



Meet our October 2014 Speaker

James B Cardle

President & CEO at TexasInsider.org

Jim Cardle is the Founding Publisher (in 2004) & CEO of the online Texas political newsletter *Texas Insider* (www.TexasInsider.org). He is also the Founder (2004) & Chairman of the Austin Economic Club (www.AustinEconomicClub.org).



He is a 1980 graduate of Texas Christian University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, minoring in Speech-Communications.

From 1980 to 1985 Cardle worked for the northern-most financial institution in Texas, the First Bank & Trust Co. of Booker, TX., where he managed the baas Assistant Vice President & Economist. He was an Editorial Columnist for *The Lipscomb County Limelight* from 1982-1987.

In 1985, he accepted a job offer in Washington, DC with his Congressman, Beau Boulter of Amarillo, and eventually served as Chief of Staff handling issues before the House Ways & Means, Banking & Finance, the Energy & Commerce and other Committees. He also served as Finance Director for the Congressman's 1986 re-election campaign and coordinated major donor efforts during a 1988 campaign for the U.S. Senate.

From 1989 to 1992 he worked in President George Bush's Administration, serving as Director of Congressional Affairs for the Legal Services Corporation.

Upon returning to Texas in 1992, he became the Director of Development & Government Affairs for the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA.) During his four years at NCPA he assisted in growing the national think tank's budget from \$1.3 to \$3.3 million, while helping establish NCPA's presence on Capitol Hill and opening their office in Washington, DC.

In 1996 he joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation as Vice President, where he served through late 1997.

In early 1998 he became President & CEO of the Austin-based Lone Star Foundation, publisher of *The Lone Star Report*, a weekly newsletter covering the essential news of Texas politics and public policy. He co-authored all economic and public policy issue studies for the Institute, including the "Current Assessment of the Marriage Tax Penalty," and "Closing the U. S. Capital Deficit."

He also served as Editorial Editor of the SMU Daily Skiff while studying for (though never attaining) his Masters degree in economics during the fall of 1981.

He and his wife of 25 years, Elizabeth, have two children: son Will (18) and daughter Audrey (15).

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Happy Halloween

Will Conley, Hays County Commissioner spoke to our club in September. A member of the Capitol Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization, he was chosen as chairman of CAMPO by the members of the board. He said that they are working on developing plans for transportation and how to allocate a larger portion of the funds to CAMPO projects. Population and employment data are used for travel forecasting to predict where future traffic issues will occur. The data used for the 2020—2015 plan is very different from the one for the 2020-2040 plan. CAMPO staff reviewed five possible population forecast scenarios, including one each from the state comptroller and Texas Water Development Board, but ultimately recommended the board approve the most aggressive forecast prepared by the TSDC. He said that when the state received federal funds they have to abide by federal rules and regulations before the even start a project. He also talked about the agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority to provide financial assistance for the development and construction of the MOPAC improvement project. The agreement states that any surplus money will be used by CTRMA to fund local transportation projects.



Will Conley has been an active Republican since he was 16 years old. He mentioned that there are 4 Republicans and 1 Democrat in the Hays Co. court. He said that Democrats are trying to infiltrate and take back seats. Large amounts of money are going from Travis Co. to Hays Co. for that purpose. He also said that many people from Travis Co. are moving to Hays Co. because of the high cost of houses in Austin. People are also coming from other states looking for jobs.

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