



Questions for Candidates for Texas Railroad Commissioner Conservative Coalition of Harris County

Our questionnaire is for candidates to indicate their reasons and opinions concerning issues surrounding their races. This questionnaire will be posted onto the Conservative Coalition of Harris County website for public voter viewing.

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| Candidate Name | Position for which Candidate is Running |
| Bo French | Texas Railroad Commissioner |

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

1.

Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.

Answer: I have several decades in Texas energy, helping invest in and grow companies. I was raised in the oil industry by my father, who was an All-American Wildcatter, and I, along with my family, am still involved in the oil industry. I have a long record of helping businesses grow and will bring this experience to the Railroad Commission. I am also the only candidate in the race with a proven record of standing up to adversaries like China.

2.

Please explain what you believe are the most significant issues in this race, why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidate(s).

Answer: The incumbent has passed a massive increase in O&G regulations during his term, and it's making it so much harder for operators to work, especially smaller companies that can't handle the new, massive regulatory burdens. I will end this. Another massive problem is that, in terms of DEI spending, the RRC has become a top 10 DEI agency under my opponent's term. To me, this is just unacceptable, and I will end it on Day 1. Oil and gas are a life-or-death industry. People need to heat their homes. It is critical that we put merit first. These are the main reasons I am running.

It's easy to differentiate me from the other candidates. The incumbent has increased regulation and DEI spending. One of my opponents recently ran as a libertarian rather than a Republican, one recently ran and fundraised as a Democrat, and one wants to increase regulation even further. This sets me apart as the only committed Republican who opposes DEI and supports cutting the red tape that hurts the industry.

3.

What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?

Answer: Ending DEI in the RRC, stopping the Islamic invasion of Texas, and ending the massive overregulation choking the oil and gas industry so Texas energy can get to work like never before.

4. What changes can be made to the Railroad Commissioner office to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiency?

Answer: End DEI spending, enforce competitive contracting and merit-based decision-making, and cut regulation. I also believe that we can be more efficient by reversing the centralization of RRC activity in Austin and returning power to the district offices. These offices are much more convenient for operators in their local community, and the employees in those offices know the needs of their areas better.

I also have a plan to modernize the RRC permitting process and bring it into the 21st century. One simple way to increase efficiency is to allow permits to be submitted and processed electronically, rather than submitted by mail. When you have to print, fill out, and submit an application (with a check) by mail, it takes time to reach Austin. There's a potential that the mail isn't successfully delivered. If there is an issue, you've got to try again - and hopefully your writing is legible! We will save a lot of time and money for both the RRC and operators simply by modernizing the Commission.

5. What are your strategies to attract new investment in mining for "rare earth" minerals within Texas (lanthanides, uranium, etc.) to help reduce the US dependence on China?

Answer: I have a proven record of calling out our dependence on China. This is an important issue for me. We have plenty of resources here in Texas that, if we steward them well, could take away dependence on China. We've got great operators like MP Materials and others, here in our state, that could do the work. But the RRC is getting in their way.

If all we do is increase regulation, which brings with it higher expenses and risk of fines, and make the permit process take 6 months, why would an operator not look elsewhere? I believe in streamlining permitting and making Texas a reliable and friendly environment for our operators so that we can reduce reliance on China - and I'm the only candidate in the race with this position.

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Bo French Biography

"Bo French was raised in Midland by a father who worked in the Texas energy sector as an All-American Wildcatter. He entered the industry in 1994 and worked as an energy trader for a decade. In addition, he is a rancher and mineral owner. As an entrepreneur, Bo has owned and operated security businesses in the Middle East, providing security for the biggest energy companies in the world.

Bo has been a long-time Republican activist. Recently, he has served as the Chairman of the Tarrant County Republican Party, the largest red county in the nation, since 2023. He is a proven conservative fighter who has stood up to the Chinese Communist Party and radical Islam, as well as the radical Left and Never Trump factions, having refused to back down to attacks from all sides."

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- True Texas Project
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