

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Paul Monies
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 9:18:03 PM
Subject: RE: Superfund/Kell Kelly FDIC question--The Oklahoman

Thanks, Ryan. I'll try to include as much as I can.

Paul

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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:20 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Paul Monies <PMonies@Oklahoman.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Superfund/Kell Kelly FDIC question--The Oklahoman

Paul, this is what you can quote from me and from EPA for your story:

“Kell Kelly retired from Spirit Bank after 34 years serving as executive vice president and ultimately CEO to join EPA as Administrator Pruitt’s principal advisor leading an effort to finance and clean up the nation’s worst contaminated sites. Upon leaving, Spirit Bank requested that Kell remain on its board of directors which Kell declined due to full time employment in Washington, D.C. Spirit would confirm that at no point in Kell’s service did he take any action which threatened the bank. Kell has received full ethics and financial disclosure training as any EPA political appointee and senior official receives. I have personally known Kell for a number

of years. EPA is fortunate to have him as part of our team. He has already contributed immensely to the Administrator's agenda to speed up remediation timelines. He has already gained the respect of the EPA career staff, and being responsible for hiring political appointees at EPA, I was eager to report to Administrator Pruitt we had brought Kell on our team."

EPA will not answer any further questions, and Kell is not available.

Thank you.

Ryan Jackson

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Graham, Amy

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:44 PM

To: PMonies@Oklahoman.com

Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: Superfund/Kell Kelly FDIC question--The Oklahoman

Hi Paul – Lincoln shared your email. Below is a statement that you may attribute to me:

“Mr. Kelly made proper disclosure of the FDIC dispute and has complied with all ethics

requirements. He is, and will remain, a paid EPA employee as he continues to conduct critical work to improve Superfund cleanup.” – Amy Graham, EPA spokesperson

Thank you,

Amy

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Monies <PMonies@Oklahoman.com>
Date: August 25, 2017 at 12:44:34 PM CDT
To: "Lincoln Ferguson (ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: Superfund/Kell Kelly FDIC question--The Oklahoman

Hi Lincoln,

Good to hear from you. I actually just left you a voicemail on your office line because I'm following up on a couple of orders from the FDIC regarding Albert Kelly and his time at SpiritBank. It appears Mr. Kelly has agreed to a consent order and will pay a penalty of \$125,000. In addition, he has been issued a prohibition notice from future banking activities from the FDIC.

The orders are here on the FDIC website:

<https://www5.fdic.gov/EDOBlob/Mediator.aspx?UniqueID=a4b0fd59-5e72-449b-b175-11324328e032>

<https://www5.fdic.gov/EDOBlob/Mediator.aspx?UniqueID=b602f4f4-347e-4e30-8faf-38f9b3172a22>

My questions:

1. Did Mr. Kelly make EPA Administrator Pruitt and other EPA personnel aware of his pending FDIC complaints before he was selected to chair the Superfund Task

Force?

2. Is Mr. Kelly a paid EPA employee for his role as senior advisor to the Administrator?
3. Did Mr. Kelly have to complete any publicly available ethics/background forms to be a senior advisor? If so, can you send me any copies of such forms?
4. Would these FDIC actions preclude Mr. Kelly from continuing in his role as a special advisor to the Administrator or as chairman of the Superfund Task Force.

Thanks,

Paul

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