

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1645 West Jefferson Street
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Minutes of Meeting
September 21, 1984

Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman
Dr. J. Dale Nations, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Forrest R. Rickard, Member
Mr. Watson M. Tomerlin, Member
Mr. James E. Warne, Jr., Member

The regular Commission meeting of September 21, 1984 was called to order by Dr. J. Dale Nations, Vice-Chairman, in the absence of Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman.

With two amendments made regarding the minutes of the February 24, 1984 meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Rickard, seconded by Mr. Tomerlin that they be approved. Motion carried. The first amendment was to show paragraph three on Page 2 as two paragraphs where the budget appropriation was indicated. The second amendment was to change the name of "Indians" in the first paragraph on Page 3 to "Navajo officials."

During the review of Mr. Doss' Activity Report, Mr. Bilby arrived at the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and assumed chairing of the meeting. Mr. Doss continued his review advising that a report similar to the one done on the strip country by Sal Giardina, a geologist, formerly employed by the Commission, be done on the geological areas of the State of Arizona by graduate students if funds could be provided. Dr. Nations remarked that he spoke to Mark Ginsberg, OEPAD's Director of Communities Support Systems, who was quite supportive of this endeavor, and that he will pursue securing these funds. Dr. Nations also commented on the report of the Four Corners Geological Society which was developed by him, Mr. Doss and Mr. Ybarra. This should be ready the first part of October. The total report will consist of 500 - 600 pages, and the Commission is considering printing copies of the Arizona section as the cost of the total report is estimated at \$50 - \$60 per copy.

Mr. Ybarra reviewed his Activity Report stating that he

received a call today from Mike Bradshaw with Central Oil Company stating that financial aid had been received and they would be on their location in the Yuma area in November to test the 1 Aman well. Mr. Ybarra gave an in-depth report on the two well locations in Yuma of Central Oil Company. He also advised of his witnessing the abandonment and re-abandonment of Amerada Hess Corporation's Well No. 1 Navajo in Black Rock Field. He was opposed to the re-abandonment, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs requested this through the Bureau of Land Management. It added an additional \$17,000 to the total cost of about \$50,000 for both abandonments. He reported that a gentleman from Texas is planning to drill on the Kaibab Indian Reservation.

Dr. Nations inquired if a review of the casing requirement would be done as a result of the Auditor General's report. Mr. Doss replied in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dr. Nations and seconded by Mr. Rickard to accept the budget request of \$158,400 for fiscal year 1985 - 1986. Motion carried.

Mr. Doss advised that according to the Attorney General's office, the designations of "old business" and "new business" are not permitted on the meeting's agenda. All topics to be discussed must be listed on the agenda, otherwise there is a violation of the Open Meeting Law if a subject is discussed which has not been listed.

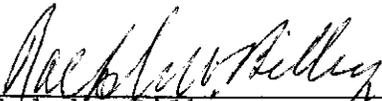
The next regular meeting of the Commission was set for Friday, November 16, 1984.

Mr. Tomerlin initiated a discussion on the lack of Commission meetings this year. Dr. Nations stressed the importance of maintaining continuity to meet fairly regularly or perhaps generate activity that would require having the meetings. Mr. Doss stated in his reading the minutes of the past that there were long periods where there were no meetings mainly due to lack of funds.

Dr. Larry Fellows made comment on Mr. Doss' report on the occurrence and potential of oil in Arizona and volunteered his department's cooperation and support on it as it is of great interest to his staff in Tucson. He also requested Mr. Doss to prepare a report on the oil and gas activities for the publication, "Field Notes."

Dr. Nations made a motion that the Commission go into an Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. Mr. Rickard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVED



Ralph W. Bilby
Chairman

Guests in attendance:

Dr. Larry Fellows

Bureau of Geology and
Mineral Technology

John Haas

Bureau of Land Management