

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
1645 West Jefferson Street  
Suite 420  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Minutes of Meeting  
November 16, 1979

Present:

Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Johnny Gregovich, Member  
Mr. L. A. Palmer, Member

Absent:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman  
Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member

The regular Commission meeting of September 20, 1979 was called to order by Vice Chairman Hal Butler at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Butler advised that Chairman Ralph Bilby was not present because his commercial plane flight had been repeatedly delayed.

Minutes of the meeting of September 21, 1979 were approved as written.

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

After discussion, the Executive Secretary was authorized to advise the Chairmen of the Natural Resources Committees of the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives of the Commission's desire that Arizona Revised Statutes 32-1121.3 be revised to eliminate oil, gas and geothermal explorationists from the requirements of using licensed drilling contractors. This is deemed necessary because there are no qualified oil and gas drilling contractors in the State of Arizona and the forty-five day delay in issuing a license to an out-of-state driller is a hindrance and serves no purpose.

Dr. Fellows advised on the geothermal project undertaken by the Department of Geology and Mineral Technology, Geothermal Section, University of Arizona. Reports are being prepared on seven areas - Clifton-Morenci, Hyder Valley, Kingman, Verde Valley, Willcox, Yuma and Tonopah-Harquahala. For the next year, it is planned to concentrate on the population centers to determine their geothermal potentials.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED January 18, 1980

  
Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman

Also present:

Dr. Larry D. Fellows  
State Geologist