

MINUTES OF MEETING

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 28, 1960

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Wharton  
Commissioner Deddens  
Commissioner Kalil  
Commissioner Walden

COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Chilson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Ross, Ass't. Atty. Gen'l.  
Herbert Mallamo, Attorney  
John Persons, Petr. Engineer  
L.H. Bell, Consulting Engineer  
Charles Royall, Ass't. Atty.  
Gen'l., Land Dept.  
Fritz Ryan, Land Department  
Obed Lassen, Land Department  
Lloyd Clark, Gazette reporter  
- - - - - Bill King, Republic reporter

At an Executive Session of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, held at the O.G.C.C. offices on September 28, 1960, there was discussed in detail the Lydia Johnson matter. This Executive Session was a closed door session at which the newspapermen were not allowed to be present. The motion was made by Mr. Deddens that the meeting be made public and that the newspapermen and other interested persons be admitted to the meeting. The motion failed for want of a second, and the meeting continued as a closed session. After Mr. Mallamo, attorney for Lydia Johnson, had left, an informal meeting was held with the Land Department personnel; to wit: Land Commissioner Obed Lassen; Charles Royall, Assistant Attorney General for the Land Department; and Fritz Ryan, Supervisor, Land Department.

After discussion of the Kerr-McGee application and any problems that were contemplated which might affect the Land Department, the meeting adjourned to the Highway Department Cafeteria Committeeroom, at which time lunch was had, and the press was admitted. At this continuance of the meeting, Mr. Deddens made the following motion:

"I move, with respect to Aztec #2 well, that Lydia Johnson and Associates be granted 30 days from this date within which to complete recementing the well in such manner as to plug off the salt water zone and prevent contamination of the fresh water in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Bell; or else within said 30 days time they shall plug and abandon the well in accordance with the regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and with the petroleum engineer present at the time the plugging is done."

SECONDED BY MR. WALDEN. Dr. Kalil refrained from voting because of personal interest in subject well. MOTION APPROVED (Mr. Chilson not present) AND CARRIED.

Mr. Deddens made another motion, as follows:

"In view of the fact that Lydia Johnson and Associates refused to furnish the well logs and other reports at the meeting of August 24, which required the commission to employ independent professional petroleum engineers for the purpose of investigating the conditions at Aztec #2 well, and further, in view of the fact that thereafter Lydia Johnson and Associates, by delivery to this office through the Attorney General's office, made available a gamma ray neutron log, daily drillers' logs, and incidental records reference said well, which records together with the engineers' report, disclose, among other things, that no surface pipe was installed in the well at the time of inspection by Mr. Maule and Commissioner Chilson, and that there was possibility of contamination of the fresh water strata by the salt water strata, and failure to file requisite reports with the commission, I move that the Attorney General be instructed to proceed with action in court against Lydia Johnson and Associates to enforce the penalties provided in § 27-527 A.R.S."

SECONDED BY MR. WALDEN. Dr. Kalil refrained from voting for reason of personal interest in above well. MOTION WAS APPROVED (Mr. Chilson not present) AND CARRIED.

After motions were approved and passed, the meeting was declared adjourned and the commission went to the Highway Department Auditorium to hear the application of Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Inc., on the Pinta Dome spacing matter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Welsey, Secretary  
For D.A. Jerome, Exec. Secretary

APPROVED October 26, 1960

M. F. WHARTON, Chairman

Charles Kalil, M.D.  
CHARLES KALIL, Vice Chairman

Anthony T. Deddens  
ANTHONY T. DEDDENS, Member

R. Keith Walden  
R. KEITH WALDEN, Member

Ernest W. Chilson  
ERNEST W. CHILSON, Member