

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2023

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was held via Webex Meeting Platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dylan Fuge	Acting Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Greg Bloom	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Moander, Commission Counsel
Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The hearing was called to order by Acting Chair Fuge at approximately 9:05 a.m. He introduced himself as Acting Oil Conservation Division Director and also serving as Acting Oil Conservation Commission Chair.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of the December 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 minutes and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Acting Chair Fuge abstained from voting since he did not attend the December 1, 2022 meeting. The motion carried with a majority vote.

Item 4. Pending litigation.

Action: Counsel Moander informed the Commission that the Court of Appeals has been fully briefed on Case A-1-CA-39578, but there has still been no progression in receiving a ruling from the Court. It is in its 14th month before the Court.

All parties have been fully briefed on the Ragsdale matter. It's possible that the Court could administratively dismiss it.

Item 5: Other business.

Action: Salt Creek Midstream LLC filed a Motion for Temporary Stay of December 28, 2022 Injection Deadline and for Expedited Hearing. Counsel Moander announced that the temporary stay has been granted and the Motion for Expedited Hearing has been denied by the Acting Oil Conservation Division Director.

Counsel Moander announced that this will be his last hearing serving as Commission Counsel. He will be leaving the Attorney General's Office and has accepted a position with EMNRD's Office of General Counsel supporting the Oil Conservation Division starting February 6, 2023. He was congratulated by the Commission members.

Michael Feldewert, counsel in several cases that have been continued to the May 11, 2023 Commission docket, asked if May 11 would be a status conference or if the Commission would hear the cases on that date. After discussion, it was decided that the Commission would set the cases for a status conference on February 9, 2023. Mr. Feldewert agreed to contact all other parties involved to see if they will be available on that date.

Item 6. Next meeting

Action: The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2023.

Item 7: Adjournment

Action: Acting Chair Fuge moved to adjourn the meeting and Counsel Moander seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.


Dylan Fuge
Acting Chair