



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023**, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Segura then called the roll for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

W. Paul Segura, Jr., Chairman
Carol R. LeBlanc, Vice-Chair
Thomas F. Harris, DNR Secretary
Harry J. Vorhoff, Governor John Bel Edwards Designee
J. Todd Hollenshead
Thomas L. Arnold, Jr.
Robert D. Watkins (arrived at 9:55 a.m.)
Darryl D. Smith (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)

The following members were recorded as absent:

Willie J. Young, Sr.
Rochelle A. Michaud-Dugas
Harvey "Ned" White

Chairman Segura announced that a quorum was established.

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 OCTOBER 11, 2023 MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to adopt the October 11, 2023 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Vorhoff and unanimously adopted by the Board. (No public comments were made at this time.)

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

V. STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Lease Review Report** – Presented by Jason Talbot, Petroleum Scientist Manager
- b) **Nomination and Tract Report** – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Geology, Engineering and Land Division
- c) **Audit Report** – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division
- d) **Legal and Title Controversy Report** – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Geology, Engineering and Land Division
- e) **Docket Review Report** – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Geology, Engineering and Land Division

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

**a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT
November 8, 2023**

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 980 active State Leases containing approximately 413,830 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 112 leases covering approximately 20,875 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. There were no State Lease items to bring before the Board.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

1. There were no Force Majeure items to bring before the Board.

b) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT
November 8, 2023
(Resolution No(s). 23-11-001, 23-11-002, 23-11-003)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday November 8, 2023 relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the January 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

I. PRESENT LEASE SALE

- A.** Approval by the State Mineral and Energy Board was previously granted to Staff to process and advertise five (5) tracts in the Official Journal of the State and in the Official Journal of the Parish wherein the lands are located for today's Mineral Lease Sale.

For the November 9, 2022 Mineral Lease Sale, this office received five (5) nominations for advertisement.

- B (1).** A letter of protest from Miami Corporation Management, LLC dated October 18, 2023 pertaining to Tract No. 45685 situated in Iberia and St. Mary Parishes, Louisiana.

No action needed.

- B (2).** A letter of protest from the Bradley Murchison firm representing Point Au Fer, LLC and the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans dated October 27, 2023, pertaining to Tract No. 45685 situated in Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and Vermillion, Parishes, Louisiana.

No action needed.

- B (3).** A letter requesting the withdrawal of nominated Tract No. 45685 from Honeymoon Bay Energy, LLC (Honeymoon Bay) dated November 6, 2023 was received by Staff. Honeymoon Bay is the party that nominated Tract No. 45685. In their letter, they also request to have the nomination rolled over into the January 10, 2024 State Mineral and Energy Board Lease Sale. This request was not added to the Nomination and Tract Report within the twenty-four (24) hour time frame and Board approval to add this item to the report for discussion was made by Staff.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of **Mr. Arnold**, duly seconded by **Mr. Vorhoff**, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to add the request of the Honeymoon Bay to the Nomination and Tract

Report (**Resolution 23-11-002**). No comments were received by the public.

The request from Honeymoon Bay to withdraw Tract No. 45685 from the current lease sale and re-advertise said tract for the January 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale was then heard by the Board.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of **Mr. Arnold**, duly seconded by **Mr. Vorhoff**, the Board voted unanimously to grant Honeymoon Bay's request to withdraw said tract from the current lease sale and grant Staff the authority to re-advertise said tract for the January 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale (**Resolution No. 23-11-003**) No comments were received by the public.

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

- A.** Twenty-eight (28) nominations were received at the Office of Mineral Resources for the January 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

For the January 11, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale, this office received eight (8) nominations for advertisement.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of **Mr. Arnold**, duly seconded by **Mr. Hollenshead**, the Board unanimously 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. 23-11-001**) No comments were received by the public.

**c) AUDIT REPORT
November 8, 2023**

The first matter on the audit report was the election of the November 2023 gas royalty to be paid on an unprocessed 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 CONTROVERSY REPORT
November 8, 2023
(Resolution Nos. 23-11-004 through 23-11-007)**

The first matter considered by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was a request by Southern Oil of Louisiana (“Southern”) for a six (6) month extension of State Lease No. 21864 (the “Lease”) in exchange for half of an annual rental payment as described in the Lease. Said payment would be in the amount of \$52,801.10 and would be made on or before November 14, 2023.

Staff reported that the Lease was originally granted on November 14, 2018 for a three (3) year term that was set to expire on November 14, 2021, absent production or operations that would extend the Lease.

Staff continued that in 2019, Southern attempted to drill a well which was lost due to an underground crossflow. In 2021, the Board granted a one (1) year extension of the Lease to Southern. In 2022, the Board granted two (2) additional six (6) month extensions.

Staff further reported that Southern claims that the global pandemic and various weather events have caused supply chain and labor issues and that these events have delayed Southern in their attempts to secure a drilling rig capable of sidetracking the original well.

Staff stated that they had also received correspondence from LLOX, L.L.C. (LLOX) and Allen & Kirmse LTD (Allen & Kirmse) in which both parties expressed an interest in acquiring a lease over the subject property. Both LLOX and Allen & Kirmse expressed to staff that the Breton Sound area has been an active area for leasing as of late and that the State may obtain better terms for a lease if the subject property is made available through a public auction.

Staff recommended that the Board not grant staff the authority to extend the Lease but allow staff to nominate and advertise the subject lands for public bid.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the State Mineral and Energy Board accepted the staff’s recommendation to not grant staff the authority to extend the Lease but to allow staff to nominate and advertise the subject lands for public bid. Comments were received from David Seay, Land Manager for LLOX. **(Resolution No. 23-11-004)**

The second matter considered by the Board was a request by Anchor Oil & Gas, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within the West Cameron Block 1 Field in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Staff recommended that the Board grant the staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the State Mineral and Energy Board approved the request by Anchor Oil & Gas, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within the West Cameron Block 1 Field in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-11-005)**

The third matter considered by the Board was a request by CTR Oil, Inc. to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

Staff recommended that the Board grant the staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the State Mineral and Energy Board approved the request by CTR Oil, Inc. to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-11-006)**

The fourth matter brought before the Board was a request by the State Mineral and Energy Board of a resolution in support of the Gulf Louisiana Offshore Wind (GLOW) Propeller, which was selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration as a designated Tech Hub, and to direct staff to work in good faith towards negotiating an Operating Agreement with the GLOW Propeller consortium or its members for the use of state-owned waterbottoms for a wind energy development with the added purpose of promoting education, research and development of wind technologies.

Staff reported that GLOW is a Louisiana State University led offshore wind consortium, which includes five (5) universities (LSU, Southern, Tulane, UNO, and Xavier), two community colleges (Delgado and Nunez), and industry (Gulf Wind Technologies, RWE, and Sev1Tech), as well as Greater New Orleans, Inc., the Water Institute of the Gulf, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana Economic Development, City of New Orleans, and Port Fourchon.

After unanimous vote of the Board and upon motion of Mr. Vorhoff, seconded by Mr. Harris, the State Mineral and Energy Board approved the adoption of a resolution in support of the Gulf Louisiana Offshore Wind (GLOW) Propeller, and to direct staff to work in good faith towards negotiating an Operating Agreement with the GLOW Propeller consortium or its members for the use of state-owned waterbottoms for a wind energy development with the added purpose of promoting education, and research and development of wind technologies. **(Resolution No. 23-11-007)**

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT
November 8, 2023
(Resolution No(s). 23-11-008 thru 23-11-013)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, relative to the following:

- Category A: State Agency Leases
There were no items for this category
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 3
- Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease
There were no items for this category
- Category D: Advertised Proposals
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 3

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

- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 3
(Resolution Nos. 23-11-008 thru 23-11-010)
- Category D: Advertised Proposals
Docket Item Nos. 1 thru 3
(Resolution Nos. 23-11-011 and 23-11-013)

