MINUTES

STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

LEASE SALE
AND
BOARD MEETING
(via Zoom)

AUGUST 12, 2020



Thomas F. Harris
SECRETARY

Jamie S. Manuel
Assistant Secretary

State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO MEET IN PERSON DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

In accordance with La. Acts 2020, No. 302 and Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-96 and JBE 2020-97, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board's ("Board") inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Board will provide for attendance and quorum at its essential government meeting on August 12, 2020, via video conference. Pursuant to La. Acts 2020, No. 302, the Board must meet because:

- 1) Matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship. Because the Board must administer the state's proprietary interest in minerals by granting leases on state owned lands, has full supervision of all mineral leases granted by the state, and has general authority to take any action for the protection of the interests of the state under Louisiana Revised Statue 30:121 et seq., its continued function during this pandemic is essential and, failing timely meeting, would result in the curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- 2) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body. The Board's operations must follow statutorily-mandated deadlines. It is impossible to postpone or delay the matters of the Board.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with La. Acts 2020, No. 302 and Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-96 and JBE 2020-97, the Board's meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. will be held via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted on August 7, 2020.

JAMLE'S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
State Mineral and Energy Board

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana this 6th day of August 2020.

RYAN M. SEIDEMANN
Notary Public
Notary ID No. 77139
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisians

Ryan M. Seidemann Notary Public

My commission expires at death.

JOHN BEL EDWARDS GOVERNOR



THOMAS F. HARRIS
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Opening of Bids August 12, 2020

A public meeting for the purpose of opening sealed bids was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, beginning at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.

Angela Patterson presided over the meeting. She then read the letter of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45346 through 45349 which was published for lease by the Board at today's sale.

Ms. Patterson stated that there were no letters of protest received for today's Lease Sale.

Ms. Patterson stated that there were no tracts to be withdrawn from today's Lease Sale.

The following bids were then opened and read aloud to the assembled public by Ms. Patterson:

<u>Tract 45346</u>

(Portion: 192.439 acres)

Bidder : COMSTOCK OIL & GAS-

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Royalties : 20% on oil and gas

: 20% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

<u>Tract 45347</u> (Entire: +69 acres)

Bidder : THEOPHILUS OIL, GAS &

: LAND SERVICES, LLC

Primary Term : Three (3) years
Cash Payment : \$3,450.00
Annual Rental : \$1,725.00

Royalties : 17% on oil and gas

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17% on other minerals

Additional Consideration

See below

Please Note: Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC was awarded State Lease Number 21829 back in July 2018, covering this exact area and acreage, for a significant amount of money and royalty. Due to the unpredictable and unforeseen situations encountered within a 2-year period, we could not obtain the necessary approval from the US Corps of Engineers in order for drilling operations to commence. This was due to high water levels and Levee structure concerns on the Mississippi River. Therefore, we decided it was best to drop the State Lease and re-nominate the area at a later date, hoping the Appointed Board, as well as the Staff, would understand and work with us on the awarding of our current bid.

We have already spent in excess of \$62,790.00 (buying the lease and paying a rental) and have nothing to show.

We would greatly appreciate your understanding and acceptance of our bid.

<u>Tract 45348</u> (Entire: 34.376 acres)

Bidder : EXCO OPERATING COMPANY, LP

Primary Term : Three (3) years
Cash Payment : \$51,564.00
Annual Rental : \$25,782.00
Royalties : 25% on oil and gas

: 25% on other minerals

Additional Consideration : None

This concluded the reading of the bids.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 9:17 a.m. and reopened again at 9:28 a.m. to read the additional consideration presented on the bid of Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC on Tract 45347.

Respectfully Submitted,



THOMAS F. HARRIS
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING August 12, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on **Wednesday**, **August 12**, **2020**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. W. Paul Segura, Jr. Chairman, called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

He then requested Mr. Jamie Manuel, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Mineral Resources, call the roll for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

W. Paul Segura, Jr., Chairman Carol R. LeBlanc, Vice-Chair Thomas F. Harris, DNR Secretary Thomas L. Arnold, Jr. Robert D. Watkins Rochelle A. Michaud-Dugas J. Todd Hollenshead Harvey "Ned" White Harry J. Vorhoff Willie J. Young, Sr.

The following members of the Board were recorded as absent:

Darryl D. Smith

Mr. Manuel announced that eight (8) members of the Board were present when the roll call was taken and that a quorum was established. Mr. Arnold joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.; Mr. Watkins joined the meeting at 9:51 a.m.; and Mr. Vorhoff left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 8, 2020 MINUTES

The Chairman stated that the first order of business was the approval of the Minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. LeBlanc to adopt the July 8, 2020 Minutes as submitted and to waive reading of same. Mr. Vorhoff made a substitute motion to amend the July 8, 2020 Minutes to include his name on the roll call list establishing a quorum and to omit Kyle "Chip" Kline, Jr.'s name from the absent list. His substitute motion was seconded by Ms. LeBlanc and unanimously adopted by the Board. (No public comment was made at this time.)

The Chairman then stated that the next order of business was the presentation of the following Staff Reports:

* Resolutions are in chronological order at the end of the minutes

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a) Lease Review Report

presented by Jason Talbot, Geology Supervisor and Charles Bradbury, Engineering Supervisor Geology, Engineering & Land Division

b) Nomination and Tract Report

presented by Byron Miller, Administrator and Angela Patterson, Land Specialist Geology, Engineering & Land Division

c) Audit Report

presented by Rachel Newman, Audit Director Mineral Income Division

d) Legal and Title Controversy Report

presented by Byron Miller, Administrator and Angela Patterson, Land Specialist Geology, Engineering & Land Division

e) Docket Review Report

presented by Byron Miller, Administrator and Angela Patterson, Land Specialist Geology, Engineering & Land Division

a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT AUGUST 12, 2020

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 1,096 active State Leases containing approximately 468,154 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 80 leases covering approximately 26,182 acres for lease maintenance and development issues.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. There were no State Lease items discussed.

III.FORCE MAJEURE

1. There were no Force Majeure items discussed.

b) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT AUGUST 12, 2020

(Resolution No. 20-08-001)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Byron Miller presented by Angela Patterson on Wednesday August 12, 2020 relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the October 14, 2020 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of **Ms. Michaud-Dugas**, duly seconded by **Mr. Harris**, the Board granted authority to Staff to advertise all such tracts that have been received by the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources as well as any tracts that have been previously advertised and rolled over and otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report. **(Resolution No. 20-08-001)**

c) AUDIT REPORT AUGUST 12, 2020

The first matter on the audit report was the election of the August 2020 gas royalty to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

No action required.

d) LEGAL & TITLE REPORT AUGUST 12, 2020

(Resolution Nos. 20-08-002 thru 20-08-004)

The first matter considered by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was a request by Castex Energy Partners, LLC (Castex) to extend the authority to escrow funds derived from production of the LL&E No. 1 Well (Serial No. 250180), in the TEX L-CIB C RA SUA Unit, King Lake Field, located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, for an additional period commencing on August 12, 2020.

Staff reported that the request to extend the escrow period is due to the ongoing finalization and need to execute the escrow agreement by the parties and the disputed ownership of tracts within the Unit.

Staff recommended extending the escrow authority for one (1) year until August 11, 2021.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board voted to approve the request by Castex to extend the authority to escrow funds derived from production of the LL&E No. 1 Well (Serial No. 250180) in the TEX L-CIB C RA SUA Unit, King Lake Field, located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, for an additional one (1) year period until August 11, 2021. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 20-08-002)**

The second matter considered by the Board was a proposal by Staff for authority to make necessary revisions to authorized amendments when adding the current force majeure, shut-in payment, and security interest language into vintage State Leases.

Staff reported that the insertion of the new State Lease language regarding force majeure, shut in payments, and security interest language into vintage State Leases can cause ambiguity given that certain words and/or phrases in the new State Lease language are undefined in vintage State Leases.

