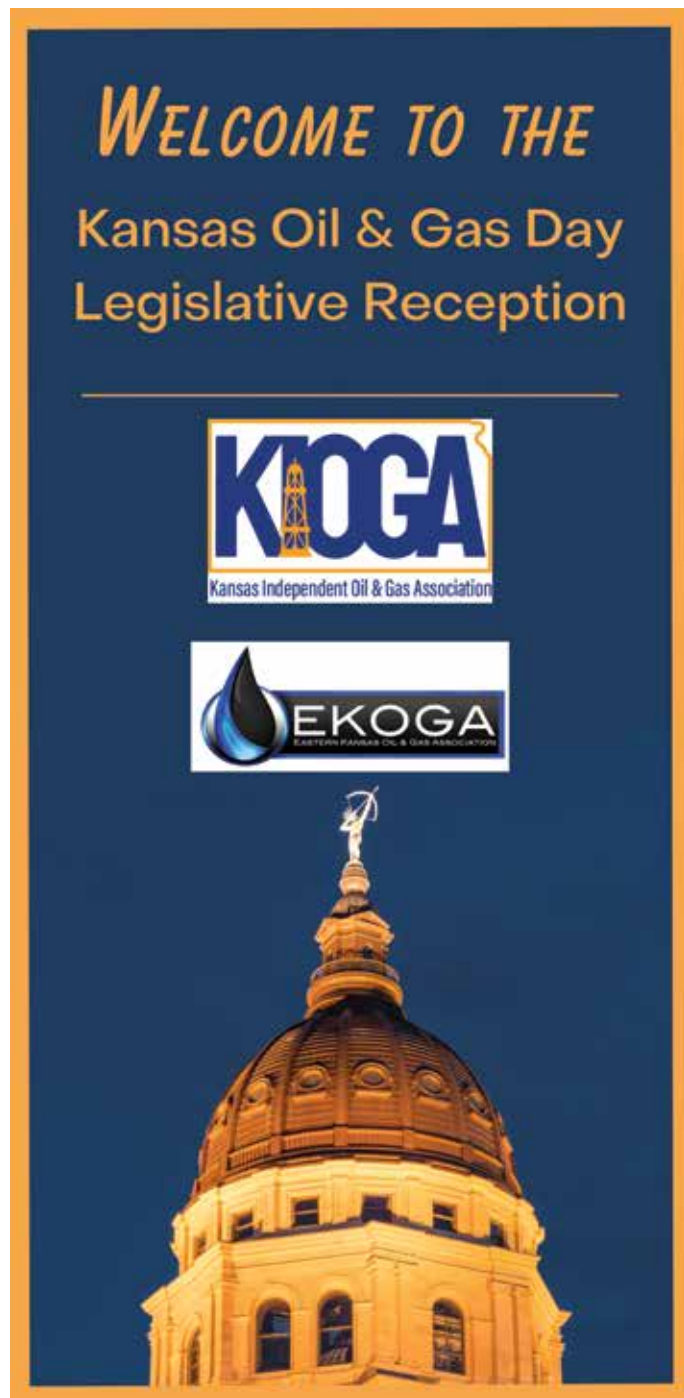


**Several legislators and government officials joined the reception, including:**

- House Speaker Dan Hawkins (R-Wichita)
- House Assistant Majority Leader Les Mason (R-Lindsborg)
- House Majority Whip Susan Estes (R-Wichita)
- House Majority Caucus Chair Kristey Williams (R-Augusta)
- House Democrat Caucus Chair Barbara Ballard (D-Lawrence)
- House Energy Committee Chair Leo Delperdang (R-Wichita)
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Chair Ken Rahjes (R-Agra)
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Committee Chair Ken Corbet (R-Topeka)
- House Appropriations Committee Chair Troy Waymaster (R-Bunker Hill)
- Senate President Ty Masterson (R-Andover)
- Senate Vice President Rick Wilborn (R-McPherson)
- Senate Majority Leader Larry Alley (R-Winfield)
- Senate Majority Whip Rick Kloos (R-Berryton)
- Senate Minority Agenda Chair Marci Francisco (D-Lawrence)
- Senate Assistant Minority Leader Oletha Faust-Goudeau (D-Wichita)
- Senate Utility Committee Chair Michael Fagg (R-Eldorado)
- Senate Ways & Means Committee Chair Rick Billinger (R-Goodland)
- 53 State Representatives
- 16 State Senators

In addition, several agency decision-makers and legislative staffers stopped by to visit. The turnout for the reception was exceptional. Over **200** people attended the reception.

Many legislators, government officials, and other decision-makers expressed their gratitude for the breakfast, camaraderie, and discussions, saying they look forward to our event every year because “it is the best breakfast reception of the



entire session.” The goodwill and positive relationships we nurture at this annual event provide phenomenal value for our industry. The 2024 reception marks the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year we have organized the event, and we are delighted that our friends at EKOGEA joined us to host the event. The event has proven to be an exceptional venue and opportunity for our industry to communicate with state legislators and government decision-makers on issues important to our industry. ❧

# KIOGA IS HERE TO HELP!

**“FOR THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, THE CHALLENGES NEVER END. KIOGA TAKES OUR CHARGE SERIOUSLY AND PURSUES EXCELLENCE ON YOUR BEHALF EACH DAY.”**



For over 160 years, the oil and gas industry has been a vital part of Kansas’s way of life, and at KIOGA, our goal is to help ensure our industry thrives well into the future.

