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3 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Good morning. This is a
4 meeting of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. My
5 name is David Catanach. I'm the chairman of the
6 commission. The time is about 9:04 a.m. and today's date
7 is March 10, 2016. This meeting is being conducted in
8 Porter Hall in the Wendell Chino state building.

9 I'd like to take role at this time. Will
10 the commissioners please introduce themselves for the
11 record.

12 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Patrick Padilla
13 designated the Commissioner of Public Lands.

14 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Dr. Robert Balch,
15 designated the Energy Bureau Secretary.

16 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: And also present today
17 is Bill Brancard who is the general counsel for the
18 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and
19 commission attorney.

20 Commissioners, in your packet you should
21 have an agenda for this meeting today. Have you reviewed
22 the agenda and do I hear a motion to adopt the agenda?

23 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I will make a motion
24 to adopt the agenda.

25 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would second that.

1 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

2 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: The motion to adopt
5 today's agenda is passed.

6 Commissioners, also in your packet are the
7 draft minutes from the February 11, 2016 commission
8 meeting. Commissioners, have you -- do you have any
9 changes to the minutes, and if not is there a motion to
10 adopt the minutes?

11 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would so move.

12 COMMISSIONER BALCH: And I would second.

13 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor.

14 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: The motion to adopt the
17 minutes from the February 11, 2016 commission meeting is
18 passed.

19 The next order of business is the approval
20 and adoption of an Order in Case No. 15366. This case was
21 on the docket for the February 11th commission, and a
22 motion by Matador Production Company to dismiss the de
23 novo application filed by Amtex Energy Company was heard
24 on that date. Mr. Brancard, working in conjunction with
25 the attorneys in this case, has finalized an Order in that

1 case, and I believe he submitted that for review of the
2 Order prior to this hearing, and I believe that there's
3 some additional changes that were made after that.

4 MR. BRANCARD: Mr. Chairman, I got comments
5 back from two of the commissioners, yourself and
6 Commissioner Balch, and I just changed a few of the words
7 that you-all saw problems with.

8 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Commissioners I presume
9 you have reviewed the Order. Do we have any additional
10 discussion with regards to that order?

11 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I have just one simple
12 change, and I think...

13 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: I just had a couple of
14 minor changes on page 1, I believe, and they were just
15 minor, and I believe those were made, Mr. Brancard.

16 MR. BRANCARD: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: So with no further
18 discussion, do I hear a notion to adopt and approve this
19 Order?

20 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I will make a motion
21 to adopt the Order.

22 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would second.

23 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

24 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Motion to adopt and
2 approve Order No. 14097-A is hereby passed.

3 Just for information only, there was
4 another case on the docket today, Case No. 15278, which I
5 believe was the application of High Roller -- was a de
6 novo application, High Roller Wells, LLC.

7 Prior to the hearing we had a request from
8 Mewbourne Oil Company to continue the case to the
9 commission docket scheduled for May 19th. All parties
10 involved in that case agreed to the continuance, and as a
11 result we issued Order No. R14091-A on March 2nd, 2016,
12 and this Order simply continued this case to the May 19th
13 docket.

14 So I believe that's all the direct business
15 we have.

16 At this time we will call Case No. 15443,
17 which is the application of the New Mexico Oil
18 Conservation Division to amend certain provisions of Title
19 19, Chapter 15, Part 36 of the New Mexico Administrative
20 Code concerning surface waste management facilities;
21 Part 35 of the New Mexico Administrative Code concerning
22 waste disposal; and Part 2 of the New Mexico
23 Administrative Code concerning the definition of oil field
24 waste.

25 At this time I will call for appearances in

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

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3 COUNTY OF TAOS)

4 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, DO HEREBY
5 CERTIFY that I am a duly licensed Certified Court Reporter
6 for the State of New Mexico;

7 that I reported stenographically to the
8 best of my ability the proceedings had in the
9 above-mentioned cause;

10 and that the foregoing transcript comprised
11 of pages numbered 5 through 275, is a full, true and
12 correct transcript of my stenographic notes so taken.

13 Dated at Taos, New Mexico this 29th day of
14 April, 2016.

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