



IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chris Beck, Chairman
Margaret Chipman, Vice Chairman
Sid Cellan, Commissioner
Jim Classen, Commissioner
Ken Smith, Commissioner

Tom Schultz, Secretary to the Commission

Final Minutes
Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Special Meeting
October 10, 2014

The special meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Friday, October 10, 2014 in the State Capitol, Hearing Room WW55, 700 W Jefferson, Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Chris Beck presided. The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Margaret Chipman
Commissioner Sid Cellan (*via teleconference*)
Commissioner Jim Classen
Commissioner Ken Smith

For the record, Chairman Beck recognized the presence of all Commission members, with Commissioner Cellan joining the meeting via conference phone.

Chairman Beck next addressed that in Alta Mesa Services, L.P.'s Request for Reconsideration of Final Order of the Commission (agenda item 1) an alleged Open Meeting Law violation by the Commission occurred at its September 4, 2014 special meeting when the Commission entered into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(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. The Commission sought legal counsel from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the alleged violation. Legal counsel determined the Commission properly identified the applicable statutory authority and the topic on the meeting agenda; the motions to enter Executive Session also properly identified the statutory authority and topic. The Commission was advised by legal counsel that no violation of the Open Meeting Law occurred at its September 4, 2014 meeting, therefore no cure is needed.

Also for the record, Vice Chairman Chipman disclosed a potential conflict of interest regarding the Commission's consideration of Alta Mesa's Request for Reconsideration of Final Order of the Commission (agenda item 1). Alta Mesa is developing oil and gas resources in Idaho under a joint operating agreement with Snake River Oil and Gas. Vice Chairman Chipman owns mineral rights and has leased minerals to Snake River. Vice Chairman Chipman acknowledged the potential conflict of interest in the pending matter and affirmed her ability to impartially evaluate Alta Mesa's request, based on the record before the Commission.