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(Resolution No. 23-11-014 and 23-11-015)**

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 Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board Members went into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:56 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

- a. A discussion of proposed terms for a settlement agreement related to a title dispute with Apache Louisiana Minerals LLC pertaining to water bottoms located in the BOURG B SUI and the FF-GG RA SUA units in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to continue with negotiations based upon terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-11-014)**

- b. An update and discussion of ongoing negotiations of Operating Agreements for carbon capture and sequestration and wind energy projects on State owned lands and water-bottoms and for property owned by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Upon motion of Mr. Vorhoff, seconded by Mr. Smith, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to continue with negotiations based upon terms discussed in Executive Session. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 23-11-015)**

- c. Technical Briefing on Bids

VII. 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.

Staff reported there were three (3) tracts up for bid, and single bids were received on all three (3) of the tracts.

Staff further reported that there was one (1) tract that needed further discussion.

Staff recommended that the bid received on Tract No. 45681 be rejected due to a check issue and be opened to the floor for competitive bidding.

Upon motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the Board unanimously voted to reject the bid on Tract No. 45681 and open the floor to allow for oral bidding on Tract No. 45681.

Upon request by the Chairman for oral bidding on Tract No. 45681, Cypress Energy Partners, LLC came forward and offered the following:

Tract 45681
(Entire: 214.271 acres)

Bidder	:	CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$664,240.10
Annual Rental	:	\$332,120.05
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

There being no other bidders on this tract, upon motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Harris, and based on Staff's recommendations, the Board unanimously voted to award a lease on Tract No. 45681 to Cypress Energy Partners, LLC.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnold, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the other two (2) bid(s) received on the following tracts and award lease(s) on the following tract(s):

Tract 45683
(Portion: +34 acres)

Bidder	:	THEOPHILUS OIL, GAS & LAND SERVICES, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$5,610.00
Annual Rental	:	\$2,805.00
Royalties	:	21.5% on oil and gas
	:	21.51% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45684
(Entire: 45.000 acres)

Bidder	:	CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$180,000.00
Annual Rental	:	\$90,000.00
Royalties	:	25.51% on oil and gas
	:	25.51% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

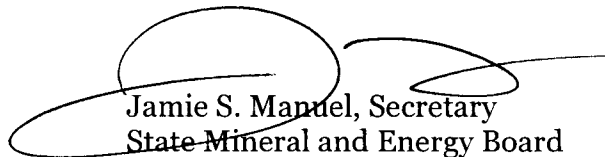
The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Monique Edwards who was in the attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Isaac Jackson addressed the Board regarding an email sent to them and also commended the Board for the wonderful work that it has done.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Authority to Advertise
Tracts for January 10,
2024 Lease Sale

RESOLUTION #23-11-001

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that twenty-nine (29) tract(s) were nominated for the January 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

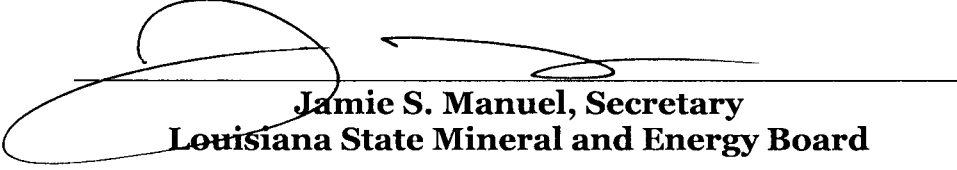
ON MOTION of **Mr. Arnold**, seconded by **Mr. Hollenshead**, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to advertise all such tract(s) for the January 10, 2024 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 8th day of November, 2023, 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.



Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Add Withdrawal of Tract
45685 to the Agenda of the
November 8, 2023 Lease
Sale

Resolution #23-11-002

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

WHEREAS, the Staff presented a recommendation to add withdrawal of Tract No. 45685 to the agenda of the November 8, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale.

ON MOTION of **Mr. Arnold**, seconded by **Mr. Vorhoff**, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board add item B-3 (Removal of Tract 45685) to the Agenda of the November 8, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the addition of Item B-3 to the Agenda of the November 8, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale.

