OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 22, 1962

The regular monthly meeting of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was called to order at 9:11 A.M. by the Chairman, Mr. R. Keith Walden, in the Tax Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS
R. Keith Walden
Lynn Lockhart
Charles Kalil, M.D.
Orme Lewis

OTHERS
John K. Petty, Petroleum Geologist
Fritz Ryan, State Land Department
Chuck Martin
Larry Rummel, Gazette Reporter
Bob Webb, Ariz. Journal Reporter
Bill King, Republic Reporter

ABSENT: Robert Heward

Mr. Lockhart moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as typed whereupon Mr. Walden said he would like the following changes made in the minutes:

1 - In the 3rd paragraph on Page 2, after "due to no commission meeting on June 27" insert these words, "hearing with respect to the matter was called to order with Oscar Taylor...".

2 - In the next to the last paragraph, delete "go into Executive Session" and insert, "commission go into Executive session for the purpose of interviewing applicants (deleting "of" between interviewing and applicants").

Mr. Lockhart then amended his motion to include the amendments made by the chairman - all in favor - so ordered.

Mr. Petty gave his geological report for the month of August - a complete text of which had been given to each commission member.

After a discussion on the possible necessity of amending certain sections of the rules and regulations; namely, Sections 107, 109, 120, 602, 701 and 501, Mr. Walden directed Mr. Petty to prepare a memorandum by the October meeting on those sections that might need dressing up from an engineering or geological viewpoint and during the November meeting a portion of the time would be devoted to a discussion of these specific sections.

Fritz Ryan of the State Land Department asked if he could make a couple of requests:

1. That the State be included in the name of the lease on the drilling permit application if the oil or gas operator was to drill on a State lease.
Since it was the consensus of opinion that Federal, Indian and Fee land should also be so designated, Mr. Lewis moved that the name include the category of ownership as far as all future wells are concerned.

Seconded by Mr. Lockhart - unanimously approved - so ordered.

2- Because of occasional problems between grazing leases and oil leases, the State Land Department wanted to be notified as soon as possible whenever drilling permits on State land were issued.

The staff was directed to mail a copy of each application to the State Land Department, whether the drilling was to be on State land or not, as soon as approved.

During a discussion of the lease clause reserving all helium to the federal government, Mr. Walden asked Mr. Lockhart to write to the Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall requesting a report on the progress made on releasing the strict helium reservation since Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Jerome met with Mr. Udall and his staff several months ago.

Motion for adjournment until the 4th Wednesday in September was made by Dr. Kalil at 11 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Lockhart - all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Eremie, secretary


R. Keith Walden, Chairman

Lynn Lockhart, Vice Chairman

Charles Kalil, M.D., Member

Orme Lewis, Member