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BIRDWELL NAMED CHAIR OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AUSTIN—On Friday, State Senator Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) was appointed chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development (NRED). Among the most rigorous committees in the Senate, NRED drives statewide policy on issues related to air quality, economic development, permitting, oil and natural gas, solid waste, the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Workforce Commission, among other matters.

“I am profoundly grateful to the Lieutenant Governor for the opportunity to lead this important committee,” Birdwell said. “Many of the issues we’ll address are those that have kept our state as an economic beacon for the country, and I look forward to the chance to help keep our state on that track of success.”

Birdwell will hold hearings in the summer and fall regarding the interim charges assigned to the committee, including environmental emergency safety, waste disposal regulation, the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP), and the Texas Railroad Commission.

In a statewide press release, Lt. Governor Patrick called Sen. Birdwell “a proven and respected conservative leader who will bring his no-nonsense approach to the important work” of the committee, ensuring that Texas “continues to set the standard for the rest of America.” The full release [can be found online](#).

In addition to this new role, Senator Birdwell serves as Chairman of the [Sunset Advisory Commission](#) and as a member of the Senate Committees on Criminal Justice, Finance, and State Affairs. He will continue to serve in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Nominations until a subsequent chair is appointed.

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Brian Birdwell is a native Texan, decorated military veteran, lifelong conservative Republican, survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, and a proud husband, father and grandfather. He currently represents the counties of Bosque, Ellis, Falls, Hill, Hood, Johnson, McLennan, Navarro, Somervell and Tarrant [partial] in Senate District 22.