

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
October 8, 2020**

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was held via Webex Meeting platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrienne Sandoval	Chair, Oil Conservation Division
Niranjan Khalsa	Designee, State Land Office Commissioner
Thomas Engler	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sally Malavé, Counsel for the Commission
Florene Davidson, Commission Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandoval at 9:15 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Engler made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Khalsa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Engler – Yes
Commissioner Khalsa – Yes
Chair Sandoval – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of minutes of September 17, 2020 special meeting.

Action: Commissioner Engler moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Khalsa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Engler – Yes
Commissioner Khalsa – Yes
Chair Sandoval – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Case 21381: Hearing on Ameredev II, LLC's Form C-108 Application for Authorization to Inject, seeking authorization to drill, complete, and operate its proposed acid gas

injection (AGI) well Independence AGI #1. The well will be a vertical well, located at approximately 829 feet FNL, 1,443 feet FWL in Section 20, T25S, R36E in Lea County, New Mexico, approximately six miles west of Jal, New Mexico.

Appearances were made by Adam Rankin for Ameredev II, LLC (Ameredev), Eric Ames for the Oil Conservation Division (OCD), and Ari Biernoff for the State Land Office (SLO).

The hearing record was closed at 1:57 p.m.

Chair Sandoval announced that the Commission will take a break and then go into executive session at 2:30 p.m.

Action: After a motion by Commissioner Engler and a second to the motion by Commissioner Khalsa to close the meeting pursuant to NMAC 1978, Section 10-15-1(H) to deliberate on Case 21381, a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Khalsa – Yes
Commissioner Engler – Yes
Chair Sandoval – Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 1:57 p.m.

After a motion by Commissioner Engler and a second to the motion by Commissioner Khalsa, the Commission voted unanimously to go back into open session at 3:20 p.m. Chair Sandoval announced that Case 21381 was the only matter discussed during the closed session. Commissioner Khalsa made a motion to adopt OCD's proposed general conditions of approval with certain changes. Commissioner Engler seconded the motion and stated that he supports the concept of preventing waste and the minimizing of harm to human health and the environment. He commended the presentation of the case data and encouraged continuing communication with all parties involved. Chair Sandoval said she believes that the conditions are in line with previous acid gas well orders.

A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Engler – Yes
Commissioner Khalsa – Yes
Chair Sandoval – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Sandoval then directed Mr. Rankin to draft a proposed order in the case and present it to the Commission Clerk at least 10 days before the November 4, 2020 Commission hearing.

Item 5 Pending litigation

Action: There were no updates to the pending litigation reported at the last meeting.

Item 6. Other business.

Action: There was no other business.

Item 7. Next meeting – October 15, 2020

Item 8. Adjournment

Action: Chair Sandoval adjourned the hearing at 3:27 p.m.

Adrienne Sandoval, Chair