

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 23, 1963

At 9 A. M. the January, 1963 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting convened in its new quarters at 1624 W. Adams, Room 202, Phoenix, Arizona. Chairman R. Keith Walden presiding.

PRESENT:

Commissioners

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

Others

N. A. Ludewick, Executive Secretary
John K. Petty, Petroleum Geologist
Ross Anderson, Asst. Attorney General
Fritz Ryan, State Land Dept.

ABSENT: Robert B. Heward

Vice Chairman Lockhart moved and Dr. Kalil seconded the approval of the minutes of the December 19 meeting. All in favor - so ordered.

Before Mr. Ludewick gave his report on the 2½ weeks in his new position, he was officially welcomed as the Executive Secretary of this commission.

When Mr. Ludewick commented on the Oil and Gas Association luncheon at which Gov. Fannin spoke, a discussion ensued relative to better liaison between several state agencies to solve some of Arizona's oil industry's problems; particularly, in reference to the Highway Dept's personnel's lack of knowledge of the unusual situations that arise pertaining to the equipment needed during the drilling of oil or gas wells and Mr. Ludewick was directed to explore this problem with the proper Highway Dept. authorities to see what remedial action could be taken.

During John Petty's report, mention was made of the importance of advising the Navajo Tribe as to what action had been taken by this commission relative to the Federal Power Commission's hearing on the petition from Shell Oil Company and the other oil companies for a 17.7¢ per MCF for gas produced in Arizona. Mr. Walden called for a motion for the letters or copies thereof that Mr. Lewis wrote, on behalf of the commission, to the Attorney General's office, to the Federal Power Commission and the reply thereto from Mr. Gutride, Secretary of the FPC, be sent to the Chairman of the Navajo Tribe, to its geologist, Mr. Pohlmann, its Land Dept., Shell Oil Company and to any other interested parties.

Mr. Lockhart so moved with Mr. Lewis seconding the motion. All in favor - so ordered.

Since it was necessary to designate one of the local newspapers the official paper in which to publish this commission's public notices, Mr. Lewis moved that the Arizona Weekly Gazette be so designated. Motion seconded by Mr. Lockhart. Approved unanimously.

With the commission's supply of rules and regulations quite depleted, the question was raised as to whether more copies could be printed with the deletion of the sections no longer operative due to the new statute without a public hearing; whereupon Mr. Walden asked Mr. Ross Anderson of the Attorney General's office to research this matter and report his findings to this commission at its next meeting, February 27.

The Vice Chairman told the commission that Mr. Heward called him earlier from Holbrook to advise him that his choice for Chairman for 1963 was Mr. Walden; therefore, Mr. Lockhart offered Mr. Walden's name in nomination for Chairman for the succeeding year and Mr. Lewis moved:

"That the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for our present Chairman to be Chairman for 1963".

Seconded by Mr. Lockhart. All in favor - so ordered.

Mr. Lewis then nominated our only oil man for Vice Chairman with a second by Mr. Walden. Also unanimously approved - so ordered.

Before adjournment, the commission felt that the balance in our Capital Outlay in the amount of approx. \$700 would be a sufficient sum to spend for equipping the Hearing room which room is to be under this commission's supervision.

Motion for adjournment was made at 11:15 A. M. by Mr. Lockhart, seconded by Mr. Lewis. Unanimous - so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

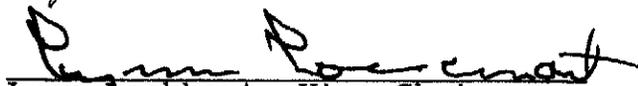
Helen M. Eremie, secretary

Approved Feb. 27, 1963

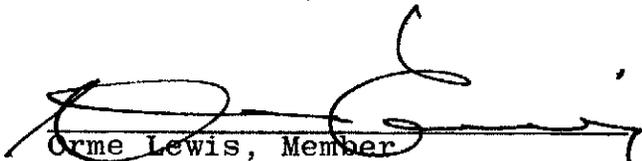

R. Keith Walden, Chairman

A B S E N T

Robert B. Heward, Member


Lynn Lockhart, Vice Chairman


Charles Kalil, M.D. Member


Orme Lewis, Member