



IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Betty Coppersmith, Chairman  
Marc Shigeta, Vice Chairman  
Jim Classen, Commissioner  
Dustin T. Miller, Commissioner

Mick Thomas, Secretary to the Commission

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Final Minutes

Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Regular Meeting  
August 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 with the physical location at Joe R. Williams Building, (East Conference Room), 700 W State St., Boise, Idaho. There was also a Zoom web conference option. At 1:04 p.m., Secretary Thomas announced that there were some technical difficulties and that those issues were being worked on. By 1:24 p.m. all technical problems were resolved. Secretary Thomas announced all participants that had joined via Zoom and also that a quorum of the Commission was present. He stated that all individuals on Zoom would be muted except for the Commissioners in order to silence background noise. The meeting began at 1:27 p.m. Chairman Betty Coppersmith presided via Zoom. The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Marc Shigeta – present at physical location  
Commissioner Jim Classen – via Zoom  
Commissioner Dustin Miller – via Zoom

For the record, all four Commission members were present. Secretary Thomas was also present at the physical location.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Coppersmith thanked Secretary Thomas and staff for making the meeting happen and being in compliance with the COVID-19 restrictions. The Chairman briefly went over agenda items.

**1. Division Administrator's Report**

- A. Financial Update
- B. Current Oil and Gas Activity
- C. Status Update

- i. Class II Injection Well – Permit Status

Commissioner Classen commented on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) letter to the operators and stated that the EPA had asked impossible questions that he believed could not be answered. Secretary Thomas responded that this was not an information item and that since the operator was present at the meeting, he would not open that up for discussion at this time. Secretary Thomas stated that he did agree with Commissioner Classen and thanked him for the comment.

ii. Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission Annual Business Meeting

- **CONSENT – ACTION ITEM(S)**

**2. Approval of Minutes** – May 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting (Boise)

*CONSENT AGENDA COMMISSION ACTION:* A motion was made by Commissioner Miller that the Commission approve the meeting minutes on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Classen seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

*Background information was provided by the presenter indicated below. No Commission action is required on the Information Agenda.*

- **INFORMATION**

**3. Minerals, Public Trust, Oil & Gas Division Reorganization** – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator – Minerals, Public Trust, and Oil & Gas

**4. Omnibus Rulemaking – Proposed Rule for IDAPA 20.07.02 – Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho** – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator – Minerals, Public Trust, and Oil & Gas

- **REGULAR – ACTION ITEM(S)**

**5. Updated Commission Guidelines** – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator – Minerals, Public Trust, and Oil & Gas

*RECOMMENDATION:* Direct the Commission to approve the Guidelines for the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

*DISCUSSION:* Chairman Coppersmith pointed out that the guidelines cover the process of taking public comment and that it is at the Commission’s discretion whether they will receive public comment or not. She also pointed out that there is a procedure to add something to the agenda which is that the request be in writing and submitted thirty days before the meeting. The Chairman clarified she had no questions.

*COMMISSION ACTION:* A motion was made by Commissioner Classen to accept the changes in the guidelines. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

**6. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman** – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator – Minerals, Public Trust, and Oil & Gas

*RECOMMENDATION:* Direct the Commission to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

*DISCUSSION:* Chairman Coppersmith announced that it had been an honor to serve on the Commission and she would gladly continue to do so. Vice Chairman Shigeta echoed her sentiments.

*COMMISSION ACTION:* A motion was made by Commissioner Classen to re-elect Betty Coppersmith as Chair. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to re-elect Marc Shigeta as Vice Chair. Chairman Coppersmith seconded the motion. Both motions carried on a vote of 4-0.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Chairman Coppersmith noted that the next regular meeting was scheduled for November 4 and that it possibly could be another Zoom meeting. Secretary Thomas read aloud some questions and comments that came through over the chat option on Zoom from the public.

There being no further business before the Commission, at 1:59 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Miller. Vice Chairman Shigeta seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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*/s/ Betty Coppersmith*

Betty Coppersmith, Chairman  
Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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*/s/ Mick Thomas*

Mick Thomas  
Secretary to the Commission

<p>The above-listed final minutes were approved by the Commission at the October 20, 2020 regular Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting.</p>
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