

Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board

August 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Malcolm Booth, Brandi Stennett, Matt Davis, Shawn Perry, Justin Gesell, Bill Bodine

Non-voting members in attendance: Dan Brennan (DNR)

IOGA Representatives: J. Nelson Wood, Matthew McCarthy, Jim Elder, Steve Lampley

DNR – OOGRM in attendance: Hernando Albarracin, Vanasa Brittin

Guests: Stephanie Storckman, Mike Payne

1) Vice Chair Matt Davis called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

2) Meeting Minutes Submission

Minutes from the May 04, 2023, meeting were approved. The motion was made by Ms. Brandi Stennett, with a second from Mr. Justin Gesell and carried unanimously.

3) Round Table Discussion

a. Proposed language for 62Ill. Adm. Code 240.420(d) to address previously permitted wells located on the boundary line of two or more drilling units

Mr. Dan Brennan there were minor changes made to the language from Legal to better define the changes for operators to modify drilling unit selection.

b. Update on the use of another mail delivery service besides United States registered mail (U.S.P.S.) to comply with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 240.1305(a) and (b)

Mr. Dan Brennan stated it had not been submitted for approval yet because they wanted to submit for approval along with item (a) of the Round Table Discussion. A motion to accept both items (a) and (b) of the Round Table Discussion was made Shawn Perry, with a second from Mr. Justin Gesell and carried unanimously.

c. Electronic notification to operators regarding Notices of Violations and 62 Ill Adm. Code 240.1710

Mr. Dan Brennan stated that the notifications have started. When the notification is sent to Springfield, a notification is sent to the operator at the same time.

d. Update on plugging of orphan wells (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant)

Mr. Dan Brennan stated that as of 8/2/2023 212 wells had been plugged with an additional 70 work orders on the way and a total of \$10.1 million obligated. Six companies have been contracted to plug wells. The Department is seeking to extend the timeline to spend the funds until 09/2024 to utilize the full \$25 million granted. Will be seeking an additional \$36 million for 5 years of plugging.

4) New Business

a. Notice of Annual Well Fees and Temporary Abandonment Fees – distribution of the “packets” via email starting July 1, 2024

Mr. Hernando Albarracin stated the fees went out late this year due to a system hiccup but mailed by 8/4/2023. TA Fee notices went out by 8/2/2023. There was no well list included with the TA Fee notices because this was just a test, but a list can be requested. For the OG-15c form, dates 01/01/2023 through 06/30/2023 should be used this year.

- b. Email from IOGA Executive Director regarding Well Status-Plug, Produce, or TA Well Issues
Mr. Jim Elder stated that at the May 2023 meeting, the DNR said they would provide a summary on the OG-15c TA Process so the IOGA could distribute to its members, but it never received it. The DNR said they could provide one quickly.

5) Public Participation

- a. Well inspectors determining status of wells
IOGA representation stated that there have been reports of DNR Well Inspectors bucket testing and gauging tanks without the operator present to verify oil production. This poses a serious safety and environmental concern. IOGA is asking the DNR to have the operator present at a minimum. DNR stated they would take the concerns back to the Inspectors and discuss ways to address them.
- b. Item for next meeting
There was a request to add an item to the next meeting's agenda to discuss 10 acre drilling units and well spacing with lease line setbacks.

6) Next Meeting

November 9, 2023, 10:00 AM @ the IOGA Headquarters in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Ms. Brandi Stennett made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Shawn Perry. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Malcolm Booth - Secretary IOGA Advisory Board

