

TTA PAC Decision Makers Conference Call Meeting
January 25, 2016 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called with the following directors participating: Adger, Keene, Leckinger, Tracy and Wiggins. Directors Adams, Carson and Taylor were unable to participate. TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle was also on the call.

Ruyle announced the current TTA PAC account balance and discussed options for political campaign contributions and endorsements for Republican candidates for the Texas House of Representatives who are involved in the March primaries.

President Wiggins made a motion to contribute to the following candidates: Byron Cook, Sarah Davis, Lance Gooden, Kyle Kacal, Doug Miller, Debbie Riddle, and Lynn Stucky. Director Leckinger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Adger made a motion to also contribute to the following candidates: Ernest Bailes, John Cyrier, Jay Dean, Kevin Downing, Marsha Farney, John Frullo, Charlie Geren, Wesley Hinch, Andrew Piel, John Raney, Bennett Ratliff, J. D. Sheffield, Hugh Shine, Wayne Smith, Gary Van Deaver, Jason Villalba, and Paul Workman. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

The Committee briefly discussed endorsement of candidate Lynn Stucky for HD 64. Ruyle was asked to contact David Stephens for his recommendation, with which she will call each Committee member and if all are in favor, the endorsement will be announced.

On another issue, TTA Director Jerry Moore of Kerrville approached Radio Ranch Group about doing a series of radio spots informing listeners about the publication in the Texas Register of a proposal to repeal rules regulating pari-mutuel wagering on historical races, and urging them to write letters during the public comment period. Ruyle reviewed a proposal drafted by the station outlining a schedule of spots and total costs. Director Keene made a motion to approve the radio spots and to allocate a budget to be paid out of the TTA general fund. Director Tracy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting. Ruyle will notify Radio Ranch Group to proceed and air spots accordingly.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.