The regular meeting of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 with the physical location at Joe R. Williams Building, (East Conference Room), 700 W State St., Boise, Idaho. There was also a teleconference option. The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. (MT). Chairman Betty Coppersmith presided. The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Marc Shigeta
Commissioner Jim Classen

For the record, Vice Chairman Shigeta and Secretary Thomas were present at the physical location. Chairman Coppersmith and Commissioner Classen attended via teleconference. Commissioner Miller was absent.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Division Administrator’s Report
   A. Financial Update
      Vice Chairman Shigeta inquired about the personnel expenses and why they seem to go up and down. Secretary Thomas explained that the fiscal department manages finances for the department and that he was told that there was an imbalance for month-to-month and that it was a correction the fiscal department made. He explained that if the amount was taken and evened out across the four months, it would be consistent. Vice Chairman Shigeta asked if that was the same with operating expenses and Secretary Thomas responded yes. Chairman Coppersmith asked if there were any known expenses that would be out of the norm in the next few months. Secretary Thomas responded that there are no anticipated increases in expenses for the remaining of the fiscal year. He reminded the Commission that at the end of fiscal year 2020, personnel costs were moved out of the Oil and Gas fund to save costs; he anticipates that the Oil and Gas fund will about break even at the end of the fiscal year.

   B. Current Oil and Gas Activity
      Commissioner Classen asked if there are any other expected activities to happen in the near future. Secretary Thomas responded that due to the cold spell the country has had in February, natural gas prices shot up which was a boon to Idaho. Secretary Thomas included that the
division does have a docket staff is working through and that there may be additional
applications that come but he did not know when or if they would come. Commissioner
Classen asked, whether or not the unit has been formed, why it has taken three months before
having a hearing. Secretary Thomas responded that the department selected to use the State’s
Fair Hearings Unit and that the counsel that the department is using as the hearing officer has
needed time to get up to speed on Idaho oil and gas law. He included that COVID has also
slowed things down and there were some holidays that had occurred as well.

• CONSENT – ACTION ITEM(S)

2. Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2020 – Regular Meeting (Boise)

   CONSENT AGENDA COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shigeta that the
   Commission approve the meeting minutes on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Classen
   seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

3. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2020 – Special Meeting (Boise)

   CONSENT AGENDA COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shigeta that the
   Commission approve the meeting minutes on the Consent Agenda. Chairman Coppersmith
   seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

   DISCUSSION: Commissioner Classen asked for clarification that it was on record that he was not in
   favor of holding the hearing. Chairman Coppersmith responded that she believed that was
   recorded. Vice Chairman Shigeta also clarified the minutes stated that Commissioner Classen voted
   nay.

• REGULAR – ACTION ITEM(S)

4. Omnibus Rulemaking - Adoption of Temporary Rule for IDAPA 20.07.02 – Rules Governing
Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho

   RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as a temporary rule IDAPA 20.07.02 Rules Governing Conservation of
   Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho that was adopted by the Commission in 2020 and
   submitted to the 2021 Legislature, with this conditional approval only effective if the rules are not
   otherwise approved or extended, and authorize the Department to submit a Notice of Adoption
   of Temporary Rule consistent with that adoption.

   DISCUSSION: None.

   COMMISSION ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Classen to accept the
   recommendation as read by Secretary Thomas, pertaining to the approval of the 20.07.02 Rules
   Governing the Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas. Vice Chairman Shigeta seconded the motion.
   The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.
- **INFORMATION**
  None

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  None

There being no further business before the Commission, at 1:52 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Classen. Vice Chairman Shigeta seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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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 May 25, 2021 regular Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting.