

The development of leadership is by studying, reading, listening, participating, and the association with people who are smarter than your self. Leaders take that knowledge, educate others and motivate people to use the information to accomplish a task because they want to do it.

It is always best to anticipate a potential problem, develop solutions, and act before it becomes a problem.

Opportunities

1958 Boy Scout Report to State representing Santa Fe Trail Council SW Kansas. I presented information to Governor George Docking in his Capitol office in Topeka, ate dinner with Governors Family and attended the last day of the 1958 State Legislative Session. Very late in the evening the House took a break. Speaker Jess Taylor, a friend of my father, let me sit in the Speaker's Chair. I looked over the chamber carefully and thought, "someday, I want to be a part of this!"

1960 Boy Scout Jamboree Headquarters Staff—very close to President Eisenhower during his visit

July 24, 1974 (Day Nixon was ordered to turn over the tapes) Presented information to a U.S. Senate committee concerning natural gas supply for agriculture at request of Senator Bob Dole. Committee included Sen. McGovern (defeated by Nixon in the previous election), Sen. Talmadge of Georgia (who later made a speech using my information and introduced legislation on natural gas), and Sen. Adkin of Vermont among others.

1985 Watched the first fuel loading at Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant

1987 Meeting in Washington DC in the Eisenhower Office Building including James Baker, and President Reagan

1989 Had the only promise in new highway plan (hwy 54 10' paved shoulders)

1989 Meeting with my Russian Federation counterpart for energy and discussed energy issues, the fear of the other country to make a "first nuclear strike", and the future fall of the Soviet Union which took place two years later

January 17, 1991 received intelligence on the start of Operation Desert Storm before it started

2000 Political advisor for geologist conference on energy and water and worked with Harrison Schmidt who is the only geologist to walk on the moon with Apollo 17

2001 Met with administration officials in DC concerning changes of regulations of solid waste land fills

2001 Involved with Low Level Waste Compact issues, development of alternative solutions, on regional and national level

2001 Developed secret non-legislative committee to study vulnerabilities to our energy infrastructure, which continued through the rest of the decade

Guest of US Supreme Court during the Kansas-Colorado water lawsuit oral arguments and “behind the scene tour of the court”

My committee vice chairman, Carl Krehbiel, was involved with the Joint Chiefs of Staffs during his military career and was very helpful in developing infrastructure protection issues after 911. After 911, I received an FBI Security clearance and thus, received daily briefings on US security issues. Carl Krehbiel and I could then discuss the issues without worrying about security breaches.

2002 very involved with security issues of energy infrastructure in Kansas and United States involved a lot of traveling, training exercises, and inspections of energy and utility infrastructure throughout the United States

2003 only State Legislative member of Congressional Staff Energy Field Trip in Colorado lasting a week

2003 Met with representatives of 3 refineries to discuss needed legislation for Kansas energy production and security

2008 Meeting with a member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Chinese Government in the Great Hall of the People. Meeting in China included meetings with major energy companies in China and Chinese government energy agencies. I have been invited back numerous times to China at their expense, but have declined the Chinese government invitations.

Accomplishments

Development of Revolving Loan Programs from Federal Grant money and other funding for clean water and waste water treatment projects now loaning billions of \$ to Kansas cities at lower interest rates (Liberal)

Development of Revolving Loan Programs for dry cleaner cleanup projects

Developed legislation to protect the usage of Kansas Colorado lawsuit monetary damages

Developed and Chaired the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority and represented Kansas in the Southwest Power Pool

Developed extensive energy policy for Kansas

Developed committee members into leaders of House Committees

Chaired the Retail wheeling task force extensive meetings preventing change of electric utility retail structure

Brought together the security representatives of energy and utility companies in Kansas after 9/11

Developed legislation, which has resulted in over \$10 billion of energy related new projects in Kansas through 2012 (now well over \$15 billion) and over \$5 billion of energy redevelopment projects

Development of 911 tracking system in Kansas (including rural areas)

Development of broadband for rural Kansas

Pushed for increase security of utility and energy infrastructure

Called nitpicker on all rules and regulations as well as budgets I worked on (yellow sticky notes)

Found abuse of use of state water plan money in Johnson County in 1993

Found abuse of project funds in agencies

I was fortunate in having well qualified minority leaders in the committees I chaired

Other

Willynda was Chaplain and President of Legislative Spouses Organization

Willynda was my best friend, free staff, advisor, driver, and a listener when I was down

Dad was President of Plains School Board 15 years

Related to first Democratic Governor of Kansas George Glick

Had great staff, committee members throughout my political responsibilities

1987-1988 held positions of Mayor of Plains, President of League of Municipalities, and Vice-Chairman of House Energy and Natural Resources Committee at the same time with approval by Attorney Generals opinion

Our farm income allowed me to work year around on legislative issues unpaid