State of Arizona

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1624 West Adams, Room 202
Phoenix, Arizona

MINUTES OF MEETING
November 27, 1963

The regularly scheduled November meeting of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman R. Keith Walden at the Hearing Room of the Commission at 1624 West Adams, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following persons present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Keith Walden, Chairman
Lynn Lockhart, Vice Chairman
Charles Kalil, M.D., Member
Orme Lewis, Member

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:
Robert B. Heward, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:
John K. Petty, Acting Executive Secretary and Petroleum Geologist
Senator Marshall Simms
Walt Fickle, Applicant
Patrick F. Lanahan, Jr., Applicant
Jack M. Little, Jr., Applicant
Robert L. Woodward, Applicant
Mike O'Donnell, Arizona Oil Report
Bill King, Reporter, Arizona Republic

Mr. Edward J. Kennedy, Assistant Attorney General, legal counsel for the Commission, requested that he be excused from attendance at this meeting if it appeared that his services would not be required since some other urgent matters required his attention. Chairman R. Keith Walden granted his request.

Immediately preceding the Commission meeting, the Commissioners and Mr. John K. Petty met in executive session. The following matters were handled during the executive session:

Mr. John K. Petty, Acting Executive Secretary and Petroleum Geologist, discussed briefly the reports he had mailed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting, and distributed to each of the Commissioners a supplemental report.

The applications of the out of state applicants were reviewed and several selected for further consideration.

A fifty dollar ($50.00) per month increase in salary was approved for Mr. John K. Petty.

Commissioner Orme Lewis' motion that the Commission adopt the following standardized forms designed by the United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey and the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, and recommended by Mr. Lawrence R. Alley, Executive Secretary of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, was
duly seconded and unanimously approved:

Form No. 9-330 Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log.
Form No. 9-331 Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells
Form No. 9-331C Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back

Commissioner Orme Lewis dictated a statement for the Commissioners' consideration regarding the Commission's position relative to incentives to encourage development of oil and gas in Arizona, which statement was prepared and made available to the Commissioners before the adjournment of the final session of the day's meeting.

Following the executive session, the Commissioners adjourned to the Hearing Room where the meeting was reconvened and the following business transacted:

Commissioner Lynn Lockhart's motion to accept the minutes of the November 13th meeting as prepared was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lynn Lockhart that the report by Mr. John K. Petty, Acting Executive Secretary and Petroleum Geologist, be accepted as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Charles Kalil and unanimously approved.

Senator Marshall Simms discussed with the Commissioners the proposed bill to establish an incentive bonus for oil well discovery within certain defined measures and limits. Mr. Mike O'Donnell also entered this discussion. Senator Simms reported that there had been no new developments on this matter since the last meeting. It was generally agreed that nothing further could be done regarding this bill until the requested opinion was received from the Attorney General's office regarding the legality of said bill. Also discussed was the possibility, in the event of an unfavorable ruling from the Attorney General, of changing the law to permit such a bill. The discussion of this subject was concluded upon Chairman R. Keith Walden's statement:

"That this Commission is in favor of helping to establish and create an incentive bonus for oil exploration in the state of Arizona, and it will do its utmost to do so within the guidelines and framework of the law which governs these matters."

Commissioner Charles Kalil moved that meeting be adjourned to the next room, seconded by Commissioner Lynn Lockhart, and unanimously approved.
Whereupon each of the four applicants for the position of Executive Secretary who had been requested by the Commission to appear for interview this morning was interviewed by the Commissioners in the Conference Room of the Commission.

In an executive session at the conclusion of the interviews, the four applicants' qualifications were discussed; however no decision was made at that time.

Before adjournment of the executive session, date of the December meeting was scheduled for December 16th at the Commission offices, immediately following the appearance of the Commission at the 8:30 a.m. budget hearing before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Room 220, Senate Wing.

Respectfully submitted,

John K. Petty, Acting Executive Secretary

APPROVED: December 16, 1963

R. Keith Walden, Chairman

Lynn Lockhart, Vice Chairman

Charles Kalil, M.D., Member

Orme Lewis, Member

ABSENT

Robert B. Heward, Member