

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
1624 West Adams - Suite 202  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Minutes of Meeting  
January 21, 1970

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Mr. Kenneth G. Bentson,  
Vice Chairman  
Mr. Frank E. Moore, Member  
Mr. John Bannister,  
Executive Secretary  
Mr. James R. Scurlock, Geologist  
Mr. Andrew L. Bettwy,  
State Land Commissioner  
Mr. Fritz Ryan, State Land  
Department

Absent:

Mr. George T. Siler, Member  
Mr. Lucien B. Owens, Member

Chairman Ralph Bilby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Andrew Bettwy, newly appointed State Land Commissioner and ex-officio member of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, was welcomed by Chairman Bilby.

Minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1969 were approved as written.

Reports of the Executive Secretary and Geologist were accepted.

General discussion was held on a proposed bill to be introduced in the Legislature which would, in effect, remove the limitation on the amount of state acreage an individual may hold. It was moved and passed that, if the Commission's comments are requested as to the bill, the Commission express itself in favor of passage of said legislation.

General discussion was held on the recommendations of the Governor and Joint Budget Committee of the 1970-71 budget submitted by the Commission. The Chairman was instructed to discuss the Commission's request for a hearing with the Appropriation Committees and, if the discussion seemed favorable, to request hearings. (Action taken: Chairman Bilby has requested to appear before the Appropriations Committees.)

The Executive Secretary was directed to prepare and forward to each of Arizona's Representatives to the Congress of the United States the attached Resolution. Said Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

The Executive Secretary was directed to prepare a letter of commendation to Obed M. Lassen, retiring Land Department Commissioner. Copy of said letter is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED February 18, 1970

  
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Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

## RESOLUTION

The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of Arizona has consistently fostered policies that promote the orderly discovery and development of the State's petroleum reserves, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

The experiences of the United States in two world wars, the Korean conflict, the Suez Crisis of 1956, and its present involvement in the Far East demonstrate the vital importance of our Nation being self-sufficient in the petroleum fields.

The conservation aims of the State of Arizona and the needs of national security establish a common need for policies that will:

- A. provide a State regulatory environment and economic climate that encourages exploration and development of Arizona's oil and gas reserves;
- B. assure domestic supplies at reasonable consumer cost; and
- C. provide adequate domestic supplies to meet national needs in the event of emergencies.

The Mandatory Oil Import Program and Arizona's conservation regulations have the common goals of protecting the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of Arizona in meeting duly assembled this 21st day of January 1970, in Phoenix, Arizona, urges the Representatives of the State of

Arizona to the Congress of the United States to exert their influence and direct their efforts toward the maintenance of the quotas of importation of foreign petroleum into the United States at the presently existing levels, and to restore the stability and integrity of the Mandatory Oil Import Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of Arizona is hereby instructed to furnish a duly certified copy of this Resolution to each Representative of the State of Arizona to the Congress of the United States.



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January 21, 1970

Mr. Obed M. Lassen  
Commissioner, State Land Department  
2029 East Baseline Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85040

Dear Mr. Lassen:

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for your cooperation with this Commission during your term as State Land Commissioner. Your guidance in the establishment of this Commission has been extremely valuable and your continued interest most helpful.

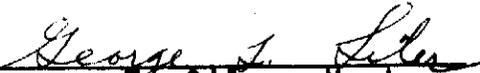
We would like to express our deep respect for you, not only as State Land Commissioner but also as a most wonderful person.

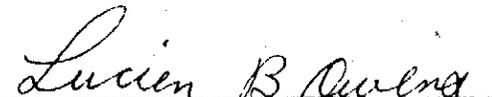
Please rest assured that if this Commission can ever be of service to you, you have but to ask.

In sincere appreciation,

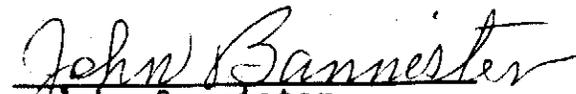
  
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