Staff recommended that the Board grant the requested authorization for Staff to amend the current State Lease language when it is included in previous vintage State Lease forms in order to avoid a misunderstanding in the applicability of the new State Lease requirements.

Upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board granted Staff the authority to make necessary revisions to authorized amendments when adding the current force majeure, shut-in payment, and security interest language into vintage State Leases in order to avoid misunderstandings in the applicability of new State Lease requirements. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (**Resolution No. 20-08-003**)

The third matter considered by the Board was a request by Texas Petroleum Investment Company (TPIC) requesting permission to make a prorated shut-in payment for a period of three (3) months at the normal rate of \$50 per acre for Operating Agreement A0322 to allow the pipeline additional time to complete repairs and testing. TPIC further agrees that if the Operating Agreement is not back on production, TPIC will be required to make a second payment to maintain it for the remaining three (3) month period.

Staff recommended that the Board accept the proposal by TPIC and permit the three (3) month shut-in payment to be due August 13, 2020 to cover the period of August 13, 2020 through November 13, 2020. In accordance with the above stated, a second payment from TPIC will be due on November 13, 2020 should production in paying quantities not have been restored at that time.

Upon motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Harris, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board granted Texas Petroleum Investment Company's request to make a prorated shut-in payment for a period of three (3) months at the normal rate of \$50 per acre for Operating Agreement A0322 as stated above, with a second payment for the remaining three (3) months required on November 13, 2020 should production in paying quantities not be restored by that time. There were no comments from the public on this matter. (Resolution No. 20-08-004)

The fourth matter considered by the Board was an update by Assistant Secretary Jamie Manuel regarding the resolution adopted at the April 29, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board regarding a temporary moratorium on the enforcement of any and all State Lease maintenance obligations for all State Leases for the period beginning on March 11, 2020, and ending July 13, 2020, with a subsequent resumption period.

This matter was for informational purposes only and no official vote by the Board was required for this matter. There were no comments from the public.

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT AUGUST 12, 2020 (Resolution No(s). 20-08-005 thru 20-08-011)

The Board heard the report from Angela Patterson on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, relative to the following:

Category A: State Agency Leases

Docket Item No. 1

Category B: State Lease Transfers

Docket Item Nos. 1 through 4

Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease

There were no items for this category

Category D: Advertised Proposals

Docket Item Nos. 1 and 2

Based upon the staff's recommendation, on motion of Mr. Arnold, duly seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following recommendations:

Category A: State Agency Leases

Docket Item No. 1 (Resolution No. 20-08-005)

Category B: State Lease Transfers

Approve Docket Item Nos 1 through 4

(Resolution Nos. 20-08-006 through 20-08-009)

Category D: Advertised Proposals

Approve Docket Item Nos. 20-05 and 20-06

(Resolution No. 20-08-010 and 20-08-011)

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was discussions in Executive Session to consider matters before the Board which were confidential in nature.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, the Board Members went into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, the Board reconvened in open session at 10:25 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

a. Discussion of possible settlement of a dispute in HA RB SUFF, Sec. 21, T 15N, R 11W, Bossier and Caddo Parishes

Upon motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the Board granted authority to the Attorney General's office to request a settlement proposal from interested parties and authority to negotiate with the parties as discussed in Executive Session. No comments were made by the public. (**Resolution No. 20-08-012**)

b. Discussion regarding strategy in the matter of *In re: CICO Oil & Gas Company*, *L.L.C.*, Docket No. 19-35517, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas

No board action was required in regard to this matter.

c. Discussion of possible settlement with Brix Operating LLC regarding State Lease No. 21972 in Red River Parish.

Upon motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, the Board granted authority to the Attorney General's office to negotiate with interested parties and to make an offer as discussed in Executive Session. No comments were made by the public. (**Resolution No. 20-08-013**)

d. The Board was briefed in Executive Session on the bids received at today's lease sale.

VIII. AWARDING OF LEASES

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the awarding of the leases and called on Mr. Jason Talbot to present Staff's recommendations to the Board.

