

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

Minutes of Meeting
October 27, 1965

Present:

Mr. Lynn Lockhart, Chairman
Mr. Orme Lewis, Vice Chairman
Mr. Lucien B. Owens, Member
Mr. George T. Siler, Member
Mr. John Bannister, Executive Secretary
Mr. J.R. Scurlock, Petroleum Geologist

Mr. Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell-Ewing Drilling Co.
Mr. J.H. Waterhouse, Graduate Geologist
Mrs. G.M. Russnak, 6412 E. Calle Rosa, Scottsdale, Arizona
Mrs. K.M. Yantes, 2011 N. 87th Street., Scottsdale, Arizona
Mrs. M. Berdine, 7624 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona
Mr. O.B. Lassen, Commissioner, State Land Department
Mr. F.C. Ryan, State Land Department

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Lockhart quoted figures from the Annual Report of the State Land Commissioner concerning oil and gas leases and revenues therefrom.

Mr. Lewis moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 1965, as distributed, be approved. The motion was passed by members of the Commission.

Mr. Waterhouse objected on the ground that approval of the minutes of this meeting would constitute approval of the Regulations adopted by the Commission at the hearing held by the Commission on the same date.

Mr. Lewis stated he saw no relationship between the regular meeting and the special hearing; the Rules were adopted at the hearing.

Chairman Lockhart ruled the objection out of order.

One of the ladies present, believed to be Mrs. Yantes, stated that her political study group found there was a great deal of resentment that minutes of official meetings were not printed so that if a person were interested he could come in and get a copy and this is the only way one can understand what did happen.

Mr. Bannister replied that we do maintain, as a public record, the minutes of our meetings. That record is available in the office of the Commission at any time after the minutes are approved.

Mr. Lewis pointed out that our meetings are recorded but that typewritten minutes are available for anyone who wants to look at them. Our hearings are public and a court reporter is present who records every word. Copies of the transcript are in the Commission office. The cost of printing these and making them available would be out of proportion to the value.

Mr. Waterhouse asked if the tapes of the hearing were available if the public were to come in.

Chairman Lockhart replied that the Court Reporter takes the proceedings under oath. Copies of the transcripts are available to anyone who wants to read them. Mr. Lewis interjected that the tape recording was only used for meetings, not for hearings.

Mr. Waterhouse asked if tapes of the meetings were available and Chairman Lockhart replied that if a man knew what he wanted to hear, the Executive Secretary would be glad to play the tape for that person.

Reports of the Executive Secretary and Geologist were approved.

Mr. Bannister pointed out that during the hearing of September 22, concerning changes to the Rules and Regulations, the Commission publicly announced the adopting of the Rules and Regulations and asked whether it was the wish of the Commissioners to issue an order stating the adoption. The Commission files do not reflect that orders arising from past hearings on this subject have been issued. Mr. Bannister further stated that a certified copy of the Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Commission on September 22, 1965 was filed with the Secretary of State on October 1, 1965 and that the Secretary of State had issued a receipt (number 2334) acknowledging the receipt in accordance with the statutes.

It was directed that the Executive Secretary should get an attorney general's opinion, and if necessary, act upon that opinion.

Mr. Bannister reported that printed copies of the new Rules and Regulations should be available about November 1, 1965.

Mr. Waterhouse commented upon the Rules and Regulations and legislation of previous years. Mr. Lewis detailed the purposes of the legislation and Mr. O'Donnell cited similar legislation made by the Ohio Legislature in a recent emergency session.

A discussion of conservation and production followed.

Mr. Bannister announced that the next meeting of this Commission will be at the University of Arizona, Tucson, on November 17.

Mr. Bannister announced the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting in December, 1965. It was signified that Chairman Lockhart, Mr. Bannister, and Mr. Scurlock would attend inasmuch as they were members of IOCC committees.

Mr. O'Donnell brought to the Commission's attention the desirability and value of the Executive Secretary attending the Independent Petroleum Association national meetings. The Commission indicated agreement and that consideration for such attendance would be given if funds were available.

One of the ladies present, believed to be Mrs. Yantes, questioned the legal status of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission; if in case of conflict with Federal law, is it true that Federal law would take preference; and this Compact was in violation unless authorized by Congress.

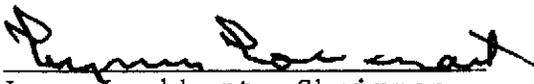
Mr. Lewis replied that in a broad sense this Compact came into being because of anti-trust laws. As a practical matter, the Interstate Oil Compact Commission is a correlating body of what the member states do and participation is entirely voluntary. There is Congressional legislation authorizing the Interstate Oil Compact Commission and the Compact is subject to annual scrutiny by the Department of Justice.

Mr. Bannister pointed out the prime function of this Compact is that of a study group and for exchange of ideas.

The Commission discussed the idea, but arrived at no conclusion, of making funds available to a student, either a master's or doctor's degree candidate, in the Geology Department of the University of Arizona for geological studies to increase the knowledge available to the Commission for the benefit of the industry and the public interested in oil and gas in Arizona.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED November 17, 1965


Lynn Lockhart, Chairman