



IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Betty Coppersmith, Chair
Ray Hinchcliff, Vice Chair
Jim Classen, Commissioner
Dustin Miller, Commissioner
Marc Shigeta, Commissioner

Mick Thomas, Secretary to the Commission

Final Minutes

Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Special Meeting
December 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, with the physical location at Idaho Department of Lands Office, Garnet Conference Room, 300 N. 6th St., Suite 103, Boise, Idaho. There was also a teleconference option. The meeting began at 1:05 p.m. (MT). Chairman Betty Coppersmith presided. The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Ray Hinchcliff
Commissioner Dustin Miller
Commissioner Marc Shigeta

For the record, Commissioner Miller and Secretary Thomas were present at the physical location. The other commissioners were present via teleconference. Commissioner Classen was absent.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At 1:06 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Miller that the Commission convene into Executive Session pursuant to 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. Vice Chairman Hinchcliff seconded the motion. Chairman Coppersmith stated a roll call vote is required. Roll Call Vote: *Aye*: Miller, Hinchcliff, Shigeta, Coppersmith; *Nay*: None; *Absent*: Classen.

Chairman Coppersmith noted that no decisions would be made during the executive session.

• **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 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: CAIA v. Miller]

At 1:28 p.m., the Commission resolved out of Executive Session by unanimous consent. For the record, no decisions were made during the executive session. The regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

- **REGULAR – ACTION ITEM(S)**

- 1. Commission Designee for CAIA v. Miller Litigation Decision Making**

DISCUSSION: Chairman Coppersmith noted that no decisions were made during the executive session. She explained that the purpose of this is to streamline decision making of strategic decisions regarding the litigation; the designee needs to be available to make decisions and be willing to commit time to review any documents. Chairman Coppersmith offered to take that role for the Commission unless someone else has time and would like to, she would relinquish.

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller that the Commission designate Chairman Coppersmith as the designee for the CAIA v. Miller litigation decision making. Vice Chairman Hinchcliff seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

- 2. 2022 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Annual Meeting Schedule – Presented by Mick Thomas, Division Administrator – Minerals, Public Trust, and Oil & Gas**

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends the Commission approve the regular meeting schedule for the 2022 calendar year.

DISCUSSION: None.

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hinchcliff that the Commission adopt the proposed dates and times as listed in the memo. Commissioner Shigeta seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business before the Commission, at 1:35 p.m. Chairman Coppersmith adjourned the meeting.

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/s/ Betty Coppersmith

Betty Coppersmith, Chairman
Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

/s/ Mick Thomas

Mick Thomas
Secretary to the Commission

The above-listed final minutes were approved by the Commission at the February 15, 2022 regular Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting.