



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 Regular Meeting
October 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the State Capitol, Lincoln Auditorium (WW02), 700 W Jefferson, Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 1:01 p.m. Chairman Chris Beck presided. The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Margaret Chipman
Commissioner Jim Classen
Commissioner Ken Smith

For the record, Chairman Beck recognized the presence of four Commission members and the absence of Commissioner Cellan.

Also for the record, Vice Chairman Chipman disclosed a potential conflict of interest regarding the Commission's consideration of Alta Mesa Services, LP's Application for Integration: Docket No. 2014-OGR-01-02 (agenda item 8). 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.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Director's Report

- A. Financial Update
- B. Summary of Current Well Permits

DISCUSSION: Director Schultz reminded the Commission that the Department has in its FY2016 budget a request to increase funding for an administrative assistant and additional field personnel to perform inspections.

- **CONSENT**

2. **Approval of Minutes** – August 5, 2014 Regular Meeting (Boise)
3. **Approval of Minutes** – September 4, 2014 Special Meeting (Boise)
4. **Approval of Minutes** – October 1, 2014 Special Meeting (Boise)
5. **Approval of Minutes** – October 10, 2014 Special Meeting (Boise)

CONSENT AGENDA COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Chipman 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.

- **REGULAR**

6. **Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Official Logo** – *Presented by Bobby Johnson, Program Manager-Oil and Gas*

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed logo as the Commission's official logo.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith that the Commission adopt the proposed logo. Vice Chairman Chipman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

7. **Pending Rule, IDAPA 20.07.02, Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas** – *Presented by Bobby Johnson, Program Manager-Oil and Gas*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Pending Rule for IDAPA 20.07.02, Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho and direct the Department to submit the Pending Rule for the 2015 legislative session.

DISCUSSION: A verbatim transcript is available by request to the Department of Lands, Attn: Oil and Gas Commission Recording Secretary, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0050 or by email to public_records_request@idl.idaho.gov.

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Chipman that the Commission approve the Pending Rule for IDAPA 20.07.02. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

8. Alta Mesa Services, LP's Application for Integration: Docket No. 2014-OGR-01-02

DISCUSSION: A verbatim transcript is available by request to the Department of Lands, Attn: Oil and Gas Commission Recording Secretary, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0050 or by email to public_records_request@idl.idaho.gov.

COMMISSION ACTION: Commission action was held pending Executive Session (see below).

At 1:46 p.m. a motion was made by Vice Chairman Chipman to resolve into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code. Commissioner Classen seconded the motion. Chairman Beck requested a roll call vote. Roll Call Vote: *Aye:* Chipman, Classen, Smith, Beck; *Nay:* None; *Absent:* Cellan.

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d) - to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code. [TOPIC: Information designated as trade secrets in Alta Mesa's application for integration and exhibits, Docket No. 2014-OGR-01-02]

At 1:52 p.m. the Commission resolved out of Executive Session by unanimous consent. No action was taken by the Commission during the Executive Session.

• **REGULAR**

Commission Action on Agenda Item 8

Michael Christian, attorney representing Alta Mesa Services, L.P. presented a closing statement.

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Chipman that the Commission grant Alta Mesa Services, L.P.'s Application for Integration, Docket No. 2014-OGR-01-02. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

• **INFORMATION**

NONE

There being no further business before the Commission, at 1:58 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Chipman. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