KIOGA’s vision is simple: to promote the development of Kansas’s oil and natural gas resources for the betterment of society. We recognize that our members truly are the fabric of many communities throughout Kansas. KIOGA members not only employ and support over 100,000 Kansans and their families with good-paying jobs boosting our state economy but also pay significant taxes and often make significant charitable gifts that support communities and the overall well-being of our state.

With nearly 3,000 members, KIOGA is the lead state/national advocate for the Kansas oil and gas industry. KIOGA identifies and interprets public policies and regulations that are fundamental to our members’ success. Our quick analyses and evaluations of issues and concerns result in significant arbitrage value for KIOGA members who benefit from our substantial first-mover advocacy advantages. We engage on state and federal regulatory issues and meet with key state and federal policymakers on policy issues. We continue to build relationships and work with allies at the state and federal levels. Finally, we litigate when necessary.

Through rigorous engagement at the state and federal levels, KIOGA works to create a more stable and predictable political and regulatory environment for our members. We are committed to being a positive, credible, and proactive voice for the industry, promoting respectful dialogue and education to advance oil and gas interests at the state and federal levels.

In 2023, our mission manifested itself in many positive ways, including:

**Legislative Success:** KIOGA engaged in 13 state legislative issues impacting the Kansas oil and gas industry in 2023. We engaged in many tough policy debates on issues critical for the Kansas oil and gas industry, explaining what’s important to KIOGA members and where we stand on energy, tax, and regulatory issues. Our core focus was on protecting the Kansas oil and gas industry from increased costs while also defending industry gains in recent years. At the federal level, KIOGA engaged key federal policymakers to provide fact-based information to pull back the curtain on the ideological-driven processes the Biden administration is using to justify an avalanche of costly policies and rules.

**Regulatory Success:** KIOGA engaged the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) on issues concerning federal grants to plug abandoned wells, temporary abandonment of wells, potential regulatory amendments, and more. At the federal level, KIOGA continues to push for more flexible and cost-effective EPA oil and gas methane regulations that recognize the emission profile of marginal wells. KIOGA is also engaged

*Maclaskey.com*

**Crude Oil and Gas Liquids Purchasing, Transportation and Exchange**

Oil Treating • DOT-Code Vacuum Trucks • 500 BBL Mobile/Frac Tanks  
 Blowdown, Gas Buster, & Working Pits • Wildcatter Portable Tank Battery  
 600 HP Pump Trucks with Computerized Pump Recorders • Ball Injector Guns  
 Acidizing • Chemical • Brine • KCL • Fresh & Produced Water Hauling • Hot Oilers  
 25-Yd Rolloffs, Pick Up & Delivery • Up to 32M Winch Trucks • Backhoe & Dump Trucks

*Maclaskey Oilfield Services, Inc.*

<b>Mid-Continent</b>	<b>Permian Basin</b>	<b>Ft Worth Basin</b>
316-321-9011	575-393-1016	817-594-8073

*"Kickin up Dust since '77"*



in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) lesser prairie chicken concerns.

**Public Outreach:** In 2023, KIOGA spoke at 17 public forums, engaged in over 50 media inquiries, and provided 11 editorials that were picked up by 21 media outlets and national publications across Kansas and the nation.

It is only with your support that we were able to accomplish these goals. KIOGA wants to build on this momentum in 2024, and your support allows us to continue to proactively engage state and federal policymakers and regulatory officials to aggressively defend our industry and promote the development of Kansas's oil and natural gas resources.

Though we face many familiar legislative and regulatory challenges in 2024, KIOGA stands stronger and more united than ever to face these obstacles and seek meaningful opportunities to evolve and succeed. To be a member of KIOGA is to be among the premier oil and gas companies in Kansas and across the nation.

As a professional advocate for the Kansas oil and natural gas industry, KIOGA has used our significant advocacy experience and talent to form strong and productive nonpartisan relationships with state and federal policymakers as well as state and federal regulatory agencies.

The bottom line is that unsound policies, regulations, and public perceptions threaten the profit and growth opportunities of every company in the oil and natural gas industry. Companies need the best and latest advocacy and public outreach efforts. That is what you get with KIOGA.

For the oil and gas industry, the challenges never end. KIOGA takes our charge seriously and pursues excellence on your behalf each day. Let KIOGA be your partner in success. We provide unmatched public policy advocacy and a powerful voice for you in state and federal government. KIOGA is an investment in our energy future! ✍

**PARAGON**  
GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC.

**30** *Years of Service*  
**EXCELLENCE**

parangongeo.com



# CHALLENGING ISSUES FACE 2024 KANSAS LEGISLATURE

Kansas Lawmakers Begin 2024 Session



**T**he 2024 Kansas Legislative Session began on January 8. The session began with the state enjoying a projected \$3.5 billion ending balance in fiscal year 2025 (FY 2025). The FY 2025 ending balance represents a starting point for the government during the budget process. Governor Kelly and Republican legislative leaders agree that there's room to produce tax cuts. However, deciding what taxes to cut and how much to cut will be the difficult part of the process.

KIOGA prepared for the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session. As a professional advocate for the Kansas oil and gas industry, KIOGA uses our significant advocacy experience and talent to form strong and productive nonpartisan relationships with state and federal policymakers as well as state and federal regulatory agencies. Many KIOGA members have been participating in legislative and regulatory meetings focusing on issues important to the independent oil and gas industry. KIOGA also engaged in interim committee hearings to cover the interests of the independent oil and gas industry.

## KIOGA State Advocacy Strategy

The core focus of KIOGA's work at the Statehouse during the 2024 legislative session will be on protecting the Kansas oil and gas industry from increased costs while also defending industry gains made in recent years.

The KIOGA legislative agenda for the 2024 legislative session will be one in which we will work to minimize legislative assaults on the independent oil and gas industry and optimize legislative targets of opportunity. In preparation, KIOGA prepared our annual state and federal legislative/regulatory/communication agenda. KIOGA President Edward Cross presented this agenda to Governor Kelly and key Kansas legislators in January. The agenda lays out what's important to KIOGA members and where we stand on energy, tax, and regulatory issues.

KIOGA supports a rational, data-driven, common-sense approach to energy policy that recognizes that our best energy future can only be achieved through a true all-of-the-above energy strategy. We will:

- Oppose any legislation designed to stop oil and gas production or measures that have very little environmental benefit but high associated costs. This includes measures to establish a politically influenced State Energy Plan, restrictions on hydraulic fracturing, emissions, injection wells, or other measures designed to stop oil and gas production.
- Support legislative study/action on the competitiveness of Kansas energy rates.
- Oppose mandates and policies that increase costs when sourcing energy.
- Oppose policies picking winners and losers among energy sources and technologies.
- Support efforts to limit or block federal regulations that overreach and impose undue expense and regulatory burden on the Kansas oil and gas industry.
- Encourage the least restrictive method of regulation that supports the goal of protecting the public without limiting business activity.
- Oppose measures calling for the statewide election of Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) commissioners.



- Support policies that take measures to ensure America’s long-term energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress, including actions to reevaluate federal energy policies that have curtailed domestic production of oil and natural gas.

KIOGA will urge the legislature to reduce the cost of doing business and will:

- Oppose any measures that target oil & gas industry for an increased local or state tax base.
- Support measures that reduce government spending instead of increasing the cost of doing business through tax increases.
- Support tax policies that treat all energy sources equally, allowing market demand to drive efficiencies.



**Meeting with Governor Kelly and Key House and Senate Leadership** – KIOGA President Edward Cross met with Governor Kelly in early 2024 to provide an update on the state of the Kansas oil and gas industry and to share KIOGA’s legislative agenda, which lays out what’s important to KIOGA members and where we stand on energy, tax, and regulatory issues. Cross also met with the House Speaker, Senate president, and chairs of the key energy and tax committees in separate meetings in early 2024 to discuss energy issues and begin laying the groundwork for the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session.

**KIOGA Reference Material**—KIOGA is proactive and prepared in advance of the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session by developing and updating several white papers, fact sheets, brochures, and other informational pieces in advance of the session. These include:

- *Kansas Oil & Gas Industry Strategic Analysis* (January 2024)—an annual comprehensive report that provides the latest information on the economic impact of the Kansas oil and gas industry, including statistics on Kansas oil and gas industry activity, taxes, production, issues, challenges, and opportunities;
- *State of the Oil & Gas Industry—Dynamic Challenges Facing Kansas Oil & Gas Industry* (January 2024)—a white paper that summarizes America’s energy picture today, challenges faced by the small businesses that make up the Kansas oil and gas industry, and what the industry is doing to address those challenges;
- *Hydraulic Fracturing—Regulatory & Policy Considerations* (January 2024)
- *Hydraulic Fracturing & Drinking Water Contamination* (January 2024)
- *Climate Issues* (January 2024)
- *Facts About Induced Seismicity* (January 2024)
- *Pro-Freedom Policy for CO2 Emissions* (January 2024)
- *And More*



KIOGA shares these white papers, fact sheets, reports, brochures, and other informational pieces with key state legislators. The reference material is also shared with the Kansas Congressional delegation and other key federal policy-makers. Many state and federal policy-makers have expressed their gratitude for factual, scientific-based information. All of the reference material can be found on the KIOGA website at [www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org).



### What to Expect in the Upcoming Session

The 2024 Kansas Legislative Session is the second year of the 2023/2024 biennial session. Bills that did not pass in 2023 but reside in exempt committees are still alive for action in 2024. In addition, several new measures that impact the Kansas oil and gas industry could be introduced in 2024. KIOGA will be vigilant in defending the industry.

The projected FY 2025 \$3.5 billion ending balance for the state represents a starting point for the government during the budget process. Governor Kelly and Republican legislative leaders agree that there’s room to produce tax cuts. However, deciding what taxes to cut and how much to cut will be the difficult part of the process.

In the 2023 Legislative Session, Governor Kelly proposed cutting property and retirement taxes and tried to give each Kansan a \$450 rebate. The proposal didn’t go over well with Republican leadership, with Senate President Ty Masterson (R-Andover) referring to it

as a “replica of the failed policies of the Biden administration.” Governor Kelly will likely push for the proposal again in 2024. Republicans are not likely to support it.

Senate President Ty Masterson (R-Anderson) and House Speaker Dan Hawkins (R-Wichita) said they plan to push a 5.15% flat income tax rate for individuals during the 2024 session. The bill didn’t overcome a Kelly veto last session.

