

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
1645 West Jefferson  
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Minutes of Meeting  
March 16, 1979

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman  
Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member  
Mr. Johnny Gregovich, Member  
Mr. L. A. Palmer, Member

The regular Commission meeting of March 16, 1979 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

The Chairman introduced Mr. L. A. (Roy) Palmer, new member of the Commission.

Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 1979 were approved as written.

Reports of the Acting Executive Secretary and the Geology Section were accepted.

The Chairman expressed the regret of the Commission that Mr. J. N. Conley, Director of the Geology Section, is retiring from state service as of May 11, 1979.

Mr. W. E. Allen, Acting Executive Secretary, advised that House Bill 2224, to provide funds for the preparation of a state-wide geological map, did not pass the Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives and is now a dead issue.

The Acting Executive Secretary further advised that House Bill 2079, giving the Commission statutory authority to make natural gas pricing determinations, as mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, passed the Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives but was not brought before the House Commerce Committee and consequently is a dead issue. Without statutory authority, the Attorney General has been requested to give a legal opinion as to whether the Commission can make pricing determinations under the Federal Energy Regulatory Act and whether a public hearing will be necessary to establish the rules to be followed.

The Acting Executive Secretary suggested that the monthly production reports now distributed at no charge to interested individuals be subjected to a charge of \$6.00 per year

in order to reimburse the Commission for some of the cost involved. Further, by charging for the copies, a substantial reduction in the present mailing list of 80 persons could be anticipated. After discussion, it was agreed to continue distribution at no charge.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to go into executive session to consider the selection of an Executive Secretary. The final decision for the selection of the Executive Secretary was postponed until the next regular Commission meeting on May 18, 1979.

APPROVED May 18, 1979

  
Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman