

THE LONE STAR PIPELINE



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Our Purpose

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) is a non-profit, international organization whose purpose is to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries.



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Editor's Comment: Saw this on Facebook and it hit home to me how the press has not given all sides of this issue that affects us all, Lori gave me permission to use.

Lori Andrews – 12/12/16

As some of you know, I have been working in the pipeline industry for the last 10 years and the Oil & Gas industry for more than 12.

I have held my public tongue about this but feel it is time that I say my peace.

From February of 2013 until April of 2016 I was a Right of Way Project Manager for pipeline projects. What does that mean? Well, my first PM job was for a 50 mile 24" pipeline spanning three counties in Western Pennsylvania. My team and I walked into this project as the 'fixers'. The client had fired the previous company after almost 16 months, we basically had to start from scratch and were given approximately 9 months to complete. (Most lines of this length need at least 24 months)

What does that entail? In a nutshell, the following:

Identify landowners. Confirm ownership, negotiate easements, damages and payment of the right of way.

Identify all public areas the pipeline would be crossing. Roads, water crossings, railroads, green spaces (parks), abandoned railroad crossings (rails to trails) and utilities, among others. That includes contacting and negotiating with local, state and federal agencies for access as well as applying for and obtaining PERMITS for these crossings. Bear in mind all these agencies have their own permits and we have to obtain them from ALL agencies.

During this process there are multiple surveys performed on each and every area that we were seeking access. Surveys for environmental and cultural impact being the most intense and significant. If the survey teams (independent of my team, client and parent company) found even a single endangered flower (think the size of one dandelion) one shard of pottery or any other culturally significant artifact, we would have to move/re-route our line (bear in mind that our "line" usually encompasses 50-75 foot wide right of way). You can't just bend a 24" steel pipe to get around an area.

These permits take months and sometimes over a year to obtain. They are scrutinized, evaluated, walked, talked and engineered to death before a pipeline company is given the permission and paperwork it needs to proceed.

Once construction begins these agencies are then on the ground to ensure that their instructions, per the permits, are followed to the letter. No exceptions, or your project is shut down and your client is then fined on top of having to pay all of us to "stand by" while they work out the violations.

This is one of the reasons existing corridors are used. This ensures that disturbance is minimal, due to the fact that you are traveling a known and already utilized "route", to keep impact to a minimum and still achieve the goal of a more efficient and ultimately more environmentally friendly transportation method for this product.

If you have bothered to read the attached article and my lengthy post, thank you, you obviously want to be informed to all the facts. If you still feel like this protest is founded, that is your prerogative and I can respect your willingness to stand by your decision, but bear this in mind, the water will not be impacted any more than it has been in the past with the items (pipeline, fiber optic and electrical) that are currently installed in the corridor, and may be even less impacted if they are going to bore under the river to install this pipeline.

The fact is, if the scene depicted below is accurate, these individuals are probably causing more damage and disruption to the land, water and wildlife than the construction of this pipeline ever would have caused. Some food for thought ... (Article in reference, page 2)





Photo credit: Wikipedia user: Robert B. ...

WSJ - By Kevin Cramer
Dec. 6, 2016 7:40 p.m. ET

A little more than two weeks ago, during a confrontation between protesters and law enforcement, an improvised explosive device was detonated on a public bridge in southern North Dakota. That was simply the latest manifestation of the “prayerful” and “peaceful” protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Escalating tensions were temporarily defused Sunday when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at the direction of the Obama administration, announced it would refuse to grant the final permit needed to complete the \$3.8 billion project. The pipeline, which runs nearly 1,200 miles from the Bakken Shale in North Dakota to Illinois, is nearly complete except for a small section where it needs to pass under the Missouri River. Denying the permit for that construction only punts the issue to next month—to a new president who won’t thumb his nose at the rule of law.

Like many North Dakotans, I’ve had to endure preaching about the pipeline from the press, environmental activists, musicians and politicians in other states. More often than not, these sermons are informed by little more than a Facebook post. At the risk of spoiling the protesters’ narrative, I’d like to bring us back to ground truth.

- This isn’t about tribal rights or protecting cultural resources. The pipeline does not cross any land owned by the Standing Rock Sioux. The land under discussion belongs to private owners and the federal government. To suggest that the Standing Rock tribe has the legal ability to block the pipeline is to turn America’s property rights upside down.

- Two federal courts have rejected claims that the tribe wasn’t consulted. The project’s developer and the Army Corps made dozens of overtures to the Standing Rock Sioux over more than two years. Often these attempts were ignored or rejected, with the message that the tribe would only accept termination of the project.

