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West Texas Energy Consortium Holds First Membership Reception of 2015

Members and dignitaries across West Texas gather to hear President of TXOGA, Todd Staples speak

Monday, February 2, 2015: The West Texas Energy Consortium (WTxEC) welcomed Todd Staples, President of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, to West Texas on Thursday, January 29, 2015 for an afternoon of networking with members and local officials. The event, hosted by WTxEC Business Partner, Pioneer Natural Resources, featured remarks from U.S. Congressman, Mike Conaway, and Pioneer Natural Resources VP of Permian Affairs, Susan Spratlen in addition to special guest speaker, Todd Staples.

The continual decline in the price of oil has many folks across the state, and the nation, on the edge of their seat. Here in West Texas, the potential impact on communities from a sustained low in the market is significant, but there are things our nation can do to minimize the damage. Congressman Conaway spoke about the need to lift the U.S. ban on exporting raw crude and with a Republican controlled Congress, definite inroads for that discussion will be made.

The theme throughout the event was the strength and resiliency of West Texas communities and businesses. Following the West Texas Energy Consortium's approach that there is '*Power In Partnership*' TXOGA President, Todd Staples said, "This Consortium represents how we need to work to get things done. It's up to you, and TXOGA would like to partner with you." Susan Spratlen mirrored Mr. Staples comments when talking with Consortium representatives and members, saying that this is an ongoing relationship and should reach beyond this one meeting.

For more information on upcoming Consortium events or to become a member, please visit <http://wtxec.org> or contact Alyssa Goodgame, Regional Outreach Coordinator, at alyssa@wtxec.org or 937-416-7591.