



## 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.*

Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Hawk Dunlap	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.*

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1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.
	<b>Answer: I am 4<sup>th</sup> generation oilfield. I started my career in oil and gas over 30 years ago while I was driving 18 wheelers hauling saltwater to disposal facilities at night and attending Stephen F. Austin during the day. After graduating from college I moved overseas where I continued my career as a snubbing hand and then well control specialist. Fighting oil well fires and running operations for some of the most technically complex blowouts in the world. I returned to Texas in 2021 to find the RRC has stopped enforcing regulations and become cheerleaders for oil and gas industry. The industry needs fair and consistent oversight, not cheerleaders.</b>
  
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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).
	<b>Answer: I'm the only candidate with decades of boots-on-the-ground operational experience. I decided to run because Texas oil and gas is so vital to our state economy and national security. I understand the challenges presented with today's modern operations. We are currently producing 30 million barrels of toxic produced water every day that is re-injected below ground. We inject it deep and it lubricates faults, resulting in earthquakes. We inject it shallow and it artificially pressurizes shallow formations, which come into contact with legacy wells that were not designed, drilled, or completed to withstand these new shallow pressures. This leads to groundwater contamination. I understand what is actually happening below ground and will use my personal experience to evenly and fairly apply the rules to all operators.</b>

3. What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
- Answer:**
1. **Bring transparency to the agency. Their current open meetings include hundreds of agenda items and last less than an hour. The public has to drive to Austin and is limited to 3 minutes of speaking. I will work to change the rules to allow people to participate via Zoom from anywhere in the State. I will also ask questions during the meetings, which should last all day if we actually want to review the substance of the issues being decided.**
  2. **Tackle the produced water problem. We need to incentivize the recycling and repurposing of this water for beneficial use. We can take this recycled water and use it to cool the data centers that are coming to Texas. We shouldn't be wasting potable water on anything other than human consumption.**
  3. **Ensure Texas natural resources are not wasted. I am energy source agnostic. We have thousands of new residents moving to Texas every week. We need long term planning to ensure all Texans have access to inexpensive, reliable energy that does not destroy our environment. We need to stop venting and flaring methane. We need to build pipelines and get that natural gas to market.**
4. What changes can be made to the Railroad Commissioner office to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiency?
- Answer: First, we need experience in the agency. When I was a child, the RRC was staffed with industry experts. Retired oilfield hands that spent a few years at the end of their career sharing their years of experience and insight with younger professionals and operators. Now, the agency is full of inexperienced people willing to work at a discount. We need to adequately fund the agency so it can staff experienced engineers, geologists, and field hands to tackle the very real problems facing Texas oil and gas.**
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: We need to stop wasting time and money chasing a reduction in CO2. Carbon capture does nothing to change the climate, but it does create carbonic acid, which attacks steel and cement. The same steel and cement that encases oil and gas wells and protects other zones including our drinking water aquifers. We need to take that money and invest in produced water recycling, where we can pull minerals like lithium and radium from the water. Because I completely agree, Texas ensures the US can be self-sufficient to avoid dependence on foreign adversaries like China.**

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Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to:

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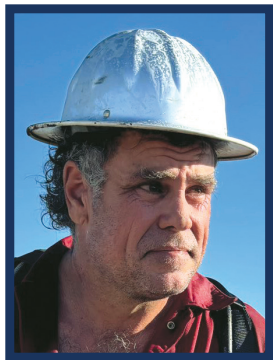
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KNOWS TEXAS ENERGY

For over 30 years, Hawk Dunlap has been on the front lines of oil and gas.

- ★ Real-world Experience
- ★ Deep Industry Knowledge
- ★ Proven Leadership Ability

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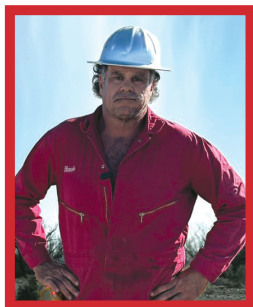
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## Hawk Dunlap knows the way.

A 6<sup>th</sup> generation Texan and a 4<sup>th</sup> generation oil man, oil and gas is in his blood.

Hawk Dunlap has spent more than three decades in the oil and gas industry, working across Texas and around the globe.

Hawk has been on the front lines of energy—drilling, managing well control, leading blowout recovery, and building systems for safety and risk management. In every role, his focus has remained the same: **responsible development, environmental stewardship, and accountability.**



Texans deserve a Railroad Commissioner with real-world experience, deep industry knowledge, and a proven record of leadership. Hawk understands energy from the ground up and is committed to protecting the land and water we depend on.

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*“I invite you to join me to hear more about my vision, share your ideas, and discuss how together we can strengthen Texas’s energy future while protecting the environment that makes Texas home.”*

— **HAWK DUNLAP**