- Other tribes and parties did participate in the process. More than 50 tribes were consulted, and their concerns resulted in 140 adjustments to the pipeline’s route. The project’s developer and the Army Corps were clearly concerned about protecting tribal artifacts and cultural sites. Any claim otherwise is unsupported by the record. The pipeline’s route was also studied—and ultimately supported—by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (on which I formerly served), the State Historic Preservation Office, and multiple independent archaeologists.

- This isn’t about water protection. Years before the pipeline was announced, the tribe was working with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps to relocate its drinking-water intake. The new site sits roughly 70 miles downstream of where the pipeline is slated to cross the Missouri River. Notably, the new intake, according to the Bureau of Reclamation, will be 1.6 miles downstream of an elevated railroad bridge that carries tanker cars carrying crude oil.

Further, the pipeline will be installed about 100 feet below the riverbed. Automatic shut-off valves will be employed on either side of the river, and the pipeline will be constructed to exceed many federal safety requirements. Other pipelines carrying oil, gas and refined products already cross the Missouri River at least a dozen times upstream of the tribe’s intake. The corridor where the Dakota Access Pipeline will run is directly adjacent to another pipeline, which carries natural gas under the riverbed, as well as an overhead electric transmission line. This site was chosen because it is largely a brownfield area that was disturbed long ago by previous infrastructure.

- This isn’t about the climate. The oil that will be shipped through the pipeline is already being produced. But right now it is transported in more carbon-intensive ways, such as by railroad or long-haul tanker truck. So trying to thwart the pipeline to reduce greenhouse gas could have the opposite effect. So what is the pipeline dispute really about? Political expediency in a White House that does not see itself as being bound by the rule of law. The Obama administration has decided to build a political legacy rather than lead the country. It is facilitating an illegal occupation that has grown wildly out of control. That the economy depends on a consistent and predictable permitting regime seems never to have crossed the president’s mind.

There is no doubt that Native American communities have historically suffered at the hands of the federal government. But to litigate that history on the back of a legally permitted river crossing is absurd. The Obama administration should enforce the law, release the easement and conclude this dangerous standoff. Mr. Cramer, a Republican, represents North Dakota in the U.S. House. As a member of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (2003-12) he helped site the original Keystone Pipeline completed in 2010.



MEETING INFORMATION

- Our meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00PM at the Brookhaven Country Club. (3333 Golfing Green Dr | Farmers Branch, TX 75234)
- The cost of dinner is \$30, cash or checks made payable to Lone Star Desk and Derrick Club of Dallas | RSVPs must be made by the second Tuesday at 10:00AM unless otherwise stated.
- Prior to the meeting, there will be a Social Hour from 5:00-6:00PM with a cash bar.



Dates and News

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



- ★ Sherri Albert 1-10
- ★ Gina Alpin 1-3
- ★ Shar Fields 1-11
- ★ Darla Peluso 1-7
- ★ Sue Dell Stafford 1-2
- ★ Andrea Rea 1-15

Installation of Officers and Directors Saturday, December 3, 2016

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New Ride in Corpus Christi!

January Meeting Speaker Bio

January Meeting Bio Thursday, January 19th

Brookhaven Country Club
3333 Golfing Green Dr.
Farmers Branch, TX 75234



Val Williams has been in the energy industry for more than 45+ years. She finally retired after working for Noble Energy, Inc. for almost 25 years. She worked with the Geoscience Systems Team as manager of all geoscience data used by the domestic and international exploration teams.

Val is a third generation oil industry worker. Her grandfather worked for Standard Oil of California as a Petroleum Engineer and her father worked for Sun Oil Company for 30 years as an Exploration Geophysicist.

She was born in Pasadena, California then moved to Calgary, Alberta, Canada as a baby. She then came to Beaumont, Texas in 1956 and grew up in Beaumont. A graduate of Forest Park High School and a graduate to Texas A&M at Commerce with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Education. She has worked in Dallas, Midland, Denver, Houston and Croydon, England in the energy industry.

Val joined the Desk and Derrick Club of Denver in 1993 and immediately became chair of the Education Committee. From there, Val became Vice President in 1995 and President of the Denver Club in 1996. She then was voted Region VII Director in 1998. Val attributes her success in her job and Desk and Derrick to the mentoring of the members of the Desk and Derrick Club of Denver.

She is still active in the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and is a Past President (2004) of the international organization. She is a member of Region IV and the North Harris/Montgomery Counties Desk and Derrick Club. Val was named United States Energy Woman of the Year by [Nickles Energy](#) in 2004.





