

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

Minutes of Meeting
December 15, 1965

Present:

Mr. Lynn Lockhart, Chairman
Mr. Orme Lewis, Vice Chairman
Mr. L.B. Owens, Member
Mr. G.T. Siler, Member
Mr. H.S. Corbett, Member
Mr. John Bannister, Executive Secretary
Honorable Fred Udine, State Senator
Mr. Don Warne, Phoenix Gazette
Mr. Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Ewing, Inc.
Mr. J.R. Pickett

Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Chairman Lockhart called for additions or corrections to the meeting of November 17, 1965; Mr. Bannister reported certain corrections Dean Forrester, University of Arizona, requested in his letter of December 11, 1965.

It was moved and passed that the corrections requested by Dean Forrester be made to the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 1965 and that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Mr. Bannister stated that Mr. Scurlock, Geologist, was detained by weather in northern Arizona where he was checking wells and therefore was not present at this meeting.

Chairman Lockhart reported on the activities of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting December 6-8 in Corpus Christi, Texas, and including the activities leading to the success in setting Phoenix as the meeting site for the December, 1966 meeting.

Chairman Lockhart also reported on the contacts with oil and gas operators that he, Senator Udine and Mr. Bannister made on behalf of exploration in Arizona.

The need for additional out-of-State travel funds for Commission personnel was discussed in light of notice taken by oil organizations that Arizona was not represented at national meetings concerning the oil industry.

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Mr. Bannister cited an article in a recent Independent Petroleum Association Journal relative to shallow zone areas in Arizona which are attractive for exploration and which has created some interest in Arizona. He reiterated that the contacts made by Mr. Lockhart, Senator Udine, and himself will be of extreme value.

Mr. O'Donnell reported that things were going now for Arizona. According to an article in a recent Oil and Gas Journal the price of crude is strong and firm and there is an increasing demand for crude.

Mr. O'Donnell also reported on the drilling of the O'Donnell & Ewing well in Chino Valley, the problems, the costs, and the active cooperation of representatives of United States agencies, geologists and engineers from many major companies. Many of these people expressed desire for the well to go on down through the granite wash to give more answers to Arizona geology. But financial support is needed to carry on.

There followed a great deal of unofficial discussion about incentives of many types to create active interest in Arizona exploration.

It was moved and passed that the next regular meeting of the Commission will be January 19, 1965.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.