

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2018
Porter Hall
Wendell Chino Building
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Riley	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Robert Balch	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Ed Martin	Designee, New Mexico State Land Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Brancard, Counsel for the Commission

Item 1. Roll Call.

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Martin moved adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Balch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of minutes of March 1, 2018 meeting.

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

Item 4. The Commission will determine whether and when to hear the following rulemaking case:

Case No. 16078: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation for Proposed Amendments to the Commission's Rules on Financial Assurance and Plugging and Abandonment of Wells, 19.15.2, 19.15.8, and 19.15.25 NMAC.

Action: The Commission held a discussion on when to hear the case. Commissioner Martin made a motion to hold the hearing of this case on the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting date of May 24, 2018. Commissioner Balch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Case No. 16078 was scheduled for hearing on May 24, 2018.

The De Novo applicants in the following cases requested a continuance of their cases. Commissioners Balch and Martin agreed to allow Chair Riley to select the continuance date.:

Item 5. Case No. 15655 (De Novo)

- Item 6. Case No. 15659 (De Novo)
- Item 7. Case No. 15656 (De Novo)
- Item 8. Case No. 15660 (De Novo)
- Item 9. Case No. 15758 (De Novo)
- Item 10. Case No. 15759 (De Novo)
- Item 11. Case No. 15844 (De Novo)

- Item 12. **Case No. 15855 (De Novo): Application of Delaware Energy LLC to Revoke the Injection Authority Granted Under SWD-1680 for the Alpha SWD No. 1 Well Operated by Alpha SWD Operating LLC, Eddy County, New Mexico.**

Action: A Motion for Judgment Based on the Division Record was filed by Michael Feldewert on behalf of Delaware Energy LLC. Mr. Feldewert and Gary Larson, representing Alpha SWD Operating LLC opposing the motion, appeared. The Commission asked Mr. Feldewert to submit an amended motion attaching Division records and Mr. Larson to submit a response to the motion by May 4, 2018. Commissioner Martin made a motion to hear this matter at a special Commission meeting on May 22, 2018. Commissioner Balch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

- Item 13. **Other business**

Action: Counsel Brancard updated the Commission on one of the appeals in District Court.

- Item 14. **Next meeting: April 17, 2018**

- Item 15. **Adjournment.**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

HEATHER RILEY, Chair