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Withdraw Tract 45685
from the November 8,
2023 Mineral Lease Sale

Resolution #23-11-003

(NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT)

WHEREAS, the Staff presented a recommendation to withdraw Tract No. 45685 from the November 8, 2023 Lease Sale and be granted authority for said tract to be advertised for the January 10, 2024;

ON MOTION of **Mr. Arnold**, seconded by **Mr. Vorhoff**, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant final approval to withdraw said tract for the November 8, 2023 Mineral Lease Sale and be granted authority to be advertised for the January 10, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the withdrawal of said tract from the November 8, 2023 Lease Sale, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report.

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Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-11-004

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Request by Southern Oil of Louisiana for a 6 month extension of SL No. 21864 in exchange for half of an annual rental payment.

WHEREAS, a request was received by the State Mineral and Energy Board from Southern Oil of Louisiana ("Southern") for a six (6) month extension of State Lease No. 21864 (the "Lease") in exchange for half of an annual rental payment as described in the Lease made on or before November 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Staff reported that the Lease was originally granted on November 14, 2018 for a three (3) year term that was set to expire on November 14, 2021, absent production or operations that would extend the Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Staff reported that in 2019, Southern attempted to drill a well which was lost due to an underground crossflow. In 2021, the Board granted a one (1) year extension of the Lease to Southern. In 2022, the Board granted two (2) additional six (6) month extensions; and

WHEREAS, the Staff reported that Southern claimed that the global pandemic and various weather events have caused supply chain and labor issues and that these events have delayed Southern in their attempts to secure a drilling rig capable of sidetracking the original well; and

WHEREAS, the Staff reported that correspondence had been received from LLOX, L.L.C. and Allen & Kirmse LTD expressing an interest in acquiring a lease over the subject property and that the Breton Sound area has been an active area for leasing as of late and that the State may obtain better terms for a lease if the subject property is made available through a public auction.

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

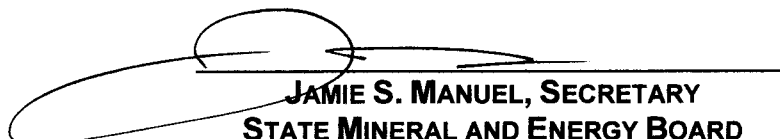
That the Board not grant Staff the authority to extend the Lease but allow Staff to nominate and advertise the subject lands for public bid.

ON MOTION of Mr. Arnold, 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 does hereby accept the Staff's recommendation to not grant authority to extend the Lease but to allow Staff to nominate and advertise the subject lands for public bid.

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JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-11-005

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

Anchor Oil & Gas, LLC request to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the SMEB considers an Operating Agreement on land located within the West Cameron Block 1 Field in Cameron Parish, LA.

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request from Anchor Oil & Gas, LLC to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within the West Cameron Block 1 Field in Cameron Parish, Louisiana; and

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

That the Board grant the staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

ON MOTION of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Watkins, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby accepts Staff's recommendation to grant the staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within the West Cameron Block 1 Field in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-11-006

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

CTR Oil, Inc. request to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the SMEB considers an Operating Agreement on land located within Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, in LaSalle Parish, LA.

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board received a request from CTR Oil, Inc. to temporarily remove state owned land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana; and

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

That the Board grant the staff to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce.

ON MOTION of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Watkins, after discussion and careful consideration, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board hereby accepts Staff's recommendation to grant the Staff authority to negotiate for an Operating Agreement and to temporarily remove the subject land from commerce while the State Mineral and Energy Board considers an Operating Agreement on land located within Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

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JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION #23-11-007

(LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT)

SMEB support of Gulf Louisiana Offshore Wind (GLOW) Propeller, and to direct staff to work in good faith towards negotiating an OA with GLOW Propeller consortium.

WHEREAS, the State Mineral and Energy Board requests the adoption of a resolution in support of the Gulf Louisiana Offshore Wind (GLOW) Propeller, which was selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration as a designated Tech Hub, and to direct staff to work in good faith towards negotiating an Operating Agreement with the GLOW Propeller consortium or its members for the use of state-owned waterbottoms for a wind energy development with the added purpose of promoting education, research and development of wind technologies; and

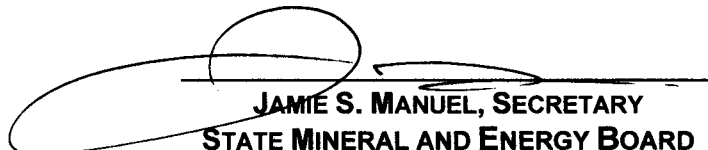
WHEREAS, the Staff reported that GLOW is a Louisiana State University led offshore wind consortium, which includes five (5) universities (LSU, Southern, Tulane, UNO, and Xavier), two community colleges (Delgado and Nunez), and industry (Gulf Wind Technologies, RWE, and Sev1Tech), as well as Greater New Orleans, Inc., the Water Institute of the Gulf, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana Economic Development, City of New Orleans, and Port Fourchon; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby adopt this resolution in support of the Gulf Louisiana Offshore Wind (GLOW) Propeller, which was selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration as a designated Tech Hub, and to direct staff to work in good faith towards negotiating an Operating Agreement with the GLOW Propeller consortium or its members for the use of state-owned waterbottoms for a wind energy development with the added purpose of promoting education, research and development of wind technologies.

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JAMIE S. MANUEL, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-11-008

(DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 1 from the November 8, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Helis Oil & Gas Company, L.L.C. to PEL Black Bay, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease Nos. 195, 18935 and Operating Agreement "A0045", Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

PEL Black Bay, LLC 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;

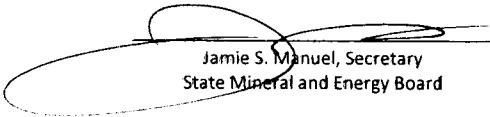
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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 8th day of November, 2023, 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.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-11-009 (DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 2 from the November 8, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from AC Exploration, LLC to Sibley Petroleum Investments, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 20361, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Sibley Petroleum Investments, LLC 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;

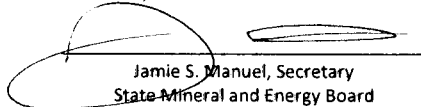
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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 8th day of November, 2023, 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.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-11-010 (DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item No. 3 from the November 8, 2023 meeting be approved, said being an Assignment from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC to SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to State Lease No. 22151, Red River Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

SWN Production (Louisiana), LLC 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;

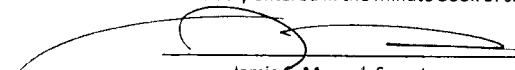
5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and

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 8th day of November, 2023, 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.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-11-011

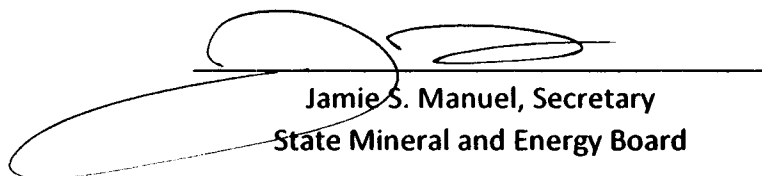
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On motion of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-26 from the November 8, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being an Operating Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board of the State of Louisiana, acting for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Comstock Oil and Gas- Louisiana, LLC, to create an operating tract for the exploration and development of oil, gas and/or condensate and other liquid hydrocarbons, which proposal allocates to the state a State Production Interest equal to 25% before payout, increasing to 25.5% after payout, said operating tract containing 77.848 acres, more or less, Bienville 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 8th day of November, 2023 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.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-11-012