In regard to the following bids received, a motion was made by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, and seconded by Mr. Arnold, with a unanimous vote of the Board, to accept Staff's

recommendations to accept the bids on Tracts 45346 and 45348 and to reject the bid received on Tract 45347 for insufficient consideration and to re-advertise said tract with minimums. Leases were awarded on Tracts 45346 and 45348.

BID(S) ACCEPTED:

Tract 45346

(Portion: 192.439 acres)

Bidder COMSTOCK OIL & GAS-

LOUISIANA, LLC **Primary Term** Three (3) years Cash Payment \$231,311.68 Annual Rental

\$115,655.84 **Royalties** 20% on oil and gas

20% on other minerals Additional Consideration None

Tract 45348

(Entire: 34.376 acres)

Bidder EXCO OPERATING COMPANY, LP

Primary Term Three (3) years Cash Payment \$51,564.00 Annual Rental \$25,782.00

Royalties 25% on oil and gas

25% on other minerals

Additional Consideration None

BID(S) REJECTED:

Tract 45347

(Entire: +69 acres)

Bidder THEOPHILUS OIL, GAS &

LAND SERVICES, LLC

Primary Term Three (3) years Cash Payment \$3,450.00 Annual Rental \$1,725.00

Royalties 17% on oil and gas

17% on other minerals

Additional Consideration See below

Please Note: Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC was awarded State Lease Number 21829 back in July 2018, covering this exact area and acreage, for a significant amount of money and royalty. Due to the unpredictable and unforeseen situations encountered within a 2-year period, we could not obtain the necessary approval from the US Corps of Engineers in order for drilling operations to commence. This was due to high water levels and Levee structure concerns on the Mississippi River. Therefore, we decided it was best to drop the State Lease and re-nominate the area at a later date, hoping the Appointed Board, as well as the Staff, would understand and work with us on the awarding of our current bid.

We have already spent in excess of \$62,790.00 (buying the lease and paying a rental) and have nothing to show.

We would greatly appreciate your understanding and acceptance of our bid.

Leases awarded were conditioned on tract descriptions being accurate, overlapped prior leases being subtracted from acreage bid on, acreage amount being verified and agreed between bidder and state and portion bids verified as being located within advertised boundary of tracts. (No public comment was made at this time.)

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman then announced that the next order of business would be the discussion of new business.

No new business was presented.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Manuel stated that the leases awarded totaled \$282,875.68 for the August 12, 2020 Lease Sale bringing the fiscal year total to \$1,809,755.68.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman then stated there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Authority to Advertise Tracts for the October 14, 2020 Lease Sale

RESOLUTION #20-08-001

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

WHEREAS, Mr. Byron Miller reported that two (2) tract(s) were nominated for the October 14, 2020 Mineral Lease Sale, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

ON MOTION of **Ms. Michaud-Dugas**, seconded by **Mr. Harris**, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to advertise all such tract(s) for the October 14, 2020 Mineral Lease Sale;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the advertising of all such tracts received by the staff of the Office of Mineral Resources, as well as any tracts that were previously advertised and rolled over, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August 2020, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #20-08-002

Castex Energy Partners, LLC - Request to Extend Authority to Escrow Funds – 21676, 21677 & AO383.

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

WHEREAS, Castex Energy Partners, LLC requests authority to extend escrow royalty payments originally granted by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) under Resolution No. 18-08-008 and extended by Resolution Nos. 19-02-006, 19-08-006, and 20-02-009, attributable to production in the LL&E No. 1 Well (Serial No. 250180) within the TEX L-CIB C RA SUA Unit, King Lake Field, located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, affecting State Operating Agreement A0383, State Lease No. 21676 and State Lease No. 21677 for an additional period commencing August 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, OMR Staff offered the following recommendation for consideration by the Board:

That the Board approve the request by Castex Energy Partners, LLC, to extend escrow royalty payments originally granted by the Board under Resolution No. 18-08-008 and extended by Resolution Nos. 19-02-006, 19-08-006, and 20-02-009 attributable to production in the LL&E No. 1 Well (Serial No. 250180) within the TEX L-CIB C RA SUA Unit, King Lake Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, affecting State Operating Agreement A0383, State Lease No. 21676 and State Lease No. 21677 for one (1) year until August 11, 2021.

ON MOTION of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request by Castex Energy Partners, LLC, to extend escrow royalty payments originally granted by the State Mineral and Energy Board under Resolution No. 18-08-008 and extended by Resolution Nos. 19-02-006, 19-08-006, and 20-02-009 attributable to production in the LL&E No. 1 Well (Serial No. 250180) within the TEX L-CIB C RA SUA Unit, King Lake Field, located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, affecting State Operating Agreement A0383, State Lease No. 21676 and State Lease No. 21677, until August 11, 2021, is hereby approved as stated above.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 12th day of August 2020 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice and in compliance with law, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #20-08-003

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Staff Authority to Revise Force Majeure, Shut-In Payments & Security Interest Language for Vintage State Leases

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:129, the State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board") has full supervision of all State Mineral Leases and is authorized to take all appropriate action to assure that all undeveloped or nonproducing State lands and water bottoms are reasonably and prudently explored, developed, and produced for the public good; and

WHEREAS, a request was proposed by Staff for authority to make necessary revisions to authorized amendments when adding the current force majeure, shut-in payment, and security interest language into vintage State Leases; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that the insertion of the new State Lease language regarding force majeure, shut in payments, and security interest language into vintage State Leases can cause ambiguity given that certain words and/or phrases in the new State Lease language are undefined in vintage State Leases; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends granting the requested authorization for Staff to amend the current State Lease language when it is included in previous vintage State Lease forms in order to avoid a misunderstanding in the applicability of the new State Lease requirements; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration by the Board, a decision has been reached.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant Staff the authority to make necessary revisions to authorized amendments when adding the current force majeure, shut-in payment, and security interest language into vintage State Leases in order to avoid misunderstandings in the applicability of new State Lease requirements.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

JAME S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #20-08-004

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Texas Petroleum Investment Company – Request to Make Prorated Shut-In Payments – AO322

WHEREAS, Texas Petroleum Investment Company (TPIC) requests permission to make a prorated shut-in payment for a period of three (3) months at the normal rate of \$50 per acre for Operating Agreement A0322 to allow the pipeline additional time to complete repairs and testing; and

WHEREAS, TPIC further agrees that if the Operating Agreement is not back on production, that TPIC will be required to make a second payment to maintain it for the remaining three (3) month period; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommended that the Board grant authority to TPIC to make a prorated shut-in payment for a period of three (3) months at the normal rate of \$50 per acre for Operating Agreement A0322 to allow the pipeline additional time to complete repairs and testing to be due August 13, 2020 to cover the period of August 13, 2020 through November 13, 2020. Staff also stated that a second payment from TPIC will be due on November 13, 2020 should production in paying quantities not have been restored at that time.

ON MOTION of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Secretary Harris, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request by Texas Petroleum Investment Company for authorization to make a prorated shut-in payment for a period of three (3) months at the normal rate of \$50 per acre for Operating Agreement A0322 to allow the pipeline additional time to complete repairs and testing with a second payment due on November 13, 2020 to maintain Texas Petroleum Investment Company for the remaining three (3) month period should production in paying quantities not have been restored at that time is hereby approved.

<u>CERTIFICATE</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 12th day of August, 2020 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice and in compliance with law, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-008-05 (DOCKET)

On motion of $\underline{\textit{Mr Arnold}}$, seconded by $\underline{\textit{Ms. LeBlanc}}$, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item A from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument being an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease from the Plaquemines Parish Government, dated May 14, 2020, awarded to Hilcorp Energy I, L.P., covering lands located in Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, estimated to be approximately 36.00 acres, more or less, Buras Levee District, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further contractual obligations being more enumerated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020 pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-08-006 (DOCKET)

On motion of Mr Arnold, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 1 from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument an Assignment from Trinity Exploration & Production LLC to GEP Haynesville, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 20036, Red River Parish, Louisiana, INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS to the HA RA SUW, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

<u>GEP Haynesville, LLC</u> is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- 1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- 2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;
- 3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;
- 4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- 5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- 6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-08-007 (DOCKET)

On motion of Mr Arnold, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 2 from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument An Assignment from Bayou Resources, LLC to Brookwater Energy, Inc., of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 20358, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Brookwater Energy, Inc. is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- 1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- 2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Roard:
- 3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;
- 4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- 5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- 6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.



LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-08-008 (DOCKET)

On motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. LeBianc, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 3 from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument an Assignment from Brookwater Energy, Inc. to the following in the proportions set out below:

Beard Petroleum, LLC 50% Hugo Energy, LLC 50%

In and to State Lease No. 20358 and Operating Agreement "A0361", Concordia Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

<u>Brookwater Energy, Inc.</u> is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- 1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- 2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board:
- 3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;
- 4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind:
- 5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- 6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.



LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-08-009 (DOCKET)

On motion of Mr. Arnald, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 4 from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument an Assignment from Magnum Producing, LP, of 75.800000% of 8/8ths interest to the following in the proportions set out below:

Winn Exploration Co., Inc.	12.500000%
Great Western Drilling, Ltd.	25.000000%
Dunn Exploration Company, LLC	30.000000%
William M. Rush and wife Sandy Rush	1.500000%
James M. Smith and wife Belinda Smith	1.500000%
H. Warren Shetrone and wife, Kate Shetrone	1.500000%
Kanwal Ahuja and wife, Anja Ahuja	2.800000%
Sunil Ahuja and wife, Parveen Ahuja	1.000000%

in and to State Lease No. 21884, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Magnum Producing, LP is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

This approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- 1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- 2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;
- 3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;
- 4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- 5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- 6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-008-010 (DOCKET)

On motion of *Mr Arnold*, seconded by *Ms. LeBlanc*, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 20-05 from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Extension and Amendment by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board and Nadel Gussman N.V., LLC, to amend the rental provision to provide for two (2) six (6) month rental payments equal to one-half (1/2) the total rental each for the third year rental and agree and stipulate to insert language regarding Lessor's Security Interest, affecting State Lease No. 21827, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020 pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #20-008-011 (DOCKET)

On motion of <u>Mr. Arnold</u>, seconded by <u>Ms. LeBlanc</u>, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 20-06 from the August 12, 2020 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Extension and Amendment by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, Sun Louisiana, LLC and Pinnacle Energy International (USA) I LLC, to amend said lease to extend the primary term of State Lease No. 21754 from August 9, 2020 until March 14, 2021 and agree and stipulate to insert language regarding Lessor's Security Interest, affecting State Lease No. 21754, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, with further particular being stipulated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board held in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th day of August, 2020 pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Book of said Board and is now in full force and effect.

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion Re: Possible settlement of a dispute in HA RB SUFF, Sec. 21, T 15N, R 11W, Bossier and Caddo Parishes

RESOLUTION # 20-08-012

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

WHEREAS, a discussion was held in Executive Session regarding possible settlement of a dispute in HA RB SUFF, Sec. 21, T 15N, R 11W, Bossier and Caddo Parishes;

ON MOTION of Ms. Michaud-Dugas, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to the Attorney General's office to request a settlement proposal from interested parties and authority to negotiate with the parties as discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 12th day of August, 2020 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.

JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY State Mineral and Energy Board

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion Re: Possible settlement with Brix Operating LLC regarding State Lease No. 21972 in Red River Parish

RESOLUTION # 20-08-013

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

WHEREAS, a discussion was held in Executive Session regarding possible settlement with Brix Operating LLC regarding State Lease No. 21972 in Red River Parish;

ON MOTION of Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Michaud-Dugas, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to the Attorney General's office to negotiate with interested parties and to make an offer as discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 12th day of August, 2020 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.

JAMHE'S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
State Mineral and Energy Board