Veteran Assistance Dogs of Texas Board Members

James "Don" Vaughan - Secretary

Don attended Amarillo Jr. College then West Texas State College where he received his B.S. in Economics. At Texas Technological College he studied Economics/ English/ and Survey Research. At the University of Texas at Austin he studied Community and Regional Planning/Regional Economics and was named AIP Planning Student of the Year.

As Research Coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Don worked with consultants in a statewide survey of individuals' recreation participation and preferences and utilized that data to develop proposal for federal funding.

As Vice President for Economic Studies at Urban Research Group (a private consulting firm) Don conducted a national evaluation of the Department of Labor Migrant Worker Program, numerous housing supply/condition studies and several Economic Development programs including one for the city of El Paso.

At the Texas Department of Human Resources Don served as Director of in-house Management Analysis group where he surveyed activities of field staff to determine time allocations of staff to various Federal funding programs, conducted studies to improve operations along with cost/benefit studies to support funding requests.

In his final career move, Don was Director of in-house Management and Support and later Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Management and Support at the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. He developed facility funding formulas for State Schools and Hospitals, developed commercial leases for surplus Austin State Hospital grounds and centralized drug purchasing and testing. Don and his wife retired to Kerrville in 2001.

- ➢ Horizon HOA Board - Six years including positions as President and Vice-President.
- ➢ Ranch Management Committee - Served as chair for seven years - responsible for the health and safety of exotic herds and reporting to the local tax appraiser's office.
- ➢ Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas - Secretary