Meeting: November 20, 1981 Mr. A. K. Doss, Executive Dir.



OFFICE OF

Gil and Cas Conservation Commission

STATE OF ARIZONA

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AGENDA

Meeting November 20, 1981 1645 West Jefferson, Room 420 Phoenix, Arizona

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of September 25, 1981
- 2. Report of Executive Secretary
- 3. Report of Director of Enforcement Section
- 4. 101d Business

New Business

6. Adjourn

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1645 West Jefferson Street Suite 420 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

> Minutes of Meeting September 25, 1981

Present:

Absent:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Mr. Johnny Gregovich, Member

Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman

Mr. L. A. Palmer, Member

Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member

The regular Commission meeting of September 25, 1981 was called to order by Chairman Bilby at 10:40 a.m., immediately following hearing on Case No. 55.

The Executive Secretary introduced Mr. Rudy Ybarra, currently Supervising Oil and Gas Engineer with the California Division of Oil and Gas, who was an applicant for the vacant position of Director of the Enforcement Section.

Minutes of the meeting of May 15, 1981 were approved as written.

Report of the Executive Secretary was accepted.

After discussion, it was moved and passed that the Commission budget request for the fiscal year 1982-83 be approved as written.

It was moved and passed that the title of the Executive Secretary be changed to Executive Director and the State Personnel Division be so advised.

After discussion, it was moved and passed that the Executive Director advise the Director of the State Personnel Commission that the Commission has reviewed salary grades and job requirements of the Commission personnel and recommends reclassifying the position of the Executive Director from Grade 21, Step 8 to Grade 24, Step 5, and the position of Administrative Assistant I, Grade 13, Step 7 to Administrative Assistant II, Grade 15, Step 5.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session

The Executive Director was authorized to use his judgement in

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selecting a replacement for the position of Director of the Enforcement Section from the certification list provided by the State Personnel Division.

The Executive Session adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the Commission will be at 10:00 a.m. on November 20, 1981.

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Also Present: Dr. Larry Fellows State Geologist

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ACTIVITY REPORT

November 12, 1981

A. K. Doss Executive Director

There has been much discussion with budget people across the way in relation to the present 1981-82 budget and the upcoming budget for 1982-83.

Apparently we will do okay in the 1981-82 budget we are currently in. At first, no credits were to be allowed for vacancy savings, but that has now changed, which is a big benefit for us in the current 1981-82 budget. The Enforcement Director's position wasn't filled for 4 months of this fiscal year, which amounts to \$10,000 in vacancy savings. Our total budget for 1981-82 is \$154,000, 5% of which is \$7,700. So we are well ahead on this issue.

For the budget request for 1982-83, we may be in some trouble; however, the situation could change considerably in the next few months, so I recommend we leave our budget request intact as submitted at \$195,000.00 and continue our efforts to refill the geologist position. I have a feeling we are going to need this position to supplement additional field exam workload, as well as fulfilling the other requirements of the Geology Section.

To date we have received no word from the Personnel Department on our request to upgrade the position of Executive Director and the Administrative Assistant position to the grades requested. Ann's position was upgraded to Administrative Assistant I and it is being reviewed to upgrade to Administrative Assistant II.

The Attorney General's office has apparently created a new Natural Resources Division, headed by Assistant Attorney General Russ Kolsrud. He has appointed a new attorney in this Division, Tim Pierson, to review our new rules and regulations.

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Until recently, Pierson was with the firm of Burch & Cracchiolo and represented a number of clients in litigation against the Land Department involving oil and gas leasing issues.

As you probably all know by now, Hal Butler has resigned from the Commission due to an excess load created by his appointment to the Transportation Board. I'm sure we all wish him well in this new and important capacity.

Parking is still a problem due to the construction of the Wesley Bolin Memorial to the north of the building. Parking for our building may not improve, even after completion, for I understand most of the parking space is being reserved for the Legislature.

Rudy Ybarra accepted our position of Enforcement Director and we are expecting great things from him. We are fortunate to be able to draw on his extensive background and experience in the oil industry.



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Rudy A. Ybarra Director, Enforcement Section

During October two wells were officially abandoned: 1) Gemini Oil, Gas and Mineral 1 Heisler, located in sec. 27, T. 1 N., R. 7 W., Maricopa County (Tonopah area), was plugged at the surface with 25 lineal feet of cement; T.D. 2040' and 2) Salt River Basin "Fletcher" 1 Federal, located in sec. 34, T. 5 N., R. 3 W., Maricopa County, was plugged with cement from 2215-2020' and 50' to the surface.

Jay M. Shields started drilling on November 4 the first of four wells targeted for 500 to 800'. Prior to this date he had reentered Travis Oil 1-24 Federal and cleaned it out to bottom (T.D. 900'). All the wells are located in sec. 24, T. 41 N., R. 1 W., Coconino County, southeast of the town of Fredonia. The operator, without notifying the USGS or the Commission, was preparing to drill ahead under a program not approved by either agency. We insisted that he follow the program as originally approved and he agreed. To date, the first well, 5-24, has been drilled to a depth of 478'. Well 2-4 was spudded on November 11 and the 7" surface casing was being cemented on November 12. Drilling contractor is Jim Williams Drilling Co., Prescott.

Phillips Petroleum, Geothermal Division, has drilled nearly half of the 30 shallow (300') temperature gradient wells in the Yuma/Maricopa area near Agua Caliente. Mr. Gary Chadburn, geologist with Phillips, reported that drilling with foam was a failure because they would lose the foam to the formation after drilling through the lava. They are now drilling with drilling mud to circulate the cuttings to the surface. A visit with Mr. Chadburn is planned for November 23.

Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology received permits to drill eight 200-foot temperature gradient wells in Graham County, 15 miles south of Safford.

Planned Activity

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Commodore Resources Corp. to drill 8000' well in Mohave County. Target to be Permian through Devonian.

Chicksaw Oil Co. to drill 5000' well 25 miles southwest of Kingman. Mathews with Chicksaw called saying he was preparing to send in cash bond in lieu

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of indemnity bond.

Allied Energy Corp. to drill 4000' well in vicinity of the Astro-Tex well in the Salt River Canyon area, T. 5 N., R. 17 E., Gila County.

Mr. Sponseller with AG&H Enterprises, Inc., to drill well near Lakeside just south of Show Low. Jim Sponseller, his son, came to the office on November 9 and picked up all the necessary application forms.

Sanchez-O'Brien called from Laredo, Texas, regarding \$25,000 statewide bond. According to the company's local representative, the company is planning to drill 3 wells starting in early 1982.

The 1981-82 budget estimated 35 applications for drilling permits. To date the Commission has received 54 applications and the prognosis based on conversations with various individuals and companies is that 1982 will be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, year of drilling activity Arizona has ever experienced.

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