

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 9, 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:

Gabriel Smith, Commission Counsel
Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The hearing was called to order by Acting Chair Fuge at approximately 9:02 a.m.

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 March 9, 2023 agenda and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of the February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Action: Commissioner Bloom made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023 minutes and Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Pending cases

Action: There were no pending cases.

Item 5. Pending litigation

Action: Case No. D-101-CV-2022-00791 Tom Ragsdale, Appellant, vs. New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission and Mewbourne Oil Company, Appellees – Order Granting Unopposed Motion to Withdraw as Counsel.

Counsel Smith advised that there has been no indication that a replacement counsel has been appointed in this case.


Item 6. Other business

Action: YUCCA request regarding spill rule enforcement. Acting Chair Fuge announced that this is a follow-up from the February 9, 2023 Commission meeting regarding the YUCCA request for a report on the Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) spill rule enforcement. Acting Chair Fuge advised that, after conferring with the Commission counsel, he is directing the OCD to appear at the May 11, 2023 Commission meeting and give a report to the Commission on its enforcement activities. Acting Chair Fuge made a motion to require the OCD to appear before the Commission at the May 11, 2023 Commission meeting and submit an update on enforcement activities. Commissioner Bloom seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. Sophia Jenkins-Nieto and Melissa Troutman with the YUCCA team requested permission for other parties to include questions about enforcement before the May meeting.

Acting Chair Fuge announced that the next Commission meeting will be held on April 13, 2023. He advised that there will be a larger agenda for that meeting. He said that meetings going forward will remain in the virtual format for the immediate future because Porter Hall is still under construction. He said the public will be informed when meetings will be live, but it probably won't be until August.

Item 7. Adjournment

Acting Chair Fuge adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.



Dylan Fuge
Acting Chair