

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 22, 1961

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The regular monthly meeting of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was called to order at 9:30 A.M. at Suite 221, 3500 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, by the Chairman, Anthony T. Deddens:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Anthony T. Deddens
Commissioner R. Keith Walden
Commissioner Charles Kalil, M. D.
Commissioner Lynn Lockhart

D. A. Jerome, Executive Secretary
Brooks Pierce, Petroleum Geologist

Laurence Huerta, Asst. Attorney General

Bill King, Republic Reporter

ABSENT:

Commissioner M. F. Wharton

At the opening of the meeting, Mr. Deddens, Chairman, welcomed Mr. Lynn Lockhart as a Commissioner to the Commission. Mr. Deddens also mentioned the serious illness of Commissioner Wharton in Chicago and his relapse.

The Executive Secretary, D. A. Jerome, read the minutes of the previous meeting of February 23, 1961 and a formal motion was made by Keith Walden, seconded by Lynn Lockhart, that the rough draft of the minutes of said February 23, 1961 meeting be rectified so that the following motion be contained therein:

It is the function of the Commission to carry out the duties and obligations imposed upon it by the Oil and Gas Code of Arizona, and to establish matters of policy relative to the operation and conduct of the Oil and Gas Commission, and to encourage capital to come into the State of Arizona for the purpose of fostering and developing the oil and gas industry in this state.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary:

- (1) To administer the policies of the Commission.
- (2) To be responsible to the Commission for the operation and activities of the Oil and Gas Commission office, including the activities and performance of all personnel.

The motion was passed unanimously and the minutes have been changed to include the foregoing.

The Executive Secretary next reported that the Arizona Development Board is going to furnish the necessary fees to pay for articles to be inserted in the brochure on Arizona oil and gas possibilities. The said Board will print at their sole cost and expense 10,000 copies initially to be distributed by our Commission in conjunction with the Development Board. Your executive secretary has been requested to direct the preparation of this brochure, to secure articles for same and to work in conjunction with the Universities, other agencies and the Development Board.

Brooks Pierce, Petroleum Geologist, gave a detailed report on his activities in the field. He also set forth the dangerous condition of the Cottonwood Oil Co. well and after discussion stated that he would see that the hazardous condition in and about this well is promptly remedied.

In this regard, a motion was made by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner Lockhart that Mr. Pierce seek out Richard Harless, one of the operators of said Cottonwood Oil Co., and notify him of our desires to have this dangerous situation corrected and if satisfactory assurances and action be not received, then the Commission office is to proceed to advise the Attorney General to take whatever action would be deemed necessary and proper under the circumstances. Passed unanimously.

The Executive Secretary and the Petroleum Geologist discussed in detail the necessity for a formation of a policy concerning the maintenance of well samples and cores at one focal point or institution which said institution would have sole responsibility for maintaining the samples and cores up-to-date. After a discussion on this matter, a motion was made by Mr. Walden, seconded by Mr. Lockhart, that the Commission office write all interested parties, such as:

Dean Forrester - University of Arizona - Tucson
Dr. Danson - Museum of Northern Arizona - Flagstaff
Senators: Blanchett, Corbett, Prochnow, Richards, Arnold.

to attend the Commission's June meeting for the express purpose of airing the matter of the repository of samples and cores and determining this matter with the assistance of all parties concerned. Voted upon and passed unanimously.

The report of the Asst. Attorney General, Mr. Huerta, indicated that he has been working with the Executive Secretary and the geologist to the end that proper forms be prepared and submitted to the Commissioners for approval. He indicated that the forms he had originally tendered for examination had been objected to by your Executive Secretary and geologist as being too long, cumbersome and requiring considerable information which they felt an operator would not like and should not be required to furnish. The processing of these forms and the preparation thereof will be continued by joint cooperation of this office and the Attorney General's office and when ready will be presented to the Commissioners for their suggestions, alterations or approval.

Devens Gust, attorney for Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc., filed an application for the inclusion of No. 10 Unit in the field at Pinta Dome, and requested that the commission fix a date for hearing thereon.

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A motion was made by Mr. Walden, seconded by Mr. Lockhart, that a hearing be held on the application of Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc. on April 26, 1961 at 1:30 p.m. at the Arizona State Highway Commission auditorium, 206 South 17th Avenue, Phoenix. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Jerome indicated that he has been working with Mr. Don Maxwell, clerk to Supreme Court Judge Bernstein, on a law pamphlet for the lawyers of Arizona regarding the matters involved in an oil and gas lease.

Permission was then requested for Mr. Brooks Pierce to attend the convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists to be held in Denver, April 24 through April 27, 1961; said permission was granted by the Commissioners unanimously.

Dr. Kalil: "I make a motion that this meeting be adjourned: - "Second the motion", Mr. Lockhart. It was approved and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Helen M. Eremie

APPROVED:

DATE: April 26, 1961

ANTHONY T. DEDDENS, CHAIRMAN


R. KEITH WALDEN, MEMBER


CHARLES KALIL, M.D., MEMBER


LYNN LOCKHART, MEMBER