

# OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Meeting

July 29, 1959

The meeting of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was called to order at 9:05 A.M. in the office of the State Land Commissioner by the Chairman, M. F. Wharton.

Commission Members Present: Mr. M. F. Wharton  
Dr. Chas. Kalil  
Mr. Ernest Chilson  
Mr. William E. Kimble  
Mr. R. Keith Walden

Others Present: Frederick C. Ryan  
Muriel R. Bates

The minutes of the meeting of July 8, 1959 were read by the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Kalil.

A member of the press having entered the meeting room at this time, Dr. Kalil raised the question of policy regarding the presence of the press at Commission meetings. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Walden that business sessions of the Commission be open to the public but that executive sessions be closed to the public. The motion carried.

Continuing with the discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting, it was agreed that the Land Commissioner's remark in the minutes of the previous meeting that he had signed a contract with the U.S.G.S. for one year to do work up north was in error. Discussion brought out the fact that the \$2400 Land Department appropriation for cooperative sample work at the Museum of Northern Arizona was the probable reference. Mr. Wharton moved that the remark of the Land Commissioner be deleted. Mr. Chilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Kalil, after noting discrepancies in stated salaries of employees in minutes, moved that Mrs. Bates and Mr. Ryan be continued at their present salaries until or before September 1st or until replaced by action of the Commission. Mr. Kimble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Chilson that the remark in the minutes by Mr. Lassen that the \$11,063.25 "would revert" be changed to "has reverted" (to the general fund). Mr. Walden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Kalil moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Mr. Walden seconded and the motion carried.

After resumé of housekeeping procedures and activities by Acting Executive Secretary, he was instructed to prepare for each Commissioner for each regular meeting a listing of actions and reports pertinent to each drilling operation.

It was moved by Mr. Walden that the Commission meet at 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Wednesday of each month, place to be designated later. Mr. Kimble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With Mrs. Bates' guidance, each member executed travel and pay documents.

Mr. Ryan gave a briefing on Arizona's past history regarding drilling and the development of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:45 A.M.

During the lunch period the Commissioners inspected available office space at 3500 North Central and at 1611 West Adams.

The Chairman called the meeting to order in the Land Commissioner's office at 1:45 P.M.

All members were present. In addition to Mrs. Bates and Mr. Ryan, also present were Phillip W. Johnson, Geologist, U.S.G.S. - Groundwater Branch, Tucson and Dean J. D. Forrester of the School of Mines who is also Director, Arizona Bureau of Mines, Tucson.

Mr. Johnson discussed Arizona geology, drilling history and potentials. Explained the field procedures and programs developed. A discussion followed regarding past cooperation between the U.S.G.S. and Land Commissioner and potentialities between U.S.G.S. and Commission.

The following motion was made by Dr. Kalil: "That Mr. Phillip W. Johnson submit to the Commission an agreement embracing consulting geological services to the Oil and Gas Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960. That this agreement is to be in the amount of \$7,500, and after the termination or just before this agreement terminates, future course of action along this line be re-evaluated."

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Mr. Wharton supplemented the motion as follows:  
"That it be further agreed that Mr. Johnson provide the Commission with the details of the services to be rendered. It being understood that this amount will be matched with an equitable amount from the federal government."  
Mr. Kimble seconded the augmented motion. The motion carried.

After a short discussion by Mr. Johnson of the sample program at the Museum of Northern Arizona at Flagstaff, Dr. Forrester outlined the cooperative sample program entered into some years back by the Bureau of Mines, the Land Department, the U.S.G.S. and the Museum of Northern Arizona. He then detailed the facilities available and what had been done in recent years at the Bureau of Mines. Dean Forrester ended by requesting consideration by the Commission of monetary aid.

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Dean Forrester and Mr. Johnson retired.

Dr. Kalil made the following motion: "That we lease the facilities at 3500 N. Central which embraces approximately 500 square feet and whose rental is \$190.00 per month including all facilities and parking for one year period in view of the fact that there are no adequate facilities available for the Commission."

After discussion, Mr. Walden seconded the motion.

Mr. Wharton, Mr. Walden, Mr. Chilson and Mr. Kimble voted no.

Dr. Kalil voted yes.

Mr. Kimble moved as follows: "That we notify the proper authorities to acquire the property across the street and take appropriate action to hold this property until the feasibility of that move can be ascertained." Mr. Walden seconded the motion.

Mr. Wharton, Mr. Walden, Mr. Chilson and Mr. Kimble voted yes.

Dr. Kalil voted no.

The next order of business was reading of the tentative working budget. After discussion it was agreed that a new budget would be prepared reflecting the changes made necessary by the agreement with U.S.G.S.

Mr. Walden made press release to Mr. Nuckolls of the Arizona Republic.

Mr. Ryan was excused from meeting.

The Chairman led a discussion of the applications received for the position of executive secretary.

It was suggested that Mr. Ryan make formal application.

The secretary was instructed to prepare copies of all approved applications and advisory letters from other states and agencies for distribution to each member.

It was moved by Dr. Kalil that the next meeting be held at 1:00 P.M., Friday, August 7, 1959, and that the five or six candidates be notified to appear for fifteen minute personal interviews.

Mr. Walden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the discussion of the above meeting it was agreed that the revised budget and the estimates on the office renovation at 1611 West Adams would also be considered.

The three resolutions appearing on the agenda were discussed but not action taken.

On motion of Dr. Kalil, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel R. Bates,  
Secretary

APPROVED

August 7

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Chairman

Charles Kalil, M.D.  
Vice-Chairman