Minutes of Meeting
November 21, 1986

Present:

Dr. J. Dale Nations, Chairman
Mr. Forrest R. Rickard, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Mary Ann Niccoli, Member
Mrs. Jan C. Wilt, Member
Dr. Daniel J. Brennan, Executive Director

The regular Commission Meeting of November 21, 1986 was called to order by Dr. J. Dale Nations, Chairman, at 10:01 A.M. in the Commission's office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1986

A motion was made by Mr. Rickard and seconded by Mrs. Niccoli:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1986 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Nations suggested that the chairmen of the Geology Departments of the state's three universities and appropriate agencies of the state receive copies of our minutes and activity reports of the Executive Director and Enforcement Director.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Daniel Brennan, the Executive Director, reviewed his Activity Report previously sent to the Commissioners and made a part of these minutes. Dr. Brennan reported receiving a letter from a representative of Standard Oil Production Company regarding the well cuttings samples which were examined from the Commission's sample library. A report of their findings will be sent to this office upon its completion. Dr. Brennan commented there is a refinery operating in Fredonia, but the required reports have not been submitted. Contact will be made with the operator to have him in compliance. Copies of an article by Dr. Brennan were distributed from the October 1986 issue of the AAPG on the Four Corners Intermountain Area. The Commission was advised that Lois Rogers has accepted a position with the Library Archives on a promotional basis effective December 1, 1986.
REPORT OF ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR

In the absence of Mr. Ybarra, the Enforcement Director, Dr. Brennan commented on the Activity Report of Mr. Ybarra previously sent to the Commissioners and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Ybarra was in the Four Corners' area recently checking on well locations and working to change the well location maps to reflect the necessary changes. Mr. Ybarra has also been working on the rule changes.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 1988 BUDGET REQUEST

Mr. Rickard noted an error in the budget on page 5 in the Amount-of-Difference column. Two wells should read: three wells and 24 wells should be changed to read: 28. On page 12, the total for Line 6500 under Actual FY 1986, the correct figure is $5,352.73 instead of $4,352.73. With these corrections, a motion was made by Mrs. Niccoli and seconded by Mr. Rickard:

    THAT THE BUDGET BE APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF OVERTIME COMPENSATION POLICY

With the understanding that the Executive Director must approve earned overtime, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilt and seconded by Mr. Rickard:

    THAT THE OVERTIME POLICY AS PRESENTED BE APPROVED.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Since the Personnel Department has mandated that a Grievance Procedure be adopted by each agency, a motion was made by Mr. Rickard and seconded by Mrs. Niccoli:

    THAT THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF SAMPLE USE POLICY

After this policy was amended to include core samples in addition to well samples to be sent to the Commission, and to forward two sets of these samples so that one set may be sent to the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology in Tucson,
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a motion was made by Mrs. Wilt and seconded by Mrs. Niccoli:

THAT THE SAMPLE USE POLICY BE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION: RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CHANGING RULES

A discussion was held about improving the Rules and comments were made accordingly by the Commissioners for a revision.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John Haas of the Bureau of Land Management reported that Medallion Oil Company has further work planned, and their bond is not to be released. Shields Exploration will be in operation next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 11:30 A.M., the Commissioners recessed to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conferring performance awards and special performance awards for the employees of the Commission.

RECONVENED PUBLIC MEETING

Following the Executive Session, the Regular Meeting reconvened at 12:05 P.M. to continue the review of the Rules with the same Commissioners in attendance.

At the Commission's request, Dr. Brennan is to continue reviewing the Rules until their finalization.

Dr. Nations made inquiry about the drilling which Dr. James Brathove was doing. A written report is to be forwarded to Dr. Brennan. A letter is also to be sent to Dr. Brathove advising him to be in compliance with the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 16, 1987, in Phoenix at the Commission's office.

Mrs. Niccoli moved and Mrs. Wilt seconded:

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Motion carried unanimously. Time of adjournment was 12:30 P.M.

APPROVED

[Signature]

Dr. J. Dale Nations  
Chairman
Guests in attendance:

Dr. Larry Fellows
John Haas

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Bureau of Land Management