

Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board
November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Bryan Dicus, Ross Basnett, Casey Lampley, Stephanie Storckman, Steve Persinger and Larry Miller

Non-voting members in attendance: Dan Brennan, Craig Hedin and Seth Whitehead

DNR – OOGRM in attendance: Kendra Brockamp and Hernando Albarracin

Guests: Destiny Marsh, Dan Adams, Jarred Tynes, Brad Richards, Scott Elrick

Chairman Dicus called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Steve Persinger and seconded by Larry Miller. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dicus announced that Bob Herr submitted his resignation from the Board after the September meeting. The IOGA will present a replacement to IDNR after the next IOGA Board meeting in December.

Round Table Discussion

Spacing Requirements and Regulations

Director Brennan requested input from industry regarding the request to change spacing regulations from 20 acre drilling units for limestone reservoirs to 10 acres spacing. He requested that industry guide the wording and movement of this proposal.

Mr. Hedin will address this proposal with the mineral law section council in December.

This issue was tabled, but will be further discussed at the next board meeting.

Bulletin 95 follow-up

Mr. Hedin and Mr. Elrick gave a brief overview of the background and the joint meeting that was had between industry representatives, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois State Geological Survey.

Mr. Elrick briefed the Board on the proposal that was made by the Illinois State Geological Survey. The Survey proposed the use of the following sentence in order to satisfy the needs of the Department: “
___X___(producing zone/informal name) in the ___X___ Member(s) of the ___X___ formation(s).”

Using this sentence would enable the retention of the reservoir names that the Industry and Survey have been using for the last 100+ years to identify the producing horizon.

There was discussion among the Board on how we would move forward and what the Department would accept. No definite determination was made, but Ms. Brockamp suggested she would accept the ISGS proposed language on new permits.

The Department also acknowledged the issues this topic creates for OG-9's. Currently operators are being required to resubmit OG-9's for historical wells that were permitted and completed in formerly accepted terminology. Due to the uncertain nature of how the Department will move forward with the classification issue, the Department suggested that an operator submit 1 new OG-9 for wells within an area of review or unit to represent the change from the formerly accepted terminology to the new.

As a result of this conversation, it was suggested by the Department that a change may need to be made to the OG-10 to reflect the new language that will be accepted. I.e., remove the word "formation" from the permit application.

This topic will be continued at the next meeting.

Review of State Mandated Training

The Department reminded the Board that they are required to take the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training that the Department provided.

Appointment of new Board Member

IOGA will make a recommendation for nomination after the December 4th IOGA meeting.

Open Meetings Act Designees Appointment

The Department is working on designees for the Open Meetings Act.

Board meeting dates for 2020

February 13, 2020

May 14, 2020

September 10, 2020

November 5, 2020

Mr. Persinger motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 11:30 am. Mr. Miller seconded. Meeting adjourned.