Minutes of Meeting
August 19, 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. William E. Allen, Director,
            Enforcement Section
          Mr. James R. Scurling,
            Geology Section
          Dr. Willard Pye

Absent:  Mr. W. Roger Hafford, Member

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Ralph Bilby.

Minutes of meeting of July 15, 1970 were approved as written.

Reports of Executive Secretary and Geologist were accepted.

Executive Secretary reported that the building at 4115 N. 7th Avenue which had been selected as new housing for the Commission proved to have substandard wiring and the letter of commitment to the agent for the building was cancelled. A tentative site has been found at 4515 N. 7th Avenue, to be inspected by the Commission at the conclusion of the meeting.

Executive Secretary advised that Mr. W. Roger Hafford had accepted appointment to the Commission to fill Mr. Kenneth Bentson's unexpired term, with the condition that the regular meeting date be changed, due to conflicting meetings. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Friday, September 18, 1970, at which time regular meeting dates will be set.

Executive Secretary reported on a preliminary draft of the budget for fiscal year 1970-1971. Due to the anticipated move to new quarters, increased personnel, and many unknown factors, the budget will not be presented in final form until the next meeting.

Executive Secretary reported that the State Land Department is considering revising their leasing forms and rules and regulations as pertain to oil and gas leasing and have requested the Commission to make a preliminary survey of interested companies and individuals for their comments on any changes. These opinions will then be turned over to the State Land Department for use in changing the format.
Executive Secretary advised that Chapter 204, Laws of 1970, became effective August 11, 1970 and as a result the per diem compensation for the Commissioners has been increased to $30.00. The laws relating to travel on state business as contained in Sections 38-621 through 38-627 A.R.S. were discussed. On per diem travel in state $20.00 per day is allowed for subsistence and $30.00 per day out of state, with no receipts required for per diem expenses. Receipts are still required for air travel, which must be at coach rate, and until further notice a form must be filed with the airline to deduct federal tax.

Executive Secretary advised of his appointment as a member of Colorado Plateau Environmental Control Council which has been formed under the auspices of the Museum of Northern Arizona.

Mr. William Allen advised the Commission of the status of certain wells within the state.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to be followed by visit to proposed housing site.

APPROVED

Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman