



**Kevin Strength**  
Mayor, City of Waxahachie

## North Central Texas Officials Elect New NCTCOG President and Executive Board at the 52nd Annual General Meeting

**Wise County Judge J.D. Clark and City of Prosper Mayor Ray Smith were also elected officers for 2018-2019**

Waxahachie Mayor **Kevin Strength** will preside over the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the next year. Mayor Strength was elected President by North Central Texas locally elected officials at NCTCOG's 52nd annual meeting of its member governments.

Mayor Strength assumes the leadership of NCTCOG from **Tom Lombard**, Councilmember in the City of North Richland Hills, who was elected to the one year term in June 2017. He will continue on the NCTCOG Board as the 2018-2019 Past President. Wise County Judge **J.D. Clark** is the new Vice-President and City of Prosper Mayor **Ray Smith** is Secretary/Treasurer. The new officers will serve in their positions through June 2019.

President Strength was first elected to NCTCOG's Executive Board in 2014, and has served as Director, Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President before being elected President. He was elected to Waxahachie's City Council in 2010, and has served as Mayor since 2014.

Since his election, Mayor Strength has been instrumental in many improvements within Waxahachie, including the expansion of IH-35E, the new state-of-the-art Waxahachie High School, and Baylor Scott and White Hospital. His contributions to Waxahachie's economic development efforts will serve the city well for many years to come.

In his acceptance remarks as NCTCOG's President, Mayor Strength thanked 2017 - 2018 members who rotated off the Executive Board including, Past President **Lissa Smith**, Former Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano; **Bruce Wood**, Kaufman County Judge; and **Doug Athas**, Mayor, City of Garland for their leadership and welcomed the new members to the 2018 - 2019 Executive Board. Mayor Strength also invited member government officials and staffs to participate in the monthly meetings at NCTCOG and said, "I look forward to our monthly meetings where together we look for positive solutions beyond our individual borders and regionally cooperate to make sound decisions to benefit the region."

In addition to the four officers, 13 Directors were elected to the 17-member NCTCOG board, including Dallas County Judge **Clay Jenkins**; Tarrant County Judge **Glen Whitley**; City of Dallas Councilmember **Lee Kleinman**; City of Fort Worth Councilmember **Kelly Allen-Gray**; Collin County Judge **Keith Self**; Denton County Commissioner **Bobbie Mitchell**; City of Arlington Councilmember **Kathryn Wilemon**; Rockwall County Judge **David Sweet**; City of Irving Mayor **Richard Stopfer**; City of Richardson Mayor **Paul Voelker**; City of North Richland Hills Councilmember **Tito Rodriguez**; City of DeSoto Mayor **Curtistene McCowan**, and Town of Trophy Club Mayor **Nick Sanders**. The **Honorable State Representative Ron Simmons**, District 65, is the NCTCOG Ex Officio member.



## National Drive Electric Week Starts September 8

Electric vehicles (EV) are becoming more popular in North Texas, are better for air quality and can be a lot of fun to drive. All these facts are worth celebrating. Next month, EV enthusiasts and residents with an interest in the technology will gather for an annual event at Grapevine Mills.

Dallas-Fort Worth's 2018 National Drive Electric Week (NDEW) event will be held at the mall Saturday, September 8 from 10 am – 1 pm.

Registration is now open at [www.driveelectricweek.org](http://www.driveelectricweek.org), and details are posted at the official North Texas NDEW website, [www.driveelectricdfw.org](http://www.driveelectricdfw.org).

In case you're new to NDEW or want a reminder of what a celebration of all-things-electric looks like, check out the 2017 North Texas NDEW recap video on our YouTube page: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SVc6aR4KvQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SVc6aR4KvQ&feature=youtu.be). Hope to see you on September 8!

NDEW is a nationwide celebration to increase awareness of the availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight their benefits. The event in Grapevine is on the first day of NDEW, which is scheduled for September 8-16. Events are planned throughout the US and Canada during the eight-day celebration.

## Take Advantage of EV Incentives Today

Did you know that you could get up to \$13,500 for purchasing an Electric Vehicle (EV)?

Right now, the federal government is offering up to \$7,500 for the purchase of a new qualified Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV). Additionally, Texas residents are eligible to receive up to \$2,500 for qualified EVs.

And, if you live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program could provide more assistance.

Individuals who meet program requirements can receive vouchers for up to \$3,500 toward an EV up to three model years old.

Information on the program, including annual household income requirements, can be found at [www.airchecktexas.org](http://www.airchecktexas.org). Find out more about the electric vehicle incentives available to North Texas residents at [www.dfwcleancities.org/evnt](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/evnt).

## Check Out Our New Website

Our agency website has a brand new look and feel!

You'll find us at the same location, but we've worked to make it streamlined, easier to navigate and more convenient for mobile users. We're still optimizing it, so pardon our dust.

Visit the Transportation Department page to explore our program areas and resources: [www.nctcog.org/trans](http://www.nctcog.org/trans). Submit comments and questions to [transinfo@nctcog.org](mailto:transinfo@nctcog.org).



## 2018 Texas Energy Summit – September 24-26 – Register Now!

The Texas Energy Summit, formerly known as the Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency Conference (CATEE), is September 24 – 26, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Houston/Galleria in Houston, Texas. Join other air quality and energy efficiency stakeholders for this premier educational and business expo with a focus on energy efficiency and air quality, as well as renewable energy workshops and sessions oriented toward local government opportunities. Early registration has been extended through August 14.

Register now at <https://texasenergysummit.com/registration/>. Also, the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) is offering conference attendance scholarships to a limited number of municipal and county government officials/employees. Details are available at <https://texasenergysummit.com/seco-scholarship/>.

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