

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Museum of Northern Arizona  
Research Center  
Flagstaff, Arizona

Minutes of Meeting  
July 15, 1970

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Mr. Lucien B. Owens, Member  
Mr. Frank E. Moore, Member  
Mr. Robert A. Bledsoe, Member  
Mr. John Bannister, Executive Secretary  
Mr. James R. Scurlock, Director,  
Geology Section  
Mr. William E. Allen, Director,  
Enforcement Section  
Dr. Edward B. Danson, Director,  
Museum of Northern Arizona  
Dr. William J. Breed, Curator of Geology,  
Museum of Northern Arizona  
Mr. Fritz Ryan, State Land Department  
Mr. George T. Siler

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Bilby, following the hearing of Case 42.

Minutes of meeting of June 17, 1970 were approved as written.

Executive Secretary reported on reorganization of the Commission's staff wherein two distinct sections of responsibility have been created: 1. Geology Section, with Mr. James Scurlock as Director; and 2. Enforcement Section, with Mr. William E. Allen as Director. The Geology Section is responsible for the development and dissemination of geological information developed by the Commission pursuant to Commission plans as proposed in the 1970-71 budget and as approved by the Legislature. The enforcement Section will be responsible for the enforcement of the Commission's rules and regulations and the statutes under which the Commission operates, as well as the maintenance of well files and related duties.

Executive Secretary officially introduced Mr. William E. (Bill) Allen, new Director of Enforcement Section.

Mr. Owens reported on the findings of the committee delegated to locate a new housing for the Commission. The most suitable site was the building at 4115 N. 7th Avenue, previously inspected by the Commission. The committee then instructed the Executive Secretary to proceed with arrangements to lease the building. Executive Secretary advised that a letter of commitment has been sent to the agent for the building, specifying terms of occupancy.

Executive Secretary reported that Dean Forrester of the Bureau of Mines at the University of Arizona has resigned and at this time no replacement has been named. It is possible that Dr. Jerry Wright will officially represent the Department of Geology at the University of Arizona to the Commission. The Commission has been invited to hold a meeting at the University with possibly a two or three day workshop on oil and gas activities. Executive Secretary was instructed to make arrangements for such meeting.

Reports of Executive Secretary and Geologist were accepted.

Dr. Edward Danson, Director of the Museum of Northern Arizona, presented a brief history of the activities of the Museum and its interest in the collection and use of well samples. Dr. Danson also expressed the desire of the Museum that the Commission make arrangements over a period of ten years to support the Museum with a contribution of \$1,000 per year. This money would, in effect, be a repayment for the material and expenses made by the Museum in collecting and storing earth samples which will now be taken over by the Commission prior to it becoming a repository for the Commission and prior to the Commission assuming any financial responsibility in this matter. Dr. William Breed expressed the opinion that this money might be donated in the form of a yearly scholarship.

Resolution was passed congratulating the Governor on his choice in the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Bentson as a member of the Board of Regents and regret of the Commission in having to accept Mr. Bentson's resignation as a member of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman