



Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Margaret Chipman, Commissioner
Marc Haws, Commissioner
Mike Lyden, Commissioner

Shannon Chollett, Secretary to the Commission

Final Minutes

Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
August 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at State Capitol, House Hearing Room, (EW42), Lower Level, East Wing, 700 W Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. (MT). Chairman Ray Hinchcliff presided. The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Jennifer Riebe
Commissioner Margaret Chipman
Commissioner Marc Haws
Commissioner Mike Lyden

For the record, a quorum was in attendance with Commissioner Haws joining remotely.

Announcements

Chairman Hinchcliff announced that the presenter for the item on Hydrogen Exploration was running late due to air traffic delays and asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move her presentation back.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chipman to move the Election of Chair and Vice Chair up to item number three and to move the Hydrogen Exploration presentation item to number four. Vice Chairman Riebe seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Reports

1. Department Report – *Presented by Shannon Chollett, Division Administrator*
 - A. Financial Update
 - B. Current Oil and Gas Activity

Chairman Hinchcliff inquired about the well inspections that were done in April and if there was anything of notice the Commission should be aware of. Program Manager James Thum explained that all the wells that were inspected

had no issues, just minor things. He stated that Snake River has been in the process of maintenance, clean-up, and repainting so they were pleased with what they saw.

Consent – Action Item(s)

2. Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2025 – Regular Meeting (Boise)

Commission Action: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Riebe that the Commission approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Chipman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

For the record, it was verified at this time that Commissioner Haws was participating remotely and that he did vote yes on the motions thus far.

Regular – Action Item(s)

3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Recommendation: Direct the Commission to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Discussion: None.

Commission Action: A motion was made by Commissioner Chipman to retain Ray Hinchcliff as Chair and Jennifer Riebe as Vice Chair. Commissioner Lyden seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Hinchcliff asked about the arrival time of presenter Lauren Morahan to which Mr. Thum responded that her plane has landed and should arrive in about 20 minutes. Chairman Hinchcliff asked for a motion to adjourn temporarily until Ms. Morahan arrived.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Riebe to go into a recess until Ms. Morahan arrived. Commissioner Chipman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

The Commission was in a recess from 1:45 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. For the record, Commissioner Haws left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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

Information

4. Presentation: Hydrogen Exploration in Idaho – Presented by Lauren Morahan, Koloma Inc.

At 3:23 p.m., a motion was made by Vice Chairman Riebe that the Commission convene into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f). Commissioner Chipman seconded the motion. Chairman Hinchcliff stated a roll call vote is required. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Riebe, Chipman, Lyden, Hinchcliff; Nay: None; Absent: Haws.

Executive

- A. Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) – to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. [TOPIC: Legal opinion and considerations regarding Idaho Statutes and Rules]

For the record, the Commission resolved into Executive Session at 3:23 p.m. and resolved out of Executive Session at 4:01 p.m. No decisions were made during the Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Commission, at 4:03 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Riebe. Commissioner Chipman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

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/s/ Ray Hinchcliff
Ray Hinchcliff, Chairman
Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

/s/ Shannon Chollett
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Secretary to the Commission

The above-listed final minutes were approved by the Commission at the February 17, 2026 regular Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting.