

Register now for Aug. 4-6 Summer Meeting

Bring the family and join your friends for the 2024 GO-WV Summer Meeting at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. You won't want to miss the excellent lineup of speakers during the industry presentations on Monday and Tuesday. The fun of GO-WV's Annual Summer Meeting takes place August 4-6 and you won't want to miss the good times awaiting you!

Please see the forms on page 20 and 21 to register or visit www.gowv.com.

Golf tee times are available Sunday morning from 11:07 a.m. to 11:37 p.m. on the Meadows Course.

Sunday evening is the western-themed welcome reception and banquet atop Kate's Mountain.

Come enjoy our traditional buffet of lobster and filet mignon. The Josh Stewart Band will be providing entertainment for this popular comfortable and casual event.

Industry presentations and business session begin on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in

the Eisenhower Room. Guest speakers will include leaders from both industry and government.

Monday is filled with sporting events, as well, with something for everyone.

- The morning begins with the men's and women's doubles tennis tournament from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Tennis Club.
- The Trap & Skeet Tournament will take place at The Greenbrier Gun Club on Kate's Mountain Monday, August 5, with shooting times available from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Practice times will be available on Sunday. Please call (800) 624-6070 to make practice and tournament reservations at the Gun Club.



*Jim Crews
Vice President &
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2024 Spring Swing set for May 6 at Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston

Come join your industry peers, invite your clients, get outside and enjoy a day "on the links" at the GO-WV Spring Swing! We will be gathering on May 6, 2024, at Berry Hills Country Club in Charleston.



Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., with the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

We have registration options that include sponsorships with foursomes, sponsorships without foursomes, single golfers or foursomes. We'll match players for single registrations.

We have several levels of sponsorship to meet your goals. Select your sponsorship level and register your team, or select your registration choice if you're not able to sponsor. [You can click here to sponsor and/or register.](#)

Diamond, Bronze and Hole sponsorships are available.

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Spring is blooming at GO-WV

Spring is here as my yard shows signs of needing mowing. In my family, spring has brought about a sense of hope as things begin to come alive and the weather turns warmer.

It is also time to start gearing up for our Spring Swing Golf Outing. The outing will be held at the Berry Hills Country Club on May 6th. The event is a way to come out of hibernation and network with colleagues from around the state. You can find an application on the GO-WV website at www.gowv.com or contact Lori to sign up.

The hope that spring brings will hopefully manifest itself in demand growth. As markets continue to lag due to the abundant amounts of natural gas producers are realizing, demand growth is welcomed. The LNG facilities currently permitted or under construction represent tremendous opportunity for our country, both to strengthen our ties with our allies as well as aid in solving our national debt. Locally, the completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, along with TC Energy's eastern panhandle expansion and Hope Gas' new pipeline project in northern West Virginia shows the need for West Virginia gas. And our West Virginian Economic Development Office continues with announcements of new businesses wanting to locate in our great state. Part of the reason for those companies wanting to locate here is the proximity to low-cost, reliable natural gas. GO-WV's member companies stand ready to meet the heating, electricity, or manufacturing processing needs of these companies.

The board continues to advocate both nationally and statewide for the use of our product and I am very appreciative of their efforts. Please continue to help in our effort to recruit more members to GO-WV through our [ongoing membership drive](#). Please contact Charlie, Lori or myself if you have someone interested in joining GO-WV.



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From the Burd's Nest: A hard day's night

History has it that inspiration for this title song from the English rock group “The Beatles” came about from a comment drummer Ringo Starr made in an interview with disc jockey Dave Hull in 1964: “We went to do a job, and we’d worked all day and we happened to work all night”. John Lennon and Paul McCartney then wrote “A Hard Day’s Night” based on Starr’s statement. For those of you out there not familiar with the golden age of rock ‘n roll, the song depicts the experiences of those who work hard during the day and look forward to returning home to their loved ones. The actual lyric from the song is “It’s been a hard day’s night, and I’ve been working like a dog”. This “working like a dog,” reference suggests those that work extremely hard and dedicate themselves to their work to the point of exhaustion--despite the fatigue, still find fulfillment in what they do.

This perfectly describes the work ethic of your GO-WV lobbying team—the West Virginia Legislative session runs for sixty days **and** sixty nights. To say the least, it can be exhausting, but in the end, it can be very rewarding. Due to a tremendous amount of hard work, the 2024 Legislative Session was, in my opinion, very rewarding. Good things happened and bad things didn’t.

The Legislative Session ended “Sine Die” at about midnight, Saturday, March 9. Sine Die means to adjourn a without setting a day to reconvene—it is the official way the WV Legislature ends each regular session.

By way of sheer numbers, there were 2,575 total bills introduced: House 1,698 bills, Senate 877 bills, and another 245 resolutions. In the end, 280 total bills passed (10.9%) with 123 House Bills passing (7.2%), and 157 Senate Bills passing (17.9%). In addition, 151 of the 245 Resolutions (59.4%) also passed. The lobby team looked at each one!

This year there were several social issues that consumed a great deal of the Legislature’s time and, while important, your GO-WV lobbying

team remained focused on other legislation more closely related to natural gas and oil. As the last day turned into night...here is a brief summary of some of the legislation to which we devoted our time.

Legislation supported by GO-WV that passed:

- **Senate Bill-683, amends the definition of "alternative fuel" under the Motor Fuel Excise Tax statute.** This bill, introduced on February 7, removes “hydrogen” from the definition of “alternative fuel” for excise taxation purposes under the Motor Fuel Excise Tax provision. Since natural gas is used in the manufacturing of “blue hydrogen”, this redefining will aid in the development of hydrogen as a feedstock for development in industrial future processes. **GO-WV supported this legislation** that passed the full legislature March 9 with an amendment to create a July 1, 2034, sunset date on the tax exemption. SB-683 was vetoed by the Governor on March 9.
- **Senate Bill-873, the modification of severance tax due dates:** This bill originated in committee on February 22 and was passed by the full Legislature on March 8. The bill, which was unchanged in any of its four committee references, removes the requirement that the June severance tax installment payment on natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids is payable on the 30th of the month—gone will be the former June 15th payment date. As such, the need to estimate that payment and then true up in July will be eliminated. **GO-WV supported the legislation** and wants to give special thanks to Sam Somerville, NNE, who provided expert testimony in the Senate Finance Committee as to the need and benefits of this legislation. SB-873 was sent to the Governor on March 9 and signed on March 27. It will become effective June 7, 2024.

- **Committee Substitute for House Bill-4850 addresses oil and natural gas producing**
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Encova Association Summit was extremely successful

The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) and Encova Insurance partnered to host the Encova Association Summit in March.

This program was one of the minimum requirements needed to qualify for participation in this discount program. The Summit presented an opportunity for GO-WV members that are also Encova policyholders to receive a discount on their annual workers' compensation premium. The discount itself is calculated each year based on the previous years' performance for those eligible members.

To qualify for participation in the discount program, a member must meet these additional minimum expectations outlined below.

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 3. Clearly define and make available safety and loss prevention rules/policies/best practices.
 4. Provide safety awareness and loss prevention training to employees.
 5. Establish written policies and procedures on claims management.

Again, we were excited to offer this program and discount opportunity to our eligible members and hope that we can continue to grow this partnership with Encova moving forward as it can benefit



GO-WV's Lori Miller Smith joined David Romine of Union Oil & Gas and Jason Porter of GO-WV's Environmental and Safety Committee at the Encova Association Summit in Charleston.

the members and the overall association. Most importantly, it helps drive efforts to keep the employees in our industry safe and returning home to their families each day!



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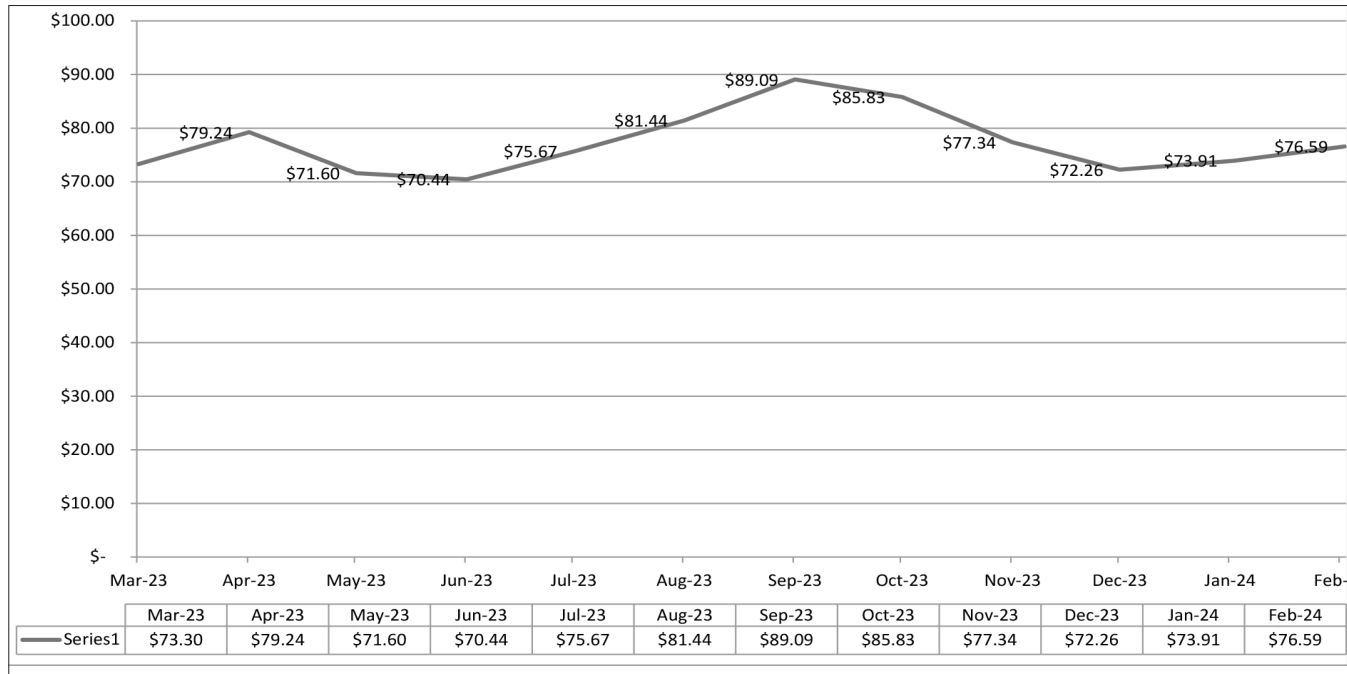
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The power of successful collaboration

In one team building exercise Lynnda and I do, we divide the group into teams and give each team a one-pound box of spaghetti and a bag of large marshmallows. They are instructed to build a tower as tall as they can in 10 minutes using only the spaghetti and marshmallows. The goal is to have them work together as a team toward a common goal. When finished, we measure the height of the tower and see if or who they selected as a leader. Hundreds of teams of middle, high school and college students as well as corporate groups from field people to executives have built these towers in the last 30 years. It's always done the same way so we can compare results.

The tallest tower ever was 54 inches tall, built by a group of five Desk & Derrick Club women with mixed backgrounds in 2013. It was so sturdy they carried it around the ballroom. When asked, "Who was the leader," their response was, "We didn't have one. We collaborated." We learned teams with members having diverse skills do better. Teams made up of engineers only didn't do well. They were typically outperformed by high school students. However, teams with one engineer and others of diverse skills did very well. A few years ago, one E&P company team of managers led by their executive VP almost caught the ladies by building a tower 51 inches tall. The executive VP was the leader, not a boss or commander.

Collaboration is the action of working with someone or a group to create or produce something. It requires commitment to the possibility of producing an outcome greater than one person can do by themselves. Collaboration requires discussion, listening and questioning. Working collaboratively, we can produce better results because the team can take advantage of everyone's unique abilities.

When I became a district manager, the district had one of the lowest revenues and profit margins of any in the country. They had a terrible safety record and "no morale" according to one young engineer. The district I left as assistant manager

was one of the most profitable and successful in the company. Morale was high. The manager I was replacing was a dictator. He ran the show and made most of the decisions. His people told him what he wanted to hear, not their ideas. No one questioned him.

As the District Manager and youngest member of the leadership team, I knew I wasn't the brightest bulb and needed the experience of my team members. If I suggested an idea, my concern was the team would tell me what they thought I wanted to hear because of my position as Manager. One morning at the staff meeting, I pitched a really stupid idea to get their response. We went around the table. Everyone said "yes" until it came to my as-

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On March 1, 2024 Mountaineer received an order from the WV Public Service Commission approving its request to offer three-year fixed price contracts to its Gas Suppliers. Mountaineer was able to lock in a three-year fixed price contract with interstate suppliers. At this time, Mountaineer is offering three-year, fixed price contracts to eligible WV Producers. If you are interested in discussing the terms of your current contract(s) and considering a three-year fixed price offer from Mountaineer, please contact us at 888-420-4421 Ext. 88025. If we are not able to answer the phone immediately please leave a message so that we can research the terms of your current contract(s) and respond to you with an offer. You can also e-mail us at lauraabshire@mgcww.com, thomaswestfall@mgcww.com, stephaniefacemyer@mgcww.com, or richardsuppa@mgcww.com.

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WeatherBELL: Summer forecast



With El Niño fading and possibly a La Niña coming on, we expect a warm summer across most of the country. Depending on the mid-spring rainfall patterns, the early part of the summer will be hottest where it's driest in May. Any wet areas will help increase humidity levels, leading to warm overnight temperatures.

Along with the warm temperatures, we expect a very active hurricane season. In fact, it wouldn't surprise us to see an impactful storm in June and multiple hurricane hits starting in July or August.

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Upcoming events for your review

April 18, 2024

PIOGA Spring Meeting
Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA
 Info: www.pioga.org

May 6, 2024

GO-WV Spring Swing
Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston, WV
 Info: gowv.com

May 15-17, 2024

SUPER DUG
Fort Worth Convention Center, Ft. Worth, TX
 Info: hartenergy.com

May 20-22, 2024

IOGCC Annual Business Meeting
Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City, OK
 Info: iogcc

May 23, 2024

WV Chemical Alliance Zone Spring Meeting
Location TBD
 Info: cazwv.com

June 5-6, 2024

GO-WV Science Teacher Workshop
Hampton Inn & Suites Morgantown
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June 6, 2024

Apex 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing
Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston
 Info: katucker@apexpipeline.com

June 27, 2024

KOGA 87th Annual Meeting
Campbell House, Lexington, KY
 Info: www.kyoilgas.org

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 Info: gowv.com

September 20, 2024

GO-WV Fall Sports Outing
Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport, WV
 Info: gowv.com

September 22-25, 2024

GPA Midstream Assn. National Convention
Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, TX
 Info: gpamidstream

October 21, 2024

Apex 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing
Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston
 Info: katucker@apexpipeline.com

October 28-30, 2024

IOGCC Annual Conference
Cheyenne Mt. Resort, Colorado Springs, CO
 Info: iogcc

February 19-20, 2025

GO-WV 2025 Winter Meeting
Charleston Marriott Hotel, Charleston, WV

August 2025

GO-WV Summer Meeting
The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

August 2-4, 2026

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- Golf tee times are available Monday on the Meadows Course from 11:07 a.m. to 12:17 p.m.
- The mixed doubles tennis tournament takes place from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday at the Tennis Club.

Monday evening features dinner on your own. Following dinner, wear your GO-WV badge and head to the casino for our After Dinner Reception at 8:30 p.m. The Casino Night fun will feature a private GO-WV bar and the opportunity to enjoy an evening of your favorite casino games. Music and dancing are also available.

Tuesday begins with our second set of industry presentations from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Eisenhower Room. Guest speakers will again include industry and government leaders.

The festivities then move back outdoors for more sporting fun. Our first-ever Pickle Ball Tournament will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Tennis Courts.

The Trap & Skeet Tournament enjoys its second day of competition from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The shotgun-start golf tournament will take place on the Old White course Tuesday, August 6, beginning at 12:30 p.m. To sign up for the tournament, please contact Jake Fullerton at (304) 536-7851 or jake_fullerton@greenbrier.com.

For those not participating in golf or other sporting events, come get creative and have fun while designing your own, one-of-a-kind bracelet! Browse through a huge selection of high-quality beads which will include freshwater pearls, natural stones, lamp worked and Czech glass, wood, metal, along with colorful glass seed beads and spacer beads. Artist Connie Gottshall, who has been making and selling jewelry since 2007, will offer guidance and suggestions to help you build a breathtaking piece to enjoy for years to come! The cost is \$150 per person and lunch is included.

Your Summer Meeting adventure concludes Tuesday evening with an awards reception at the Outdoor Pool from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A luau dinner will follow the awards reception, also at the Outdoor Pool, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This special evening will conclude with music, dancing and fireworks!

To make golf reservations or to make reservations for Trap and Skeet, call 1-800-624-6070.



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sistant manager sitting next to me. “Greg, are you sure you want to do that?” “No,” I responded. “I don’t want to do it at all. I just wanted to see who would stop me.” The ice was broken. The team opened up and began to give me honest feedback. We collaborated especially on big decisions. I had ultimate authority but rarely needed to use it. The responsibility for the district’s performance was still mine. But now I had my team’s experience and creativity to help me. We became successful. It was important to praise people for their contributions. We let upper management know our success was because of the work of the team, not just me.

When the industry hit a downturn, thanks to our people, we continued to grow. Soon we led the region in revenue and profit. We stopped having vehicle accidents and injuries. People got raises, promotions, bonuses and other perks because of our success. They developed pride and belief in themselves and their team. People willingly shared thoughts and ideas. They asked questions. Everything changed. All ideas weren’t good. Some were bad. No idea was ever laughed at. The person with the bad idea today could have a brilliant idea tomorrow.

The oil and gas industry, American business, the USA and the world have many problems and challenges. People working collaboratively can solve them. We can’t be silent. No person or group has all the best ideas. As I travel and visit with people, I see a lot of hesitancy from smart, creative people to speak up or question company leadership, the government, the antis or even popular beliefs. People are afraid to lose their jobs, be attacked or publicly embarrassed if they disagree. Some have been bullied or intimidated into silence. The antis became masters of this during the “fracking” discussion almost 15 years ago. We need to be truthful, civil and respectful, but not silent.

Where are the engineers who are silently watching baseload power be shut down and replaced with intermittent renewables as demand for power increases? How many people need to die in a blackout before they speak? Anyone, including the government, who is afraid to be questioned or forces those who disagree to be silent must have something to hide or they know their argument is weak. Disagreement makes us stronger if our

position is based on fact and not fantasy. Solving industry and environmental issues or any other challenge isn’t difficult with collaboration if people are encouraged to share their ideas and speak honestly. Science is never settled.

Several years ago, I spoke at a conference and discussed the advantages of the Shell Cracker to the region. I was questioned by a member of the “environmental” community and responded, “You can’t be an environmentalist and be against that cracker.” I then explained why. He silently melted back into the crowd.

Are your people willing to question you? Are they willing to share their expertise and ideas? How do you react to an idea you disagree with or think is “dumb”? Will people continue to bring you ideas after one of their ideas is rejected? Do you use people’s minds or just their bodies? Are you a commander or a leader? Do you collaborate? All of us are smarter than any one of us. Open, honest, respectful discussion can lead to success. The founding fathers understood the importance of free speech. Five smart women showed me the power of collaboration. All things are possible.

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property tax valuations. This legislation was introduced January 17 and simply removes the sunset clause from the oil and gas personal property tax as established in House Bill-4336 from the 2022 Legislative Session. This **GO-WV supported legislation** successfully passed the full Legislature on February 23 and was signed by the Governor on March 28. It becomes effective on May 23, 2024. GO-WV wishes to thank those that spoke in support of the legislation at its February 14 public hearing conducted by the House Finance Committee.

- **Committee Substitute for House Bill-5045 establishes primacy on Class VI injections wells** through the administration of the West Virginia Water Pollution Control Act, and Underground Carbon Dioxide Sequestration and Storage. This **GO-WV supported legislation** was introduced January 23, successfully passed the full legislature on February 13, and was approved by the Governor on March 1. The bill becomes effective on May 13, 2024. Once established in law, West Virginia will become only the fourth state to have this designation. (Others: Louisiana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.)
- **Committee Substitute for House Bill 5091 enhances the current West Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection Act** that, among other things, removes the requirement that a critical infrastructure facility be enclosed; including hardware, software, digital property, nuclear reactors, and nuclear components in definition of critical infrastructure facility; clarifying that digital and physical equipment is protected; including damage inflicted by cyber-attack or digital interference as punishable conduct; **(with amending language offered and supported by GO-WV and other members)** increasing criminal penalties; creating second offense penalties for a person who willfully damages, destroys, vandalizes, defaces, or tampers with equipment in a critical infrastructure facility causing damage in excess of \$2,500; providing person who buys or receives certain property stolen from a critical infrastructure facility is guilty of larceny; providing exception to larceny for persons

acting at the request of law enforcement or in cooperation with law enforcement; providing liability for compensatory and punitive damages in certain circumstances; providing for forfeiture of items of personal property in certain circumstances; and providing that forfeiture be governed by the applicable provisions of the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act. **GO-WV supported this legislation** that was introduced February 2 and passed the full legislature on March 7. It was signed by the Governor on March 26 and becomes effective June 5, 2024.

- **House Bill-5268, allows for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) for horizontal wells.** This legislation was introduced on January 29, and clarifies horizontal wells and horizontal drilling well work can include certain enhanced recovery techniques. This **GO-WV supported legislation** passed the full legislature on February 13, 2024. *Burd's Nest* *Continued on page 15*

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ruary 24, was signed into law by the Governor on March 26 and will become effective May 24, 2024.

Legislative Rules Supported by GO-WV that passed:

- **As bundled under Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2:**
Senate Bill 2, WVDEP Rules regarding alternative emission limitations during startup and shutdown operations (45CSR01)
Senate Bill 16, authorizes the WVDEP to promulgate a legislative rule relating to underground injection control and relating to the Department of Environmental Protection (underground injection control (47CSR13). The bundled bill passed the Legislature March 8, was signed by the Governor on March 26 and became effective from passage.
- **As bundled under Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 50:**
Senate Bill 56 authorizes the West Virginia Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to income tax paid at the entity level by electing pass-through entities.
Senate Bill 57 authorizes the West Virginia Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to income tax credits for property taxes paid, and fixes the glitch that may have led to current property tax evaluations confusion.
The bundled bill passed the Legislature March 8, was signed by the Governor on March 26 and became effective from passage.
- **As bundled under Committee Substitute for House Bill 4110:**
House Bill 4165 regarding the alignment of the noticing of provisions for unknown and unlocatable individuals in both the Co-tenancy Act and the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act that authorizes the West Virginia State Treasurer to promulgate a legislative rule relating to enforcement of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (112CSR5). This bill passed the legislature on March 9 and was signed by the Governor on March 8. It was effective from passage.

Legislation supported by GO-WV that did not pass:

- **Senate Bill-849** sought to remove producer owned and operated pipelines from the definition of “utility” under the provisions of recovering costs associated with the moving or relocating such lines to accommodate highway construction activities. The current reimbursement is set at only 15% of the cost incurred. This **GO-WV sponsored legislation**, introduced on February 19, was not taken up for committee discussion. GO-WV will consider this for future legislative sessions.
- **House Bill 5076** proposed to clarify the process of the plugging of wells that do not need promptly plugged; limited cause of actions against producers; and confirmed the WVDEP has sole management and authority of current and future agency issued well plugging consent orders. This **GO-WV supported legislation** introduced January 25 did not advance to its second House committee reference.

Legislation not supported by GO-WV that did not pass:

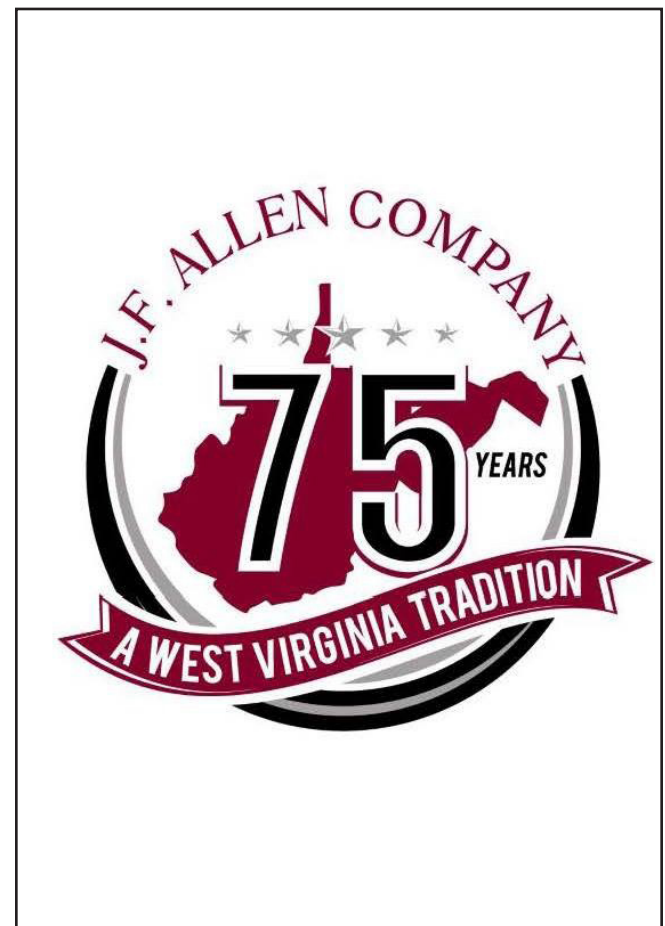
- **Committee Substitute for House Bill 4292, regarding the timely payment of royalties**, sought to establish more onerous rules and penalties for the non-payment of royalties on conventional vertical wells. This legislation passed the House unchanged but was amended in both Senate Energy, Industry and Mining Committee and in the Senate Finance Committee. While the penalty provision of the original legislation had been lessened, the bill had been amended to include coal extracted through underground mining and surface mining and added back a troubling provision to allow for the recovery of attorney fees. This caused much concern among the many stakeholders. On March 8, when a compromise could not be reached, the bill was removed from the active Senate Calendar on third reading. The bill then died without being further advanced. The companion bill, Senate Bill 235 did not advance once HB-4292 was moving through the two chambers. This matter may be addressed in the Legislative Interims meeting process.

- **House Bill-4411** that called for the standardization of leases, deeds, or contracts relating to oil and gas was never taken up for consideration in committee.
- **House Bill-4662** that called for the withholding of West Virginia personal income tax on natural resources royalty payments to those that live outside West Virginia was never taken up for consideration in committee.
- **Committee Substitute for House Bill-4759** sought to verify the legal employment status of all persons who come into your employment through the federal E-Verify system and to report such employment to the appropriate governmental agencies. This bill, debated at length in the House, was opposed by many business advocacy groups including GO-WV. After passing in the House, it died at the end of the legislative session without ever being debated in Senate Government Organization Committee. Its companion, Senate Bill-526, was not taken up for consideration in committee.
- **House Bill-5414 and companion Senate Bill-532** sought to prevent oil and gas wells from being orphaned on surface owner's land with no responsible driller or operator with the resources to plug the well. These two bills were never taken up for consideration in committee.
- **House Bill-5624** that sought to provide recorded notice to surface owners of potential mineral development surface uses which burdens the surface estate, passed the House Energy committee unanimously with amendment. It was then sent to its second referenced committee and placed on the House Judiciary agenda but objection from industry caused the Chairman to remove the bill from the agenda.
- **On top of these** few listed here, there was a plethora of other bills adverse to promoting and utilizing natural gas, oil and NGL's to better our industry, and the state.

To accomplish this level of success, many "hard days" of reading bills, tracking agendas, attending public hearings, legislative committee hearings, and untold meetings with Senators and Delegates turned into many "hard nights." With all that said, please allow me to again express my sincere

thanks and gratitude to your senior GO-WV leadership team, committee chairs and vice chairs, and member company allies for their guidance, direction, and support. Foremost, I want to thank the best damn lobby team at the Capitol: Phil Reale, Jimmy Fealy, Daniel Hall, and Phillip Reale II for their long hours and sacrifice on those unforgiving marble floors.

It is my final observation on this legislative session that our collective journey led us to that destination of "fulfillment" as so aptly suggested by Ralph Waldo Emerson, TS Eliot, and now the Beatles.



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West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Motor Vehicles



1-800-642-9066
dmv.wv.gov

Application for a Gas & Oil Association of WV License Plate

PLATE SAMPLE



A) Applicant/Owner(s) Information • Use Name(s) of Owner(s) as shown exactly on current registration card that you wish to register the license plate.

Applicant's Name _____

Name(s) on Registration _____

Street Address _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

B) Vehicle Information

Make _____ Year Title No.

VIN No. Current Plate No.

C) Insurance Information

Effective Dates of Policy From: ____ / ____ / ____ To: ____ / ____ / ____ Policy No. _____

Insurance Company _____

NAIC Number Insurance Agent _____

D) Applicant Certification

I certify that all information on this application is true and correct and if I cease to be in good standing with the above organization, I will immediately return the special license plate to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(X) _____ / / _____ Phone No. () - _____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

E) Application Information

1. Anyone is eligible to apply for a Gas & Oil Association of WV license plate.
2. A vehicle must be Class A and have a West Virginia title and license plate in the name of the applicant before a special plate can be issued.
3. The current license plate must be returned to the Division of Motor Vehicles after the special plate is received. After issuance of the special plate, the exchanged plate is canceled and cannot be transferred to another vehicle. There are no refunds.
4. A \$91.50 fee will cover the cost of the license plate for the 1st year or a portion of the 1st year. This is a flat fee for all applicants and is not prorated. This plate will expire on July 1st every year and have a renewal fee of \$66.50.
5. Send the application and the **\$91.50 check or money order payable to Gas & Oil Association of WV** at the address listed below. Please include your personal property tax receipt or an affidavit from the assessor if your registration is expiring within 60 days of your application.

**Gas & Oil Association of WV c/o Charlie Burd
300 Summers St. Suite 820 Charleston, WV 25301**

***** OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE**



OFFICE STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:
Insert the plate numbers on the plate diagram to the left and submit this form to the WV DMV for recording and processing. Be sure to retain a copy for your records.





2024 GO-WV Master Sponsorship Form

Please select the meetings and levels you wish to sponsor.
 Newsletter and directory advertising can be reserved separately.

Sponsorship opportunities:

Elite Sponsor **\$20,000**

- Banner hung at all events at meeting
- Specific signage at sponsored events
- Listing on Elite Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Gold Sponsor **\$4,000**

- Listing on Gold Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Diamond Sponsor **\$10,000**

- Banner hung at sponsored event
- Specific signage at sponsored event
- Listing on Diamond Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Silver Sponsor **\$2,000**

- Listing on Silver Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Platinum Sponsor **\$5,500**

- Listing on Platinum Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Bronze Sponsor **\$1,000**

- Listing on Bronze Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Golf Outing(s) Hole Sponsor **\$1,000 each**

- Foursome fee
- Signage at hole
- Logo listed in web site and newsletter

Company Name	Contact Person		
Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email		

Meeting	Level	Cost
Winter Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Spring Swing Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
Science Teacher Workshop	_____	\$ _____
Summer Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Sports Weekend Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

Please return this form to GO-WV, address below, by January 31, 2024. Be sure to email a high resolution (300-dpi minimum) version of your company's color logo and a link to your web site to lmillersmith@gowv.com.
 Thank you for your continued support!





2024 GO-WV Newsletter Advertising Contract

Advertising is available to member companies and nonmembers of the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV) in monthly issues of the association newsletter. Please see below for details regarding ad sizes and rates.

Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	Full page 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$800.00/mo	\$750.00/mo	\$700.00/mo
	Half page (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$525.00/mo	\$475.00/mo	\$425.00/mo
	Half page (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$500.00/mo	\$450.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	Quarter page 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$200.00/mo
	Business card 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$150.00/mo	\$125.00/mo	\$100.00/mo

Non-Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	Full page 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,600.00/mo	\$1,500.00/mo	\$1,400.00/mo
	Half page (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,050.00/mo	\$950.00/mo	\$850.00/mo
	Half page (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$1,000.00/mo	\$900.00/mo	\$800.00/mo
	Quarter page 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$600.00/mo	\$500.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	Business card 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$250.00/mo

GO-WV wants to assure that you get the best quality advertisement in the newsletter for your advertising dollar. To that end, we ask that you **submit your color ad electronically in a 300 dpi (dots per inch) resolution JPG or PDF** format. Ads saved as Word or Word Perfect documents or Excel spreadsheets will not give you a quality ad in the publication. If there are conversion issues with your file, our designer will contact you directly. Ads must be emailed directly to Diane Slaughter: dslaughter@gowv.com.

Ads can be run each month throughout the year or in any combination of months you choose. Please note there is a price break when you commit to a longer contract. Changes to your ad copy or cancellations can be made during the duration of the contract, but must be submitted 30 days prior to the next publication. (i.e, February 1st for the March issue). Please complete the information requested below and return this page, with payment, to **GO-WV Newsletter, GO-WV, 300 Summers Street Suite 820, Charleston, WV 25301**; email dslaughter@gowv.com. Ads must be paid in full by check or credit card prior to publication. Please call Diane Slaughter at (304) 984-0308 to discuss these options.





2024 GO-WV Summer Meeting Sponsorship Form

August 4-6, 2024 | The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

Sponsorship opportunities:

Company Name Contact Person

Address City State Zip

Telephone Email

- _____ **Premier Event Sponsor** **\$25,000**
 - Banner hung at *every* event
 - Specific signage at sponsored event
 - Listing on Premier Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter
- _____ **Elite Event Sponsor** **\$20,000**
 - Banner hung at *every* event
 - Specific signage at sponsored event
 - Listing on Elite Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter
- _____ **Diamond Event Sponsor** **\$10,000**
 - Banner hung at sponsored event
 - Specific signage at sponsored event
 - Listing on Diamond Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter

- _____ **Platinum Sponsor** **\$5,500**
 - Listing on Platinum Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
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- _____ **Gold Sponsor** **\$4,000**
 - Listing on Gold Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter
- _____ **Silver Sponsor** **\$2,000**
 - Listing on Silver Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter
- _____ **Bronze Sponsor** **\$1,000**
 - Listing on Bronze Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter
- _____ **GO-WV Friends Sponsor** **\$500**
 - Listing on Friends Sponsor board
 - Logo and name listed in event PowerPoint presentation
 - Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter

Please return this form to GO-WV, address below, by July 12, 2024. Be sure to email a high resolution (300-dpi minimum) version of your company's color logo and a link to your web site to millersmith@gowv.com.

Thank you for your continued support!





2024 GO-WV Summer Meeting Registration Form

August 4-6, 2024 | The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

Please complete and return this form, along with your check, by July 12, 2024. Please type or print the information as you would like your badge to read.

Name on Room Registration

Company Name

Address

City, State, Zip, Telephone

Registration Fees

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| A) Member (per person) | \$ 475.00 | E) Kate's Mountain Only | \$ 300.00 |
| B) Member's Spouse | \$ 325.00 | F) Kate's Mtn. Only, < 21 | \$ 200.00 |
| C) Children Under 21 (if attending GO-WV events) | \$ 200.00 | G) Non-Member (per person) | \$ 700.00 |
| D) Children Over 21 | \$ 325.00 | H) Non-Member's Spouse | \$ 450.00 |

Individuals with special needs (mobility, access, medical diet, etc.) should indicate specific needs in a letter attached to your registration form.

<u>Name as it should appear on badge</u>	<u>Circle one</u>	<u>Fee</u>
_____	A B C D E F G H	\$ _____
_____	A B C D E F G H	\$ _____
_____	A B C D E F G H	\$ _____
_____	A B C D E F G H	\$ _____
_____	A B C D E F G H	\$ _____
Bracelet design and making class and lunch	\$150	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

GO-WV • 300 Summer Street, Suite 820 • Charleston, WV 25301
 Phone: 304-344-9867 • Fax: 304-344-5836
 NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 12, 2024

Golf Tee Times should be made directly with Jake Fullerton:
 email jake_fullerton@greenbrier.com or call 304-536-7851.





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