



IDAHO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

C. L. "Butch" Otter, Governor and President of the Commission

Ben Ysursa, Secretary of State

Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General

Brandon D. Woolf, State Controller

Tom Luna, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tom Schultz, Secretary to the Commission

Final Minutes

Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Regular Meeting

December 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in the State Capitol Auditorium (Room WW02) at 700 W Jefferson, Boise, Idaho. The meeting began at 11:17 a.m. The Honorable Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter presided. The following members were present:

Honorable Secretary of State Ben Ysursa
Honorable Attorney General Lawrence Wasden
Honorable State Controller Brandon Woolf
Honorable Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna

For the record, Governor Otter recognized the presence of all Commission members.

● **CONSENT**

1. **Approval of Minutes** – June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting (Boise)

CONSENT AGENDA COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Attorney General Wasden that the Commission approve the consent agenda. Controller Woolf seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

● **REGULAR**

2. **Proposed Legislation to Change the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission** – *Presented by Bob Brammer, Assistant Director-Lands, Minerals, Range*

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: That the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission support the attached proposed legislation.

DISCUSSION: Governor Otter asked if there was any limitation of the five appointees concerning political parties. Mr. Brammer replied that, although some states do, the Department is not proposing any such limitation. Secretary of State Ysursa referred to page 3, Section 47-319 LAND SUBJECT TO ACT--AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION, and inquired if Commission authority would encompass federal lands. Governor Otter read the first paragraph from that section " . . . (1) This act shall apply to all lands located in the state, however owned, including any lands owned or

administered by any government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, over which the state under its police power, has jurisdiction." Mr. Brammer explained that it is intended to cover the oil and gas operations or development that would occur on federal lands, similar to the Department's other regulatory mining programs: Surface Mining Act, and Dredge and Placer Mining Act. Director Schultz added that there is no change to current law regarding Commission authority on federal lands.

COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Attorney General Wasden that the Commission adopt the Department recommendation and that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission be on record as supporting the proposed legislation. Controller Woolf seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

● **INFORMATION**

None

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

There being no further business before the Commission, at 11:25 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Attorney General Wasden. Secretary of State Yursa seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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/s/ C. L. "Butch" Otter
C. L. "Butch" Otter
President, Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and
Governor of the State of Idaho

/s/ Ben Yursa
Ben Yursa
Secretary of State

/s/ Thomas M. Schultz, Jr.
Thomas M. Schultz, Jr.
Director

The above-listed final minutes were approved by the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at the April 16, 2013 regular Commission meeting.