

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

Minutes of Meeting
April 21, 1972

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Mr. W. Roger Hafford, Member
Mr. Robert A. Bledsoe, Member

Absent:

Mr. Frank E. Moore, Member
(Deceased)
Mr. Lucien B. Owens, Member

The regular Commission meeting for the month of April, 1972 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Bilby informed the Commission of the sudden death of Commissioner Frank E. Moore on April 17, 1972. Chairman Bilby lauded Mr. Moore as a serious and hard working member of the Commission. Mr. Moore served the State of Arizona in a number of important capacities. Motion was made and approved that a letter be sent to Mr. Moore's family, indicating the feeling of loss and sympathy felt by the members of the Commission.

Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 1972 were approved as written.

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

Approval was granted for two out-of-state trips by the Executive Secretary, one being the midyear meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 7 to 9, 1972, and the other the midyear meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, June 11 to 13, 1972.

Executive Secretary reported on his trip to Farmington, New Mexico to address the Four Corners Chapter of the Petroleum Engineers Association on March 20, 1972.

Executive Secretary further advised on meeting of the Arizona Emergency Services Association at Grand Canyon, Arizona. This Commission is charged with petroleum responsibility in a war-time situation or a natural emergency. Executive Secretary addressed the Association meeting on energy shortages within the State of Arizona, a situation not realized by many members of the group.

At the request of Chairman Bilby, Executive Secretary read a letter from the late Mr. Frank Moore, Member, requesting that the subject of the anticipated shortage of natural gas be placed on the agenda. Discussion of the shortage followed.

R. N. Conley, Director of Geology Section, presented findings on specific areas in Arizona where there is a possibility for the occurrence of natural gas and oil. After discussion of ways and means to finance geophysical and geological investigations, the subject was tabled until the next meeting. The Executive Secretary was instructed to investigate possible sources of money for this purpose and to make a report of his findings at the May meeting.

Chairman Bilby suggested that the Commission hold the regular June meeting in Nogales, Arizona, in keeping with the policy of conducting one meeting each year outside the Phoenix area. Decision will be made at the regular May meeting as to the location of the June meeting.

Chairman Bilby advised that Mr. F. Keith Benton of Yuma, Arizona, has been invited by the Governor to accept an appointment as a member of the Commission, to fill the expired term of Mr. Lucien B. Owens. Word has not been received of Mr. Benton's acceptance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED

May 19, 1972



Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman