

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

December 28, 1960

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On December 28th, 1960, the Commission held its regular, scheduled monthly meeting at 3500 North Central Avenue, at which time the following persons were present:

Commissioners:

Dr. Charles Kalil  
Mr. Anthony Deddens  
Mr. Keith Walden  
Mr. Ernest Chilson

Employees of Commission:

Mr. D.A. Jerome  
Mr. W.F. Maule

Others:

George Fowler  
Bill King, reporter for Republic  
Dick Thomas, reporter for Gazette  
Arthur Ross, Assistant Atty. Gen.

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A detailed accounting report of the expenditures for the months of November and December 1960 were read and handed to each member.

A brief discussion was had with Arthur Ross, Assistant Attorney General, and the Commission, regarding bonds, with reference to drilling, plugging and abandoning. Discussion was had concerning consideration of putting a time limit on a drilling permit, so that there would be some cut-off date as to the length of time a drilling permit can be opened and on file without any drilling activity.

Petroleum Engineer Maule summarized his activities for the past month and gave a well status report also. A brief discussion was had on the '61-'62 budget, but since the budget was approved by the majority of the Commission and was on file with the State Auditor as of September 1, 1960, it was felt that further discussion would not be necessary. The Executive Secretary and members of the Commission discussed the recent Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting. The Arizona Weekly Gazette was designated as the publication media for the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission for the year ending December 1961. Motion was made by Mr. Deddens and seconded by Mr. Chilson, and unanimously approved. This motion provided that the approval of this publication be reflected as December 1, 1960, to comply with the statute.

The Executive Secretary was requested to furnish a memorandum regarding sick leave, vacation time, and recording of same. The Executive Secretary gave a full report of the activities and duties performed by him during the months of November and December.

The Executive Secretary was instructed also to contact the Attorney General's office concerning the preparation of a proper form of performance bond, one which would give the Commission and the State more protection than it is felt the present form gives. He was

instructed to contact the Attorney General's office concerning the matters handled by the previous Attorney General on forfeiture of bonds.

The Minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved, with the following corrections: On Page 1, where the word "hearing" appears in the last paragraph, it should be deleted and the words "summation of statements" substituted. On Page 2, where the word "hearing" appears, in the last paragraph, the word "meeting" is to be substituted. The Minutes then were approved as amended, after which time the Commission held an executive session, closed to the public, at which time Mr. Maule and Mr. Jerome respectively were called before the Commission.

Election of Officers was held, at which time the following nominations were made:

NOMINATION by Mr. Chilson, seconded by Mr. Walden: "I move that Tony Deddens be made Chairman of the Commission until December 31, 1961." Motion was made by Mr. Walden that nominations be closed; seconded by Mr. Chilson. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Deddens abstained from voting.

NOMINATION by Mr. Chilson, naming Mr. Wharton Vice-Chairman. Mr. Walden moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Chilson. All were in favor and vote was unanimous for Mr. Wharton.

As a result, Mr. Anthony T. Deddens was elected Chairman and Mr. Malcolm F. Wharton was elected Vice Chairman of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission effective as of January 1st, 1961, until December 31st, 1961.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m., and this office was later notified that a Special Meeting of the Commissioners was called on December 31st, 1961, Saturday, in Phoenix, which was closed to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Welsey, Secretary  
- for D. A. Jerome, Exec. Secy.

APPROVED February 5, 1961

M. F. WHARTON, Chairman

Charles Kalil, Mr.  
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