

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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Minutes of Meeting  
January 16, 1976

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Mr. W. Roger Hafford, Vice Chairman  
Mr. F. Keith Benton, Member  
Dr. G. E. H. Ballard, Member  
Mr. Hal Butler, Member

The regular Commission meeting for the month of January, 1976 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Executive Secretary reported that at the present time no approval has been given by the Four Corners Regional Commission for funding of a three-phase geological and geophysical study of portions of Arizona as proposed by the University of Arizona and the Commission. The Four Corners Regional Commission has not met to consider the proposal but it is felt that approval will be given.

Executive Secretary further reported that the Governor has tabled the budgeting of a state-wide geological program to involve the three state universities, although there is a possibility a supplemental budget may be submitted after the Legislature has determined the funds available for all purposes.

Executive Secretary requested Commission approval of an invitation from Valley National Bank to various state departments to set up a display involving energy in the mall of the new downtown bank building. The Commission display could consist of well location maps and possibly some bottles of Arizona oil, pictures of wells, and a drill bit. After discussion, Executive Secretary was instructed to proceed with the display.

Executive Secretary reported that no word has been received of the outcome of a meeting scheduled by the Chinle School Board for January 15, 1976 to consider reducing the school district taxes.

Executive Secretary advised that Dr. Dale Nations, who is a member of the Geology Staff of Northern Arizona University and the Mayor of Flagstaff, Arizona, has been named by Governor Castro as a member of the Commission to replace Mr. F. Keith Benton, whose term will expire January 19, 1976. Dr. Nation's appointment will not become effective until it is confirmed by the Senate.

The question was raised as to whether or not the Commission is adequately policing exploratory wells in order to determine that accurate and complete information is being furnished as required by the Commission rules and regulations. The consensus of opinion was that the Commission is receiving complete and accurate information in accordance with the requirements of the Commission rules and regulations and the statutes.

Approval was granted for the Executive Secretary to attend an Executive Committee meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission to be held in Austin, Texas the end of February or the first of March, 1976.

Due to the poor quality of copies being made by the copy machine owned by the Commission, the Executive Secretary was instructed to request an addendum to the Commission's 1976-77 budget request for a new copy machine.

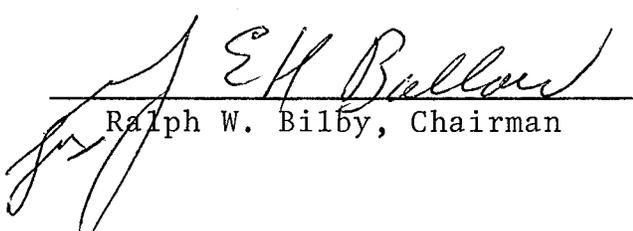
Chairman Bilby directed that the minutes show that Mr. F. Keith Benton was commended for his service to the Commission during his term as Commissioner.

The next regular meeting will be March 19, 1976.

Commission adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to go into Executive Session.

APPROVED

March 19, 1976

  
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Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman