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Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission selects new chairman

(BOISE) – The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission chose **Kevin Dickey** of Emmett to be its chairman today during the commission’s first meeting since being restructured earlier this year.

The commission selected Payette County Commissioner Marc Shigeta as vice chairman.

Dickey is a Gem County landowner with more than 30 years of oil and gas operations experience. He most recently worked for Boise-based Petroglyph Energy. He holds a bachelor’s degree in petroleum engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

Shigeta has been a Payette County commissioner since 2002. He is a third-generation resident of Payette County and a self-employed row crop farmer in New Plymouth. Shigeta graduated from New Plymouth High School and the University of Idaho with a bachelor’s degree in business and accounting.

Other commissioners include Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Director Tom Schultz, Dr. Renee Breedlovestrout of Moscow, and James Classen of Boise.

Today was the first meeting of the commission since [House Bill 301 as amended](#) was signed into law earlier this year, establishing a five-member commission made up of the IDL director, a county commissioner from a county producing oil and gas, and three subject-matter experts with college degrees in geosciences or engineering and at least ten years of experience in the oil and gas industry. The commission initially was made up of five individuals – two landowners (one with mineral rights and one without) and experts in water, geology, and oil and gas. The changes took effect July 1.

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