

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
4515 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Minutes of Meeting
June 18, 1971

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Mr. Lucien B. Owens, Member
Mr. Frank E. Moore, Member

Absent:

Mr. W. Roger Hafford, Member
Mr. Robert A. Bledsoe, Member

The regular Commission meeting for the month of June, 1971 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the meeting of May 23, 1971 were approved as written.

Reports of Executive Secretary, Enforcement Section and Geology Section were accepted.

Executive Secretary advised that the Minerals and Fuels Committee of the Four Corners Regional Commission, to which he was assigned, has completed its work. The committee was formed to inventory the Four Corners area for mineral and fuel natural resources possibilities, together with certain projects designed to help stimulate the economy of the area through various means.

Executive Secretary advised that the next step is ready to be taken in surveillance of the salt mining project located west of Phoenix. This will consist of drilling approximately 10 holes 35 to 40 feet deep and inserting plastic pipe through which nuclear moisture probes will be run. This will be paid for by the Governor's Office. The 1971-72 phase will be paid from funds allotted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Executive Secretary has been informed that the Governor's Office will seek legislation providing that future surveillance costs be paid by the project involved rather than from State funds. It is also proposed that future surveillance of the salt project be assigned to the Arizona Health Department.

After discussion, Executive Secretary was instructed to draft a letter to the Governor, advising of the increased interest being shown both Nation-wide and within the State in geothermal power and suggesting that steps be taken to designate an agency to supervise anticipated activity in this field. It is felt that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission would be the logical department to handle such regulation. The draft of the letter is to be submitted to Chairman Ralph Bilby for approval.

The Commission voted to increase the Executive Secretary's salary in accordance with the suggested limit of the Joint Budget Committee's recommendation.

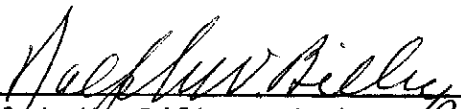
Motion was made and approved that the regular August meeting of the Commission be held in Show Low, Arizona, on August 20, 1971. As a quorum will not be present, no meeting will be held in July.

J. N. Conley, staff geologist, advised that the index of well samples which he has prepared is now being printed and will be available for distribution by the end of June. Executive Secretary further advised that Mr. Conley has done an excellent job on the index. Dr. H. Wesley Peirce of the Arizona Bureau of Mines also aided in this project. A building has been made available to the Commission by the Arizona Highway Department for the storage of duplicate samples and samples from inactive areas, leaving room at the Commission offices for the more active samples.

Executive Secretary reported there is a possibility that the Arizona State Highway Department will seek to purchase copyrights of certain maps of the State of Arizona from Ammon International Corporation. The Finance Department would not allow the Commission to transfer funds to make the purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED



Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman