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9:00 A.M.

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Thursday, August 12, 2021, Via the Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform, hosted by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

BEFORE: ADRIENNE SANDOVAL, COMMISSION CHAIR.
GREG BLOOM, COMMISSIONER
TERRY WARNELL, COMMISSIONER
CHRIS MOANDER, ESQ.
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1 (Time noted 9:08 a.m.)

2 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Good morning, Greg.

3 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: I had a problem with three
4 new technical difficulties I hadn't had before.

5 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: All right. Are we
6 ready?

7 It is 9:08 on August 12th and this is the
8 regularly scheduled meeting of the Oil Conservation
9 Commission. I am Adrienne Sandoval. I am Chair of the
10 Oil Conservation Commission and Director for the Oil
11 Conservation Division.

12 Also here today, Commissioners would you
13 please introduce yourselves for the record.

14 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: Yes. Good morning. I'm
15 Greg Bloom. I'm the Designee of the Commissioner of
16 Public Lands, Stephanie Garcia Richards.

17 COMMISSIONER WARNELL: Good morning, Madam
18 Chair. Commissioner Terry Warnell.

19 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Thank you. We also
20 have Florene Davidson, who is Clerk for the Commission,
21 and Chris Moander, who is Commission Counsel.

22 On the agenda for today, first is approval
23 of the agenda. And I will note that Agenda Item No. 4 as
24 is noted on the agenda was continued to September 16th.

25 Commissioners, is there a motion to adopt

1 the agenda?

2 COMMISSIONER WARNELL: I move we adopt the
3 agenda.

4 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Is there a second?
5 You're muted, Greg, if you are trying to
6 speak.

7 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: I second that.

8 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Thank you.
9 Mr. Moander, would you do a roll call vote.

10 MR. MOANDER: Yes, Madam Chair.

11 Commissioner Bloom?

12 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: Yes.

13 MR. MOANDER: Commissioner Warnell?

14 COMMISSIONER WARNELL: Yes.

15 MR. MOANDER: And Madam Chair.

16 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Yes. Thank you.

17 MR. MOANDER: The motion passes.

18 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: All right. The next
19 item is approval of the August 8, 2021 Minutes.

20 Commissioners, have you reviewed the
21 Minutes and is there a motion to adopt them?

22 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: Madam Chair, I've reviewed
23 the minutes and I move to adopt the minutes from our last
24 meeting.

25 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER WARNELL: I second that motion,
2 Madam Chair.

3 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Mr. Moander, would
4 you do another roll call vote, please.

5 MR. MOANDER: Yes, Madam Chair.

6 Commissioner Bloom?

7 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: I approve.

8 MR. MOANDER: Commissioner Warnell?

9 COMMISSIONER WARNELL: Yes, approved.

10 MR. MOANDER: And Madam Chair.

11 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Approved.

12 MR. MOANDER: Motion passed.

13 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Thank you.

14 As I mentioned earlier, Item No. 4 was
15 continued until the September 16th hearing.

16 Mr. Moander, is there any update on pending
17 litigation?

18 MR. MOANDER: No, Madam Chair. Right now the
19 litigation docket is clear.

20 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: All right. Is there
21 any other business before the Commission?

22 MR. MOANDER: Two items, Madam Chair, from me.
23 It's not formal business but it's a few things I want to
24 put out there today.

25 One of them is we are going to need to look

1 when we can get the Sunshine training scheduled, because
2 we are approaching -- we are past the six-month mark so
3 only have a few months left.

4 I'm going to work with Florene, and
5 probably you, to make that happen, so that way you guys
6 are compliant and there's no issues there.

7 Secondly, and this is an announcement that
8 I'm doing at any and all client meetings. So we have a
9 new Public Health Order that's sitting in place. I'm sure
10 all of you have seen it or at least taken a brief gander
11 at it. If you haven't, send me an email and I'll
12 circulate it to you.

13 Right now my office's recommendations for
14 all state agencies, boards, commissions, et cetera is
15 right now continue with the digital format. We are
16 constantly monitoring the Department of Health and
17 Governor's Office, as well as the CDC to see what the
18 standards are. I think this is probably our collective
19 foreseeable future. I don't think there is any issue with
20 this Commission with that. I think this Commission has
21 adapted remarkably well, but I just want to put that out
22 there again, that that is our recommendation, and to
23 please follow that.

24 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Thank you. We are
25 quite adaptable here at the OCC.

1 MR. MOANDER: Indeed, Madam Chair, which -- it's
2 a beautiful thing.

3 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: Madam Chair, Mr. Moander,
4 one question.

5 Mr. Moander, are you thinking about us
6 having a special session for the Sunshine training or
7 doing it --

8 MR. MOANDER: Well, you ask the million-dollar
9 question.

10 I think that given the docket mode over
11 subsequent months to the end of the year and what I'm
12 anticipating with potential rulemaking, I think that might
13 be worthwhile. And in doing that, I can help on
14 curtailing the scope of that meeting, so that way the
15 purpose, intent, and only business at the meeting is the
16 training.

17 Right now I've managed to get the training
18 cut down to 45 to 60 minutes maximum, so it would not be a
19 long meeting, but I think that might be worthwhile.

20 And, you know, I'm pretty flexible on when
21 that would be. You know, Monday morning or whatever works
22 best, we can get that done.

23 But I think that's probably the route we
24 should consider.

25 COMMISSIONER BLOOM: Yeah. That sounds good to

1 me, as well.

2 MR. MOANDER: Okay. We will get that going.

3 COMMISSION CHAIR SANDOVAL: Okay. All right.

4 With that, our next meeting is September 16th, and at 9:14
5 a.m. today, we will adjourn. Thank you, everyone.

6 (Time noted 9:14 a.m.)

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