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SENATOR BRIAN BIRDWELL PLEASSED TO ANNOUNCE CAPITOL STAFF

Austin—State Senator Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury) announced Monday the finalized list of his Capitol staff members. Casey Kelley, Elizabeth Young, Anna Paulson, Barbara Erickson, Scott Hutchinson and Ben Stratmann will represent the senator in his Austin office.

"I am excited to officially introduce my Capitol staff," said Sen. Birdwell. "The 82nd Legislative Session will be a challenging one, so I am pleased to have such a diverse and talented staff to help me serve the citizens of Senate District 22."

Chief of Staff Casey Kelley began his career at the Capitol working for former State Representative Bob Hunter (R-Abilene). Casey has been with Sen. Birdwell since early 2010, serving most recently as his campaign manager.

Senior Policy Advisor Elizabeth Young came to the senator's staff from the Texas Public Policy Foundation, where she worked as a healthcare and higher education policy analyst. Before TPPF, Elizabeth worked for Rep. Phil King (R-Weatherford).

Policy Analyst Anna Paulson worked as a campaign aide to Sen. Birdwell and now serves as his advisor on the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee. Anna is a 2010 graduate of Texas Christian University.

Director of Constituent Services Barbara Erickson is a veteran Capitol staffer, working in the Texas House and Senate since 1994. A former resident of Granbury, Barbara came from the office of Sen. Glenn Hegar, where she served as his Administrative Director.

Policy Analyst Scott Hutchinson comes from the office of Governor Rick Perry. Scott will advise the senator on criminal justice issues and the Economic Development Committee.

Communications/Policy Analyst Ben Stratmann came to the senator's staff from the office of Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst. Ben worked with Governor Dewhurst during both the 81st Legislative Session and his 2010 re-election campaign.

Senator Birdwell also welcomes District Manager Bretta Conaway to his Granbury office. Bretta is a native Texan, lifelong resident of Hood County and worked in management at American Airlines for more than 30 years.

As noted in a previous release, Mollie Smith remains the District Director located in the Waco district office.

Senator Brian Birdwell represents Senate District 22 which includes Bosque, Coryell, Ellis, Falls, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Navarro, McLennan and Somervell counties.

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