

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

Minutes of Meeting
January 17, 1975

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Mr. W. Roger Hafford,
Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert A. Bledsoe, Member
Dr. Geoffrey E. H. Ballard,
Member

Absent:

Mr. F. Keith Benton, Member

The regular Commission meeting for the month of January, 1975 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 1974 were approved as written.

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

Executive Secretary advised that the Director of the Enforcement Section is in northern Arizona to supervise the plugging operations of Eastern Petroleum Company.

Executive Secretary advised that the compulsory retirement date for J. N. Conley, Director of the Geology Section, has been extended by the State Personnel Division to June, 1976.

Mr. Conley advised that Dr. J. J. Wright, who formerly served the Commission as official representative of the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona, has been named by the Association of Petroleum Geologists to serve as an advisor to Senator Barry Goldwater on petroleum matters. Mr. Conley then introduced Mr. Allan Cree, who has retired from service with Cities Service Oil Company and is now engaged in petroleum consulting work. Mr. Cree has been named to serve as an advisor to Senator Fannin.

Mr. John T. Kellogg, Chief of the Minerals Section, Minerals and Energy Division of the State Land Department, was introduced as the representative of the State Land Department in the absence of Mr. Andrew Bettwy. Mr. Kellogg elaborated on the policy of the State Land Department on geothermal leases. The State Land Commissioner is reluctant to institute competitive or non-competitive geothermal leases until the Bureau of Land Management

publicizes the federal policy on federal areas surrounding state lands. After discussion, it was moved and passed that the Executive Secretary direct a letter to U.S. Senator Paul Fannin, requesting that he investigate with the Bureau of Land Management the reason why neither competitive nor non-competitive geothermal leases have been granted.

Executive Secretary advised that, acting on instructions of the State Budget Department, a letter was sent to the owner of the Commission's office building, advising that the Commission was authorized to pay an additional five percent of the \$22,194.00 annual rental fee for the fiscal year 1975-76. The owner of the building, Mr. James B. Phillips, advised that due to vastly increasing costs, a five percent increase would not be acceptable. Mr. Phillips agreed to submit a counter proposal, not yet received, which will be submitted to the State Budget Department for consideration.

The first phase of the proposed plan for the future activities of the Commission was discussed. The Commission ordered the staff to continue with the analysis, as it should prove of benefit.

Due to a schedule conflict, it was agreed that the regular April meeting will be on April 21, 1975. February and March meetings will remain as scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED February 21, 1975



Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Also present:

Mr. Allan Cree

Mr. John T. Kellogg
State Land Department

Dr. Joseph F. Schreiber, Jr.
Department of Geosciences
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona