University Lands Advisory Committee

Background
The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System (BOR) is responsible for all Permanent University Fund Lands (PUF Lands) surface and mineral operations as well as the collection of all revenue. Many of the routine duties have been delegated by the BOR to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and the Executive Director of University Lands.

Oil and gas leasing of the PUF Lands has been administered by the Board for Lease of University Lands (BFL) since 1929. The authorizing statute has very strict guidelines for appointment to the BFL. The most pertinent to this discussion is that no member of the BFL can be directly involved in the oil and gas business. While this has worked well, there are times when oil industry expertise would be beneficial to the BFL. Because the business climate in the oil and gas industry is changing rapidly, now is a great time for the BFL and University Lands staff to benefit from the contemporary insight of oil industry leaders.

Purpose
The University Lands Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) will be an advisory arm to the BOR, the BFL, and to the U. T. System Administration, and serves at the pleasure of and reports to the Chancellor of The University of Texas System. The primary benefit of the Advisory Committee is to increase the level of expertise and to suggest value-added recommendations that could be employed in the management of the PUF Lands. The Advisory Committee is not intended to be involved in day-to-day management of the PUF Lands or to decrease the authority of the BOR or the BFL, but rather is intended to increase the knowledge by which both Boards may act.

The work of the Advisory Committee includes:
- Reviewing the operational and strategic direction of University Lands and making recommendations for improvement;
- Reviewing the existing organization structure of University Lands and making recommendations for improvement;
- Reviewing hiring policies and compensation/benefit structures and making recommendations for improvement;
• Reviewing existing policies and procedures for improvement;
• Reviewing existing lease terms and bid strategies for oil and gas leases and auctions;
• Reviewing standard form contracts and strategies for development such as pooling or unitization;
• Reviewing existing terms and contracting strategies for surface leases and easements; and
• Working with University Lands staff on all other activities as requested by the Chancellor or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs of the U. T. System.

Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members
• Expertise in oil and gas, real estate or finance;
• No impermissible conflict of interest. An impermissible conflict of interest is defined as an economic interest of 5% or more in any project on PUF Lands, including stock ownership, or an economic interest of 5% or more in the operator of any project on PUF Lands, including stock ownership;
• Successful completion of a conflict of interest disclosure questionnaire provided by the U. T. System; and
• Invited by the Chancellor of the U. T. System or his designee, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.

Organization
The Advisory Committee is composed of five (5) members, who meet twice per year or at the request of the Chancellor, the BOR, or the BFL, as needed. Meetings are typically held in Austin or Midland, Texas. Members serve as volunteers and are reimbursed for routine business and travel expenses only per U. T. System policy.

Committee Members
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