

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2015  
Porter Hall  
Wendell Chino Building  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David R. Catanach    Chair, Oil Conservation Division  
Robert Balch        Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Aubrey Dunn        New Mexico State Land Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bill Brancard, Counsel for the Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chair Catanach at 9:00 a.m.

**Item 1.        Roll Call.**

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

**Item 2.        Approval of Agenda.**

**Action:**        Counsel Brancard explained the different format of the agenda to comply with the Open Meetings Act. He said he could give an update on legislative matters at the end of the meeting if the Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Balch moved adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3.        Approval of minutes of February 13, 2015 meeting.**

**Action:**        Commissioner Dunn moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Balch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4.        Election of a Chair pursuant to NMSA 1978, §70-2-4.**

**Action:**        Commissioner Balch nominated David Catanach for Chair. Commissioner Dunn seconded the nomination. David Catanach was unanimously elected as Chair of the Oil Conservation Commission.

**Item 5.        Approve and adopt order in Case 15239, Application of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association To Repeal and Replace Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 34 of the New Mexico Administrative Code Addressing Produced Water, Drilling Fluids and Other Liquid Oil Field Waste; and to Amend the Definition of Produced Water in Title 19, Chapter 15, Part 2 of the New Mexico Administrative Code.**

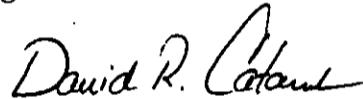
**Action:** Counsel Brancard explained that he had e-mailed a final version of the order and rules to the Commissioners. The Commissioners reviewed changes to the proposed Part 34 rule which they had agreed on during their deliberations and agreed to make an additional change regarding notice to surface owners. Gabriel Wade, Assistant General Counsel for the Oil Conservation Division (Division), explained two new forms that the Division will develop to implement the rule. The Commission unanimously agreed that a specific finding be included in the order regarding notice to surface owners of the registration of a recycling containment at the time it is submitted to the Division. The meeting was recessed for the purpose of adding the changes agreed on by the Commission to the final order. The meeting reconvened, and Counsel Brancard explained the changes made to the order. Commissioner Balch moved to adopt the final order and rules. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Counsel Brancard updated the Commission on bills pending before the Legislature regarding methods of appealing Commission rules to the court of appeals, bonding requirements for inactive wells, and local government oversight of extractive industries.

**Item 6.** Next meeting – April 9, 2015.

**Item 7.** Adjournment.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



DAVID R. CATANACH, Chair