

BIOGRAPHY OF RICHARD PETREE

Richard Petree is a native of Abilene, Texas, attending public schools there and completing Cooper High School. He remained in Abilene to complete his undergraduate studies at McMurry University. His major included a BBA in Economics and Management and additional studies in Secondary Education with teaching specialties in Economics and History.

Mr. Petree began his career at West Texas Utilities in 1970 working in Industrial Development. He left WTU to seek the elected position of County Tax Assessor Collector and was elected in 1976. He served two terms as the elected County Assessor and during his last term, he was named as the first chief appraiser of Taylor County. With the exception of a nine-month stint as Chief Appraiser in Travis County in 1988, Petree remained the Chief Appraiser of Taylor County until his retirement in 2013. In 1988 he was presented the Earl Luna Award by the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts recognizing him as the outstanding Chief Appraiser in that year. He was recognized with the Excellence in Education award in 2004 by that same organization.

Mr. Petree has been a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers since 1981. He was elected to the Executive Board of IAAO in 2004. He has served on various committees of IAAO including Nominations, Awards, and Education. In 2010 he was awarded Member of the Year for IAAO. Under Petree's leadership, the appraisal district in Abilene received the Excellence in Assessment Administration award from the International Association of Assessing Officers in 2013, the first appraisal district in Texas to be given that award. He has also been a member of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers since 1977 and a member of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts since 1982 where he has served in all office positions. He is a certified instructor for the State of Texas teaching various courses in appraisal and ethics.

Mr. Petree is a consultant to appraisal organizations assisting them in problem solving. He has been a consultant to The Appraisal Foundation, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bexar CAD, LaSalle CAD, Hunt CAD, Calhoun CAD, Stonewall CAD, Mitchell CAD, McCulloch CAD, Presidio CAD, Sutton CAD, Rockwall CAD, Schleicher CAD, Bastrop CAD, San Saba CAD, Coleman CAD, Eastland CAD and Grayson CAD. In his consultant role he has provided complete appraisal services to some of those

districts including appraisal of rural land for both a market value and an agricultural use value. He has developed numerous schedules for land values and improvement values of housing, farm buildings, and commercial buildings utilizing all three approaches to value as the basis for those schedules. His company is Western Valuation and Consulting, LLC.
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In addition to his role as Chief Appraiser, Mr. Petree is a licensed facilitator for the Franklin-Covey organization and teaches *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* and *Great Leaders, Great Teams, Great Results* to interested persons in government.

Mr. Petree also is a licensed United Methodist minister and has served small Methodist churches in West Texas for the past twenty-five years. He is currently pastor of Nolan and Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Churches. He is currently on the Board of Taylor Electric Cooperative and Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center. He has been a member of the boards of Rotary International, the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, United Way of Abilene, and Sears Retirements Systems, Inc. He was an Executive Board member and fund secretary of the Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Insurance Fund. He served as the Spiritual Director and board member of Big Country Emmaus, a local division of the world-wide non-denominational church organization.