Governor Kelly will also push for expanded Medicaid coverage. She proposed Medicaid expansion in 2023, but the measure was defeated by the Legislature. The governor’s new 2024 measure includes work requirements as a condition of eligibility. House Speaker Dan Hawkins said the Biden administration has not approved any Medicaid work requirement and proactively revoked every single work requirement approved previously.

The Medicaid expansion is a long shot in the 2024 Kansas Legislature.

#### **Economic Forecast—**

While the U.S. and Kansas economies continue to grow, significant concerns exist, including high inflation,

U.S. monetary policy, volatility in energy markets, U.S. trade and foreign policies, and more. The Kansas economy is expected to experience modest real growth. Persistent elevated levels of inflation will likely offset the relatively strong nominal growth of the Kansas economy. Kansas’s Gross State Product (GSP) is projected to grow by 2% in 2024. U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is projected to grow by 1.45% in 2024.

According to the November 2023 Energy Information Administration (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO),

ongoing OPEC+ production cuts will offset production growth from non-OPEC countries and help maintain a relatively balanced global oil market in 2024. Although the conflict between Israel and Hamas has not affected the physical oil supply at this point, uncertainties surrounding the conflict and other global oil supply conditions could put upward pressure on crude oil prices in the coming months. EIA projects that Kansas crude oil prices will average \$78 in 2024.

Several issues affecting the Kansas oil and gas industry could emerge during the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session. KIOGA will stay vigilant, identifying and preparing for emerging issues. KIOGA will also continue to work to improve and maintain relationships with key lawmakers and decision-makers on active initiatives and engage in policy developments affecting the Kansas oil and gas industry.

#### **Potential Oil & Gas Issues in the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session**

Several potential issues affecting the Kansas oil and gas industry could emerge during the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session. KIOGA is prepared and will stay vigilant in defending the Kansas oil and gas industry.

**Energy Policy—**KIOGA is often asked to express our position on energy policy in general. KIOGA supports a rational, data-driven, common-sense approach to energy policy that recognizes that our best energy future can only be achieved through a true all-of-the-above energy strategy. We oppose policies picking winners and losers among energy sources and technologies. We oppose policies that impose mandates that increase costs when sourcing energy. We encourage the least restrictive method of regulation that supports the goal of protecting the public without limiting

business activity. KIOGA will deliver our annual *State of the Kansas Oil & Gas Industry* report to key legislative committees in early 2024.

**State Energy Plan—**Developing a State Energy Plan and/or reorganizing the KCC Energy Office to expand its scope to include energy planning, policy development, and stakeholder outreach is not a good idea and something KIOGA will be monitoring very closely.

Proposals for reorganizing the Energy Office seem to be about promoting energy policies driven by a zero-sum game philosophy for energy that says we must have less fossil fuels so that we can have more of something else. Many state energy plans around the nation fail because they start with a preferred resource and work backward. All too often, state proposals to establish some kind of green standard have much more to do with raising revenue than helping our environment. The result is that average households would have to pay significantly more for goods and services. Families that spend a bigger portion of their household income on transportation, utilities, and household goods are hurt, not helped, by such schemes.

Creating a politically influenced State Energy Plan and/or establishing a politically influenced energy office is not the answer.

**Electric Rates—**We need to find solutions to high Kansas electric rates. Kansas has one of the lowest electric generation prices in the U.S. but by far the highest retail electric rates in the Midwest. Electric costs are the highest operating cost for most wells (30%–50% of oil well expenses).

KIOGA will be encouraging the Kansas Legislature to consider several win/win proposals presented by KIOGA during the 2023 Kansas Interim Session,





including the reclassification of oil/gas electric load and more.

**Carbon Capture Utilization & Storage (CCUS)**—Several groups have tried to advance carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) measures over the last few years. KIOGA had serious concerns about past proposals for many reasons. The proposals lent themselves to legal challenges involving mineral rights and pore space ownership. In addition, any operator wanting to participate in a CCUS project would have to be willing to accept significant capex and opex risks.



*Renew Kansas*, a Kansas ethanol association, introduced a bill in 2023 that amended the *Carbon Dioxide Reduction Act* to allow for carbon capture and sequestration in Class VI injection wells. The measure would direct the KDHE to pursue state primacy over UIC Class VI injection wells, grant KDHE authority to permit and inspect Class VI injection wells and assess penalties for violations of the act, grant KDHE authority to promulgate regulations for permitting, inspecting, and assessing civil penalties on Class VI wells, establish a long-term liability trust fund, and allow injection project sites to receive a certificate of closure from the state, with the state assuming ownership of, and liability for, the stored CO<sub>2</sub>.

KIOGA met with a group from *Renew Kansas* and explained several issues with the bill. The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory has estimated that up to 23,000 miles of new pipeline will be needed to carry captured CO<sub>2</sub> to underground sequestration sites.

Taxpayers will likely end up shouldering most of the cost. Some of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> could be used for EOR projects, but it has been estimated that less than 10% of captured CO<sub>2</sub> would actually be injected into American oilfields. Policymakers are wanting to get rid of about 3 billion tons per year. That works out to about 8.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per day, which would have to be collected and compressed to about 1,000 psi. In other words, we would need to find an underground location (locations) able to swallow a volume equal to the contents of 41 oil supertankers each day, 365 days a year. Because of the possibility of deadly leaks, few people will want to live near an underground storage cavern. Which members of the Kansas House or Kansas Senate will want to offer Kansas as a dumping ground for all the CO<sub>2</sub>?