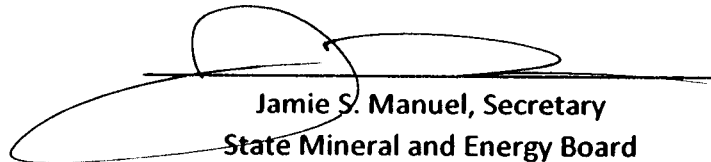
(DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-27 from the October 11, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, acting through its agency, the State Mineral and Energy Board, Extex Production Offshore, LLC, et al, whereas said parties agree to extend the force majeure recognition and amend the provisions of said state lease to amend the shut-in payment language and add a force majeure and suspending event provision, add a security interest provision and otherwise amend the lease in accordance with the policies of the Board, affecting State Lease No. 19908, Jefferson 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 8th day of November, 2023 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.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Resolution #23-11-013

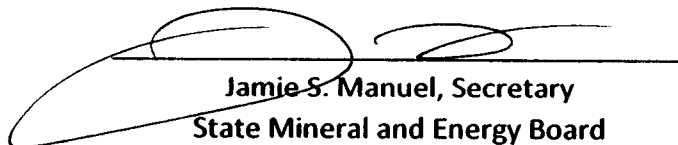
(DOCKET)

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Mineral and Energy Board that Docket Item 23-28 from the November 8, 2023 meeting be approved, said instrument being a Lease Amendment by and between the State of Louisiana, acting through its agency, the State Mineral and Energy Board, Extex Production Offshore, LLC, et al, whereas said parties agree to extend the force majeure recognition and amend the provisions of said state lease to amend the shut-in payment language and add a force majeure and suspending event provision, add a security interest provision and otherwise amend the lease in accordance with the policies of the Board, affecting State Lease No. 20102, Jefferson 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 8th day of November, 2023 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.


Jamie S. Manuel, Secretary
State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion
Re: Proposed terms for a
settlement agreement related to a
title dispute with Apache Louisiana
Minerals LLC pertaining to water
bottoms located in the BOURG B
SUI and the FF-GG RA SUA units
in the Lapeyrouse Field,
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

RESOLUTION #23-11-014

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

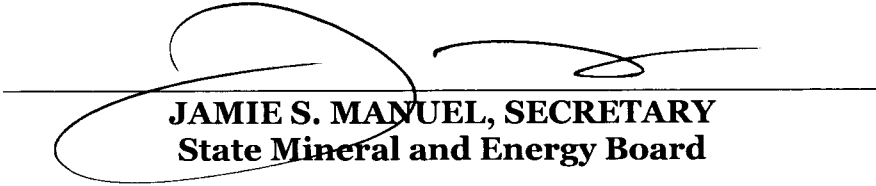
WHEREAS, a discussion in Executive Session of proposed terms for a settlement agreement related to a title dispute with Apache Louisiana Minerals LLC pertaining to water bottoms located in the BOURG B SUI and the FF-GG RA SUA units in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana was held; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Watkins, 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 does hereby grant authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to continue with negotiations based upon terms 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 8th day of November, 2023 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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Executive Session Discussion
Re: Ongoing negotiations of
Operating Agreements for carbon
capture and sequestration and
wind energy projects on State
owned lands and water-bottoms
and for property owned by the LA
Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries

RESOLUTION #23-11-015

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

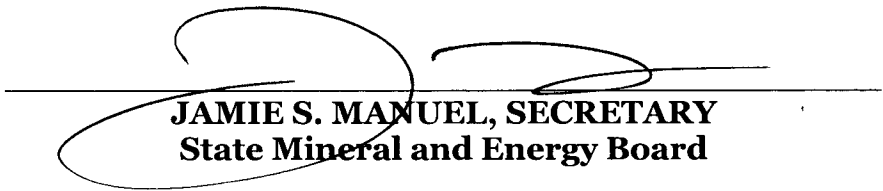
WHEREAS, an update and discussion in Executive Session of ongoing negotiations of Operating Agreements for carbon capture and sequestration and wind energy projects on State owned lands and water-bottoms and for property owned by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was held; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Vorhoff, seconded by Mr. Smith, 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 does hereby grant authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to continue with negotiations based upon terms 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 8th day of November, 2023 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