

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

Minutes of Meeting  
June 21, 1974

Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. F. Keith Benton, Member

The regular Commission meeting for the month of June, 1974 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of meeting of April 19, 1974 were approved as written.

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

Executive Secretary advised that the Commission anticipates reverting approximately \$7,000 to the General Fund, in keeping with the Governor's economy request that all agencies attempt to cut costs by at least 5% for the fiscal year 1973-74.

Executive Secretary advised that the Commission budget request for fiscal year 1974-75 was allowed as requested, plus adjustments for increased personal services and related costs.

Director of Geology Section advised that the \$14,000 technical assistance grant from the Four Corners Regional Commission for geophysical and geological exploration to be conducted by the University of Arizona under the direction of the Commission has now been concluded and the expanded report of southeastern Arizona, based on the report submitted by Drs. Aiken and Sumner of the University of Arizona, is now being completed by the printer.

Commission authorized out of state travel for the Executive Secretary to attend the 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute to be held in San Francisco, California July 11 to 13, 1974.

It was directed that copies of sheets from the guest register be supplied the members of the Commission with the regular monthly mailing.

Director of the Enforcement Section advised that Eastern

Petroleum Company has drilled 85 holes in the Navajo Springs area of northern Arizona for helium exploration. Some 30 of the holes are still open, although only 10 holes are capable of production or have produced commercially. Repeated efforts to have the holes plugged and abandoned by Eastern Petroleum Company have failed. After discussion, Executive Secretary was instructed to notify Eastern Petroleum Company that the wells be plugged within sixty days from this date or show cause to the Commission why they have not done so, with a copy of the notification sent to the bonding company.

Since a quorum will not be present during the month of July due to vacation schedules, the next regular Commission meeting will be held at Little America in Flagstaff, Arizona on August 19, 1974 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED

  
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Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Also present at meeting:

Mr. Bill King  
The Arizona Republic