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The Opinion of the Attorney General, No. 60-39, was discussed and explained by Mr. Deddens. A letter was then read from the Attorney General by Mr. Walden, with regard to the rules and regulations. The Attorney General's Opinion, #60-44, was also read and discussed.

Dr. Kalil stated, "At this time of the Attorney General's Opinion, we have no alternative but to proceed with it, and as Mr. Walden said, 'this is what the future course of action of the Commission will be'. We now, according to the Attorney General, are to operate under October 2, 1951, rules and are told that the Attorney General's Opinion is now prevailing. We must now assume that proper publishing of those rules was made, and the rules and regulations adopted in 1951 are valid."

Motion was made by Mr. Deddens that the matter be taken under advisement. It was seconded by Mr. Walden, and the motion carried.

Dr. Kalil made a motion as follows:

"I make a motion that an ample supply of the October 2, 1951, Rules and Regulations be made for members of the Commission and enough also for distribution to the public."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Deddens and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding proration. Dr. Kalil was against proration to market demand. Senator Lockhart declared that Mr. Jerome and the Commission are doing "a good job."

Next was discussion of the helium bill by Senator Lockhart. Mr. Walden moved that "in the light of recent opinion rendered by the Attorney General to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission with reference to the rules and regulations that the Executive Secretary is instructed, until further notice, to issue permits in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Land Commissioner on October 2, 1951, and re-adopted on December 3, 1952 (including Rule 41), and that proper forms be secured and be made available in this office for permits to be issued."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Chilson and the motion carried unanimously.

The reading of Mrs. Roush's letter of resignation was next on the agenda. On the matter of hiring office personnel, the majority of the Commission, Dr. Kalil dissenting, held that the Executive

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Secretary have charge of all the administrative matters such as these.

Discussion was had concerning the advisability of approaching the newspapers to get specialists to write oil and natural resource stories. Bill King, reporter for the Republic, was asked for his opinion; and he stated that it was up to the Commission to approach the editors and make a general request to the press of the state.

No action was taken on this matter.

With reference to the monitoring of office callers, phone calls, etc., raised by Dr. Kalil, this matter was dropped as not being necessary.

In the next matter of business, Chairman Wharton discussed election of officers, suggesting that the Commission set the last regular meeting of the fiscal year as the annual election meeting of the chairman and vice-chairman of the Commission. This matter was deferred to the December 1960 meeting.

Recess 12:30 p.m. Meeting resumed 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Maule gave a detailed report of oil wells drilled and their present condition. Mr. Maule reported that there are at least 35 wells that needed to be plugged, and were in violation of both sets of the Rules and Regulations. It was decided that Mr. Maule is to be permitted to use his own judgment on which cases were most important, and which are to be plugged immediately.

Mr. Deddens made the following motion:

"Besoyan, Tucson and Bomak are in violation of the Rules and Regulations and the statutes with respect to the failure of these operators to plug wells in accordance with the records of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

I move that we furnish the Attorney General information relative to the failure of these operators to plug their wells and a copy of their bonds, and request what is the proper action to take to enforce collection in penalty of the bonds."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Chilson and carried.

Dr. Kalil added that all the people mentioned in this motion have been notified by the Commission to come in and show cause.

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Mr. Jerome then reported on his trip to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission in Detroit, Michigan, stating that he was asked that Mr. Maule write a technical report on oil and gas conditions in Arizona for the December 6 and 7 meeting of the Compact Commission.

In discussion of drillers' logs, Mr. Walden made a motion that there be a charge for Drillers' Logs, 25 cents per log.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Deddens, and was carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was scheduled for the fourth Wednesday in July.

The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chairman at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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