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January 2017

Dear friends and fellow members,

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were everything you hoped they would be, and more. I am having a hard time believing that 2017 is already here. My last few years on the board have just flown by, and somehow it is now my turn to lead our Association. All I can say is, "WOW," thank you again for placing your trust and faith in me. I am truly humbled.

As we move into 2017, most start the year with a resolution; be it get physically fit, save more money, or even to learn to play the harp. We try to better ourselves by making a plan for the New Year. More often than not, after a month or so these ambitions fall by the wayside. I have been guilty of that over and over again, but that's because I often set lofty goals for myself. While there is nothing wrong with pushing myself to be better, I have to be realistic, and realize that I will not be an astronaut by the end of the year.

This is what we do at Budget and Planning every year. We start with a resolution or a plan for the year. We begin with some lofty goals, saying, for example, that we want to have 3000 members by the end of 2017. We then review that goal, and discuss ways of making it happen. Once we realize that a goal may not be realistically obtainable, we revise it, perhaps (in our example) to recruit 2500 members. Each goal is scrutinized and revisited until we have reached a practical goal that still pushes us to do better, but can still be achieved. I don't believe we can start by shooting for the stars, but we can sure try to visit the moon.

I mentioned some of my personal goals for the Association at the 2016 Convention. Those will all be reviewed and discussed at B&P, as will any goals the other board members have for ADDC. These are the goals of only 15 people. We have over 1800 members right now. What are your goals for the Association? I urge each and every one of you to give your suggestions to your chapter president, your Regional Director, or any member of the Board. Believe it or not, no idea is "too far out." Who would have thought that we would have chapters conducting meetings over the internet? It is happening now.

I am looking forward to all of your ideas, and working with everyone to make 2017 an ambitious, productive, and educational year for our Association.

Maggi Franks

P.S. Be sure to look for my blog and welcome under the new Video Section on the ADDC website.

Region IV Director's Newsletter



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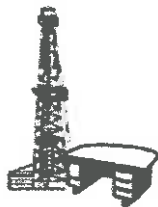
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January 2017

Happy New Year to each and every one of you – I do hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Proud and excited – this is how I feel to be serving as the 2017 Region IV Director. I certainly would not have thought 21 years ago that I would be given this distinguished honor once again.

A great big Texas size "Thank You" to Mary T. Vaughan for being an exceptional Region IV Director for 2016. Your leadership and valued friendship to all of the members of Region IV has been and continues to be a valued asset. It will be a hard act to follow this year!

Region IV is fortunate to have the following members serve their respective clubs as President for 2017:

Debra Rowe	-	Corpus Christi
Tiffany Sellars	-	Dallas
Helen Lovato	-	Fort Worth
Lynda McCluer	-	Graham
Donna Altomari	-	Houston
Carla Adams	-	Lone Star
Val Williams	-	North Harris/Montgomery Counties
Sue Weaver	-	San Antonio
Lori Lawrence	-	Victoria
Connie Bass	-	Wise County Texas

I look forward to an exciting year and busy year. The 2017 Region IV Meeting is scheduled for May 3-6, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina in Corpus Christi, so mark your calendars now. Room rate will be \$135/single and \$145/double. The Corpus Club is working hard to ensure it is a Regional Meeting you won't forget! Look for more details in the near future.

As you know, the San Antonio Club will be hosting the 2017 ADDC Convention in September at the Holiday Inn Rivenwalk. Region IV Clubs will be assisting, as this is a collective effort to make our 2017 President Maggi Franks ADDC Convention – one for the books.

January 2017

I will be attending the ADDC Budget and Planning Meeting January 13-14, 2017 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As your 2017 Region IV Director – I am here to represent you. So if there are any concerns that you, the *Member* of this Association, want or feels that it should be brought before the Board, please let me know.

In 2017 we, the members, need to follow the 3-R's: *Rejuvenate* – *Retain* and *Recruit*. I believe that if we *Rejuvenate* our Members – they will want to *Retain* their Membership for 2017. If members *Retain* their Membership – *Recruitment* of new members will naturally follow the process. *Rejuvenate* your membership – Inspire and engage your entire membership; use the knowledge of long-standing members. *Retaining* your membership in today's environment, with many companies electing not to support members is happening. If members are excited about the club, they will want to continue their membership. *Recruit* – guest who come to your meetings are all potential members. Let's make the 3-R's part of our Desk and Derrick goals.

Remember that when or if you need me – I am here for you. I am easy to reach by phone, e-mail or text. No matter how insignificant you think your question or concern is – contact me.

Hugs to all and thank you for this incredible journey we will be on together this year.

Evelyn

**"Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory."
George S. Patton**

Spotlight



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