CCUS is a very complicated issue with the potential for lots of unintended consequences that could affect large segments of the industry.

**Election of KCC Commissioners**—KIOGA opposed measures calling for the statewide election of commissioners

of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) in 2023. KIOGA President Edward Cross testified in opposition to the measures before the Kansas House Energy Committee and before the Kansas Senate Utilities Committee. KIOGA emphasized that establishing KCC Commissioners as elected positions would allow wealthy special interests to flood elections with vast amounts of spending and make it more difficult for everyday Kansans to have their voices heard as elected KCC Commissioners would favor policies that prioritize their donors. Other states that have elected commissioners have seen a commission that is unable to effectively act on major issues and failed to hold both Democratic and Republican special interests accountable. KCC Commissioners often deal with highly technical issues. KCC Commissioners' responsibilities require qualified professionals with high-level analytical skills and an objective apolitical approach to complex issues. Making those elected positions could turn commission decisions into "who has the most leverage and power to win elections" rather than "who can do the



“**KIOGA SUPPORTS A RATIONAL, DATA-DRIVEN, COMMON-SENSE APPROACH TO ENERGY POLICY THAT RECOGNIZES THAT OUR BEST ENERGY FUTURE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH A TRUE ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY STRATEGY.”**

best job as a commissioner.” KIOGA will be vigilant on this issue.

**Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act**—The Uniform Law Commission has indicated they may introduce the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA). The Uniform Law Commission introduced the UPHPA in 2019, but KIOGA opposed it, and the measure did not advance. The UPHPA makes it practically impossible to partition many parcels of real estate in Kansas. The problem is that partitioning is often the best option to fix title problems that would otherwise render the land unable to be developed for oil and gas production.

**Environmental Assaults**—Several issues affecting KIOGA members could emerge during the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session. For a decade, the Sierra Club and other activists have had bills introduced that include a list of onerous rules and regulations designed to stop oil and gas production. This laundry list of oil and gas regulations has no environmental benefit but high associated costs and includes carefully thought-out restrictions on hydraulic fracturing, waste management, emissions, moratoriums on injection wells, establishing an earthquake risk pool fund, and other measures with the goal of stopping oil

and gas production. The foundations for these proposals are based on unfounded information and activist propaganda. The 2024 Kansas Legislative Session could see the same.

KIOGA stays keenly poised to address any attempts by those who oppose American oil and gas development to promote legislation and/or regulations designed to stop oil and gas production. KIOGA President Edward Cross regularly meets with key legislative leaders and committee chairs to provide fact-based scientific information about injection wells, seismic activity, hydraulic fracturing, climate issues, and more. KIOGA is prepared and ready to defend the oil and gas industry at every opportunity.

**Other issues**—Several more issues may emerge during the 2024 Kansas Legislative Session. In the past, some have tried to advance proposals to change oil and gas tax structures with schemes that expose oil and gas operations to higher tax rates. KIOGA will stay vigilant, defending the industry against any taxation schemes that attempt to unfairly target the oil and gas industry for higher taxes. KIOGA will stay vigilant in identifying and preparing for additional emerging issues. ❧

**Your Go-To Source**  
For Case Hole Logging and Pipe Recovery Needs



**CONTACT US TODAY!**  
785-628-3969  
www.perftechwireline.com

**Perf-Tech**  
Wireline Services, Inc.



**SWIFT**  
**SERVICES, INC.**

# Kansas Senate **PRESIDENT TY MASTERSON** Becomes New National Chair of ALEC

---



**B** Kansas Senate President Ty Masterson (R-Andover) is now the new national chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Masterson took the gavel in late 2023 from Republican Florida state Representative Daniel Perez, who is designated to become Florida's next House speaker.

Masterson had been set to move up to chair after serving the last year as ALEC's vice chair. He assumed the chair of the organization at its state and national policy summit in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Perez told the audience that Masterson would be the "best national chairman ALEC has ever seen."

"For those of you who don't know Ty, I promise you that you're going to absolutely love him," Perez said.

"He's a little older, and if you've ever seen him move, you know he doesn't have rhythm like me," he said. "In Miami, we call that the Kansas rhythm. But when it comes to understanding leadership, legislative maneuvers, and how our work affects the people that we serve day in and day out, there isn't a leader out there with better moves than Ty," he said.

In addressing the ALEC group, Masterson praised Perez, saying he had a big void to fill.

"It is an honor to take this position. It's also a great responsibility," Masterson said. "I just hope that I approach the challenges that we have this next year with the same kind of tact and effectiveness that Danny did," he said.

As chair, Masterson will have an elevated national presence in which he will preside over meetings with members

**“ MASTERSON HAD BEEN SET TO MOVE UP TO CHAIR AFTER SERVING THE LAST YEAR AS ALEC'S VICE CHAIR.”**

and the Legislative Board of Directors. He also will appoint committees, state chairs, and other leadership positions throughout the organization.

Additionally, he will oversee board activities, focus the agenda, and stand as ALEC's representative to constituents, stakeholders, and other interested parties.

