

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

Minutes of Meeting  
March 21, 1975

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Mr. W. Roger Hafford,  
Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert A. Bledsoe, Member  
Mr. F. Keith Benton, Member  
Dr. G. E. H. Ballard, Member

The regular Commission meeting for the month of March, 1975 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:45 a.m., immediately following hearing on Case No. 49.

Minutes of the meeting of February 21, 1975 were approved as written.

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

Executive Secretary advised that he appeared before the Senate Budget Committee on March 12, 1975. The Committee endorsed the Commission's revised budget for the 1975-76 fiscal year of \$176,900. This reflects a 10% decrease in the budget as originally submitted and as called for by Governor Castro.

Executive Secretary advised that plans to move into the new Commission quarters at 8686 North Central Avenue are proceeding smoothly and that no difficulty is anticipated in the move, scheduled for April 15, 1975.

Executive Secretary reported that Senator Fannin has replied to the Commission's request concerning information as to the Bureau of Land Management's failure to make available geothermal leases on Federal land. Senator Fannin advised that the Bureau has held one lease sale for lands in Greenlee and Graham Counties. Bids were received but to date no leases have been issued. Upon instructions, the Executive Secretary telephoned Mr. Andrew Bettwy, State Land Commissioner, concerning the State's leasing for geothermal energy. Executive Secretary reported that Mr. Bettwy feels there is no reason the State cannot go ahead and lease its land for geothermal purposes, however he (Mr. Bettwy) has not as yet been able to authorize leasing, due to pressures of other pending matters.

It was reported to the Commission that Mrs. Ed McCullough has passed away and the Commission expressed its sadness at Dr. McCullough's loss. It was further reported that Dr. McCullough will visit the Commission soon, hoping to develop joint programs with the Commission.

The next Commission meet be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 1975 in the new quarters at 8686 North Central Avenue, Suite 106, Phoenix.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED                      April 21, 1975

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Also present:

Dr. Allan Cree