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## TAHC Welcomes Dr. Thomas R. "TR" Lansford III and Dr. Brian Bohl to Executive Staff

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) named Dr. Thomas R. "TR" Lansford III as the deputy executive director and assistant state veterinarian and Dr. Brian Bohl as the director of field operations. Both begin in their respective roles February 1, 2024.

"We are proud to welcome Drs. Lansford and Bohl back to the TAHC," said Dr. Lewis R. "Bud" Dinges. "They both bring a wealth of regulatory experience, industry expertise, and dedication that will serve Texas animal agriculture through veterinary leadership."

**Thomas R. "TR" Lansford, DVM**, of Fowlerton, Texas, earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University and has been involved in regulatory veterinary medicine most of his career. Dr. Lansford most recently worked as the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Meat Safety Assurance Section Assistant State Director. He has extensive knowledge in administrative and regulatory veterinary medicine and offers valuable perspectives to key stakeholders in the industry. Dr. Lansford comes with 23 years of managerial experience in regulatory, public health, and veterinary medicine. His involvement as a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) and in many areas of the incident command structure during states of emergency offer expertise to agency responses. Dr. Lansford previously worked for TAHC as both a region director and an assistant executive director.



A South Texas native, Dr. Lansford and his wife, Christy, an AgriLife Extension Agent, enjoy spending time with their two sons, Thomas R. "Buddy" Lansford IV and Byron James Lansford.

**Brian Bohl, DVM**, of Teague, Texas, earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1999 from Texas A&M University and has worked with state and federal partners for over 20 years through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA-APHIS VS & FSIS), US Army Veterinary Corps, TAHC, and Department of State Health Services (DSHS). His career started in clinical practice including mixed animal medicine and service in the US Army Veterinary Corps while on active duty and in the reserves. Dr. Bohl most recently worked as a DSHS Meat Safety Assurance Section Veterinary, Enforcement, Investigations, and Analysis Officer. His expansive experience and value of relationships with producers across the state correlate directly with the mission of the TAHC. Dr. Bohl previously worked for TAHC as both a field veterinarian and field epidemiologist, with a wide scope including many disease programs and foreign animal disease (FAD) investigations.



Dr. Bohl lives on a ranch near Teague with his wife, Tonya, of 28 years. They have one son, Wesley, and two daughters, Riley and Teagan. Wesley and Riley currently attend Texas A&M University and are third-generation Aggies. Teagan attends school in Teague, while heavily involved in numerous sport activities.

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*The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) was established in 1893 as the Livestock Sanitary Commission and charged with protecting the state's domestic animals "from all contagious or infectious diseases of a malignant character." TAHC remains true to this charge while evolving with the times to protect the health and marketability of all Texas livestock and poultry. Learn more about the TAHC by visiting [www.tahc.texas.gov](http://www.tahc.texas.gov).*