"ALEC is at the forefront of promoting conservative ideas and embracing our founders' concept of federalism with 50 state laboratories via legislators across the country sharing what they learn and working to craft the best possible policies to benefit Americans," Masterson said in a statement. "It is an honor to lead such an important organization." ❧



# KS INDEPENDENT OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION

## 2024 SUSTAINER SPONSORS

### GUSHER LEVEL

\$30,000



### BLACKGOLD LEVEL

\$15,000



### ROUGHNECK LEVEL

\$10,000



**2024 Midyear Meeting  
& Annual Convention**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**APRIL 17–19**

**Midyear Meeting & Expo**  
Ellis County Fairgrounds  
Hays, Kansas

**AUG 18–20**

**87<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention & Expo**  
The Hyatt Regency  
Wichita, Kansas

**MORE  
INFORMATION**

785-232-7772  
holly@kioga.org



Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association





# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING | APRIL 17–19

Ellis County Fairgrounds | 1344 Fairground Road, Hays, KS 67601

---

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:00 pm–5:00 pm **Vendor Set-up**

6:00 pm–9:00 pm **Hog Roast & Game night**

*Open bar, Good Food, Music by The Wes Cassman Band, Cornhole Tournament as well as other table games*

*Shuttles will run between event and hotels from 5:30-10:00 pm*

---

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 am–8:00 am **Registration**

8:00 am–3:00 pm **Trade Show**

9:00 am–10:00 am **Morning Seminar** | TBD

9:00 am–11:00 am **Tour** | Hess Services & Triple Eight Equine Center

*2 tours each: 9:00 am–10:00 am and 10:00 am–11:00 am*

*Buses will pick up and drop off at the Ellis County Fairgrounds*

11:30 pm–1:00 pm **Lunch** | BBQ by Smokin Co. BBQ

*Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers at the bar | Beer Tubs in Trade Show*

1:00 pm–2:00 pm **Afternoon Seminar** | TBD

1:00 pm–3:00 pm **Tour** | Hess Services & Triple Eight Equine Center

*2 tours each: 1:00 pm–2:00 pm and 2:00 pm–3:00 pm*

*Buses will pick up and drop off at the Ellis County Fairgrounds*

3:00 pm–5:00 pm **Board & General Membership Meeting**

5:30 pm–6:30 pm **Cocktail Hour**

6:30 pm–7:45 pm **Dinner** | Steak dinner provided by Smokin Co. BBQ

7:45 pm–9:00 pm **Murder Mystery** | Hays Community Theater Group

---

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 am **Golf Registration** | Smoky Hill Country Club - 9:00 am Shotgun Start

*Lunch and awards will follow*

8:30 am–12:00 pm **Pickleball Tournament** | Hays Recreation Center

*Coffee/fruit/pastries in the morning with box lunch afterward*

8:30 am–12:00 pm **Sporting Clays Tournament** | Hays City Sportsman's Club

*Lunch & awards will follow*

# REGISTRATION FORM



## 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING | APRIL 17-19

Ellis County Fairgrounds | 1344 Fairground Road, Hays, KS 67601

### All inclusive Member Registration—\$200

### All inclusive Non-member Registration—\$250

Includes the following:

- Wednesday night | Hog Roast & Game Night. Corn hole Tournament along with other table games.
- Thursday lunch-BBQ | Trade show
- Thursday Cocktail Hour, dinner, and Murder Mystery
- All tours and seminars
- Board/General Membership meeting

### CLAY SHOOT

### Clay Shoot-Member Price—\$80

### Clay Shoot-Non member—\$100

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

### Golf Tournament-Member Price—\$175

### Golf Tournament-Non member—\$200

Individual Player

Handicap

Team Requested

Handicap/Ave Score

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

This is a team sport, so please list who you want to play with and if you're paying for them or they're registering themselves

Member—\$50/person

Teammate \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member—\$60/person

Teammate \_\_\_\_\_

(Price includes light breakfast and lunch for both events)

## PRE-REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 12. | NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 15.

Individual Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City and State will be on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Member All-inclusive \$200  Non-member All-inclusive \$250

Golf Member \$175  Golf Non-member \$200  Hole Sponsor \$100

Pickleball Member \$50  Pickleball Non-member \$60

Clay Shoot Member \$80  Clay Shoot Non-member \$100

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be billed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn 785-727-7721 | Fairfield Inn & Suites 785-625-3344 | Avid Hotel 785-625-1101  
Call before March 29 to receive KIOGA rate (Must call hotels directly and mention KIOGA to reserve)





# SPONSORSHIP FORM

## 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING | APRIL 17-19

Ellis County Fairgrounds | 1344 Fairground Road, Hays, KS 67601

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIP

Platinum Sponsor | \$5,000 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Sponsor | \$2,500 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Silver Sponsor | \$1,000 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze Sponsor | \$600 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

General Sponsor | \$300 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO PLEDGE YOUR SPONSORSHIP ONLINE, GO TO:

[www.kioga.org/events](http://www.kioga.org/events)

### FOR MAIL-IN SPONSORSHIPS, REMIT PAYMENT TO:

KIOGA

800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400

Topeka, KS 66612

785-232-7772 or email [holly@kioga.org](mailto:holly@kioga.org)

**MUST RECEIVE FORM BY FEBRUARY 15  
TO BE LISTED IN THE BROCHURE—  
NO EXCEPTIONS**

#### PLATINUM SPONSOR BENEFITS:

- Company logo in midyear meeting brochure
- Company logo on signage at midyear meeting
- Premium seating for two (2) at midyear meeting
- Two midyear meeting registrations (excluding golf & clays)

