

Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board

May 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Casey Lampley, Ross Basnett, Steve Persinger, Stephanie Storckman, Malcolm Booth, Larry Miller, and Brandi Stennett.

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

IOPA Representatives: Craig R. Hedin, J. Nelson Wood, Matthew McArthy, Robert Stewart, Jarred Tynes

DNR – OOGRM in attendance: Kendra Brokamp, Hernando Albarracin, Ron Hutmacher

Guests: Matt Davis, Mike Payne, Seth Whitehead, Colton Schueler, Chuck Vendetti

- 1) Vice Chairman Mr. Casey Lampley called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM via teleconference.

**Roll call and Introductions**

- 2) Meeting Minutes Submission

Minutes from the February 4, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Ms. Stephanie Storckman and seconded Ms. Brandi Stennett was carried unanimously.

- 3) Round Table Discussion

**A) Update on Formation Issue**

Mr. Dan Brennan state the department has prepared a letter of clarification stating they will be using Bulletin 95 and/or reservoir name. They are going to change the OG-3, OG-4, and OG-10 applications to accommodate. The department is going to update their language on the issue and will submit changes of said language to Mr. Matthew McArthy for further review.

Ms. Stennett asked if for publication purposes should Bulletin 95 or the reservoir be referenced? Mr. Brennan said he would check into it and get back with an answer for the next meeting. The department is still working on a timeline. They are unsure on the timeline because it will take substantial updating to the database. Well records will need to match everything the department has for the area of review for permit applications. The department is going to put the information online which should speed up the time frame for AOR.

Mr. Casey Lampley asked if the Pool vs Reservoir vs Formation should be addressed. Mr. Brennan said that the issue did not need to be addressed at this time. Mr. McArthy disagreed and said the regulations need to match the statues. Mr. Brennan asked for specifics of the issue and Mr. McArthy referenced the Trenton is used in the regulations but according to Bulletin 95 the Trenton doesn't exist. Mr. Hernando Albarracin says the discrepancies pointed out by Mr. McArthy may not be needed. Mr. Craig Hedin asked for the US EPA definition of "Pool". Mr. McArthy is going to recirculate the discrepancies.

Rule Changes now have to be approved by the Governors office prior to going to JCAR. The DNR used DNR Legal Council to talk to the Governors legal team.

4) New Business

A. Office of Oil and Gas Personnel Changes

Mr. Kyle Fitzpatrick is now the UIC Manager. Ms. Hannah McGee has left the department and any reports should be submitted to Mr. Albarracin for the time being. Ms. Nina Hollander has a new roll and Mr. Jared Rubsam is now the Springfield District Manager.

B. Providing Notice to Coal Companies That Have Gone Out of Business

Mr. Malcolm Booth started he had an issue with a coal mine being out of business with no current ownership. Mr. Chuck Vendetti explained the process of how he handled a similar issue. No other comments were made on the issue.

C. Pending Proposed Revisions to the Regulations

The revisions are now in the Governors office and not with the DNR

D. The Director's Decision Process

The change from Notice of Violation to Director's Decision is still confusing for some operators. Mr. McCarthy presented a list of topics on behalf of Mr Craig Hedin. Mr. Robert Stewart said he can generate a clear statement for Director's Decisions through the IOGA and send it out via email.

E. Requirement to Submit OG-09 Forms and Request Well Site Restoration Inspection

Need to get inspected prior to June 30 to keep off of the list for the next year

5) Public Participation

No comments were made

6) Next Meeting

September 9, 2021 at 10:00 am. Mr. Ross Basnett requested an in person meeting due to the drop in local COVID-19 cases and the implementation of the vaccines. Numerous board members agreed and Mr. Robert Stewart said the IOGA has a large parking lot we could use with tables set up outside. The DNR will consider the request and decide prior to September 9 of the meeting location or if it will be held via teleconference.

Ms. Stephanie Storckman made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Steve Persinger at 11:54 AM. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Ross Basnett - Secretary IOGA Advisory Board