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Brent Kisling is a husband, dad, deacon, and public servant. Born and raised on a farm and ranch in rural Northwest Oklahoma, he graduated from Burlington High School and then attended college at Oklahoma State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness. He was the Outstanding Graduate from the College of Agriculture and served as the State FFA President.

Following graduation, Brent went to work for U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe in Oklahoma City and soon moved to Enid to manage the Senator's Northwest Office. He worked as a District Field Representative until later becoming the Senator's Field Director for the entire state.

In March of 2001, Brent was appointed by the George W. Bush Administration to be the State Director for USDA Rural Development in Oklahoma. With an annual state budget of over \$400 million, this agency oversees the Rural Housing, the Rural Utilities, and the Rural Business and Cooperative Programs in the state.

In March of 2009, Brent was named as the Executive Director of the Enid Regional Development Alliance. The mission of the Alliance is to ensure quality job growth through the expansion and retention of existing businesses and the recruitment of new industry to Enid and Garfield County.

In 1995, Brent married the girl of his dreams, Jennifer, and they have two wonderful children, Layne and Bree. In 1999, they opened a new family business in Enid called Maple Place Bed and Breakfast which has now grown to be one of the state's largest bed and breakfasts. Jennifer manages the day-to-day operations of the business.

Brent is a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church of Enid and is an active member of the Enid Chamber of Commerce and the Enid Main Street Program. He is a graduate of the Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Program and was a member of the Sixteenth Class of Leadership Oklahoma. In 2008 he was named one of the Top 40 Achievers Under 40 in Oklahoma by The Journal Record.

Brent has a passion for Oklahoma and he believes our strength comes from the people who live here.