#### GOLD SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS:

- Company name in midyear meeting brochure
- Company name on signage at midyear meeting
- Premium seating for two (2) at midyear meeting
- One midyear meeting registration (excluding golf & clays)

#### SILVER SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS:

- Company name in midyear meeting brochure
- Company name on signage at midyear meeting
- One midyear meeting registration (excluding golf & clays)

#### BRONZE SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS:

- Company name in midyear meeting brochure
- Company name on signage at midyear meeting

#### GENERAL SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- Company name in midyear meeting brochure

# EXHIBITORS FORM



## 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING | APRIL 17-19

Ellis County Fairgrounds | 1344 Fairground Road, Hays, KS 67601

1. The undersigned (Lessee) hereby applies for commercial rate exhibit space at the 2024 Midyear meeting of KIOGA, to be held at the Ellis County fairgrounds in Hays, KS on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. The meeting is conducted by KIOGA. All payments, correspondence, notifications and other communications to KIOGA concerning the subject matter of this application and contracts shall be sent to Holly McGinnis (holly@kioga.org).
2. Please enclose full payment with registration form. If you need to be invoiced in advance, please email Holly at holly@kioga.org.
3. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Kansas, USA.

*Your exhibitor fees and sponsorship monies are tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses. They are not tax deductible as a contribution or gift for federal income tax purposes.*

Name of Lessee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth Worker(s) (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Booth #—1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Booth name for signs and brochure: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Must complete Booth Name or booth sign will be the name of the Lessee)**

**Installation and Dismantling of Exhibits:** Move-in may begin at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. **Dismantling of exhibits must be completed by 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 18, 2024.**

Exhibits will officially open to registrants from 8:00 am–3:00 pm on Thursday, April 18.

**Booth Design and Furnishings:** All booths are 10 feet wide by 8 feet deep. KIOGA will furnish each exhibitor with back and side drapes, identification sign, 6-foot-table, 2 chairs and waste basket. If your booth requires electricity, check here.

**BOOTH RENTAL: (INCLUDES LUNCH FOR 2)**

**MEMBER PRICING: \$400.00**

**NON-MEMBER PRICING: \$600.00**

**MUST RECEIVE REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 15 TO BE LISTED IN THE BROCHURE.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Full payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

Holly McGinnis | KIOGA  
800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400  
Topeka, KS 66612  
785-232-7772

### TO REGISTER ONLINE, GO TO:

[www.kioga.org/events](http://www.kioga.org/events)

# KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PROPERTY VALUATION DIVISION APPRAISAL COURSES



## INTRODUCTORY LEVEL COURSES

February 19–21, 2024, Hays, Kansas

- Enrollment Fee received at least 30 days prior to the class: \$170 for State of Kansas employees and Kansas county personnel
- \$190 for all others
- For registration submitted within 30 days of class, add \$15

## ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES

February 21–23, 2024, Hays, Kansas

- Enrollment Fee received at least 30 days prior to the class: \$155 for State of Kansas employees and Kansas county personnel
- \$175 for all others
- For registration submitted within 30 days of class, add \$15

For more information and registration, go online to the Kansas Customer Service Center at [www.ksrevenue.org](http://www.ksrevenue.org) to the Kansas Customer Service Center (KCSC) and click on the Customer Service Center “Register Now” link in the upper right-hand corner. ✂

**MURFIN**  
DRILLING COMPANY, INC.  
WICHITA, KANSAS

COVERAGE AREA

CONTACT US AT  
316-267-3241  
drilling@murfininc.com  
www.murfininc.com  
DRILLING AHEAD SINCE 1926

- THE LEADER IN DRILLING OIL, GAS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELLS
- 16 ACTIVE DRILLING RIGS
- TURN KEY CAPABILITIES

**XCEL**  
WIRELINE

- Cement Bond Logs
- Neutron Logs
- Tracer Surveys
- Casing Inspection Logs
- Pressure/Spinner/Temp Logs

Serving Kansas, Oklahoma & Texas Panhandle

**GIVE US A CALL TODAY!**

Pratt, KS      Liberal, KS  
Nathan Schmeidler 620.388.8676      Keith Coleman 620.391.2477  
Kelly Schmeidler 620.388.1341

*Gore Nitrogen Pumping Service, LLC*

*Knowledgeable Employees – Reliable Service – Custom Equipment*

- Hydraulic Fracturing
- Foam Fraes
- Nitrogen Services
- Acidizing Services
- Engineering/Design
- Automated Fuel System
- Remote Data Transmitting

*Proudly Serving Kansas and the surrounding areas since 2001*

Seiling, OK      [www.goren2.com](http://www.goren2.com)      880-922-4660





# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO KIOGA.

Please indicate your desired membership level and return this form, along with payment, to:  
**800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400, Topeka, KS 66612-1216.**

You may also join online at [www.kioga.org](http://www.kioga.org).

