

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

Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 1966

Present:

Mr. Lynn Lockhart, Chairman
Mr. H.S. Corbett, Member
Mr. G.T. Siler, Member
Mr. John Bannister, Executive Secretary
Mr. J.R. Scurlock, Petroleum Geologist
Honorable Fred Udine, Senator, State of Arizona
Dr. Willard Pye, University of Arizona
Mr. Alfred Morgan
Mr. Mike O'Donnell

Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of April 20, 1966 were approved. The reports of the Executive Secretary and the Geologist were accepted.

Mr. Bannister reported on the Legislative appropriation to this Commission for 1966-67. For the current year, 1965-66, the Commission is in relatively good shape, budget-wise. However, funds for in-state travel are close.

Chairman Lockhart reported on his attendance at the Independent Petroleum Association of America meeting in Los Angeles.

Mr. Bannister pointed out that this was the mid-year meeting, rather than the big annual meeting. Generally speaking meeting consisted of a lot of committee meetings, the most interesting of which included a good presentation by Tidewater Oil Company on steam flooding for recovery of oil from thick sands in Kern County, California, which increased their reservoir by 600 million barrels or 5%.

Mr. Michael Halbouty, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Mr. H.D. Henderson, Trunkline Petroleum Company, and Mr. John Kelley, former oil director for the Department of Interior, sought out Mr. Bannister and expressed interest and confidence in Arizona as an oil producing state. It was widely noticed that Arizona was represented.

Mr. Bannister brought to the attention of the Commission the Petroleum Engineering Associates Thermal Recovery Techniques Short Course being offered in Los Angeles July 18-20, 1966, and recommended that someone from this Commission attend. It was agreed that Mr. Scurlock should attend in keeping with the policy of keeping abreast with technological advances in the industry.

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Dr. Pye pointed out that secondary recovery is becoming increasingly important and that the University of Arizona is contemplating the addition of such course work.

Secondary recovery procedures, particularly with steam injection, were discussed.

Chairman Lockhart suggested that the Commission attempt to get the Tidewater film for showing at the next meeting. Mr. Siler asked if more educational films were available. Mr. Bannister replied that efforts would be made to obtain the loan of any film of this type.

Mr. O'Donnell commented upon drilling contractors licenses from the State's Registrar of Contractors. A general discussion of this topic followed.

Mr. Siler requested further explanation of the pressure base in measuring gas. Mr. Bannister explained the current procedure in Arizona and the procedure directed by the Federal government in all of its reporting. Any change to our Rules and Regulations to conform to the Federal practise would require a hearing. It was decided that inasmuch as the new base prescribed for the Federal Government has not been established as a standard, that the Commission would not at this time take any steps to change our Regulations.

Mr. Siler questioned how the Commission's action in establishing a leave policy would be affected by any action of the Governor. Mr. Bannister replied that the survey questionnaire stating the Commission's policy had been returned to the Governor's Office, but nothing has come from that office concerning any action.

It was voted to hold no meeting in June, 1966.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.