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Operator #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to receive communication from KIOGA?  Email  Mail

Enroll me as a Producer Member and bill me accordingly.  
*(If you are an operator in Kansas, we ask you to consider joining as a producer member. Contact KIOGA for more details.)*

Enroll me as a Regular Member at \$300.00  Voluntary Public Relations Fund at \$25

For my annual KIOGA dues investment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_,

Please charge my:  Mastercard  VISA  Discover  AMEX

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Find my check enclosed

# KIOGA CALENDAR

Event Name	Date	Location
NAPE Summit 2024	February 7–9, 2024	Houston, TX
KIOGA Midyear Meeting	April 17–19, 2024	Hays, KS
SPE Improved Oil Recovery Conference	April 22–25, 2024	Tulsa, OK
NSWA 2024 Annual Energy Gala	April 26, 2024	Oklahoma City, OK
IOGCC Annual Business Meeting	May 20–22, 2024	Oklahoma City, OK
KIOGA 87 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Expo	August 18–20, 2024	Wichita, KS
KIOGA 87 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Expo	August 18–20, 2024	Wichita, KS

## OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dana Wreath, Chair	Andrea Krauss, Immediate Past Chair
John Farmer, IV, Northwest Vice Chair	Jay Prudhomme, At-Large Member
Charles Wilson, Southwest Vice Chair	Edward Cross, Ex-Officio Member
Tim Hellman, South Central Vice Chair	
Randy Trimble, East Vice Chair	
Jeff Bloomer, Treasurer	
Dan Schippers, Secretary	

## STAFF

Edward Cross, President
Holly McGinnis, Administrative Assistant

# 2024 KANSAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALENDAR

January 8	Session opens.
January 29	Last day for individual members to request sponsored bill drafts.
February 5	Last day for non-exempt committees to request bill drafts.
February 7	Last day for individual bill introductions.
February 9	Last day for non-exempt committee bill introduction.
February 23	Turnaround Day, last day for non-exempt bills in house of origin.
February 24–27	No session.
March 28	Last day for non-exempt bills to be considered in either chamber.
March 29–31	No session.
April 5	First adjournment.
April 6–28	Spring Break.
April 29	Veto session opens.

## KIOGA New Members

We welcome the following members to the KIOGA family. Thank you for your continued support!

**Jody Dumler**  
Tool Tech, LLC

**Mark Shreve**  
Shreve Energy, LLC

**David Withrow**  
Edison Operating Co., LLC

**Bob Demos**  
Crimson Resource Management

**Ken Haak**  
Haack Operating Company

**Ryan Hickel**  
Hickel Chemical Services

FOLLOW US ON



@KIOGA



@KIOGAKansas

The Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) believes in seeking common ground, through common sense solutions, to the challenges facing the Kansas oil and gas industry. Our bipartisan approach provides a uniquely powerful voice for our members at the state and national level. **Our work is critical. Your support is vital.**

# SAVE MONEY TODAY!

## REDUCE YOUR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES



### Rates As Low As 0.05%\*



Accept EMV/NFC  
(Apple Pay, etc.) EBT,  
Snap, Checks and more



Pay-at-the-pump  
compatible



Next Day Funding with  
weekend settlement

- ✓ FREE Credit Card Terminal Placement Wireless/Landline/High-Speed/Dial-Up
- ✓ Easy setup (with no setup fees and quick approvals)
- ✓ Seamless integration with your current POS
- ✓ \$295\*\* towards your early termination fee (if you have one) with your current processor
- ✓ Access to Payments Hub - our secure, online merchant portal
- ✓ Free paper\*\*

## SWITCH NOW AND GET YOUR FREE TERMINAL



with  
4G / Wifi

### SMART TERMINAL

- Send digital receipts:  
Email or SMS a receipt
- Send Invoices
- Integrate to Your  
Point of Sale

### STANDARD TERMINAL

COMPATIBLE WITH  
GAS CARDS



PAY AT THE PUMP  
COMPATIBLE



## OPTIONAL PROGRAMS:

### EDGE: The Best CASH DISCOUNT PROGRAM from North American Bancard

Are you ready to get rid of the impact of payment processing costs  
on your business?

With the Edge Cash Discount program you will enjoy the same profit  
margins from cash payments as you do from non-cash payments.

- Curbside Ordering
- Point of Sale Systems  
Recommendations, Solutions  
& Integrations
- Accept EBT/Snap  
Low Transaction Fee

GROW YOUR BUSINESS. PARTNER WITH NAB TODAY!

# 866.481.4604

NorthAmerican  
BANCARD

WWW.NYNAB.COM

© 2023 North American Bancard, LLC (NAB). All rights reserved. NAB is a registered ISO of BMO Harris Bank N.A., Chicago, IL, Citizens Bank N.A., Providence, RI, The Bancorp Bank, Philadelphia, PA, and First Fresno Bank, Fresno CA. American Express may require separate approval. \*Durbin regulated Check Card percentage rate. A per transaction fee will also apply. \*\*Some restrictions apply. This advertisement is sponsored by an ISO of North American Bancard. Apple Pay is a trademark of Apple.





# KIOGA

Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association  
800 SW Jackson Street, Suite #1400  
Topeka, KS 66612

Presorted  
First Class  
US Postage  
PAID  
Beldenville, WI  
Permit No. 2

# 20 YEARS CLEARING THE WAY

Row-Care has been clearing the way for pipeline clients in 30-plus states for more than 20 years. From new construction to facility mowing, maintenance and spraying, our expert team comes equipped with a large fleet of specialized equipment designed to safely meet your clearance and vegetation management needs.

Find out how Row-Care can help you.

**ROW-CARE**

800-428-8128  
[www.rowcare.com](http://www.rowcare.com)

