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 **Oilfield Site Restoration Commission JAMES H. WELSH**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

LaSalle Building

617 North Third Street

Thursday, January 17, 2013

1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

 Stephen Chustz, Interim Secretary

 James H. Welsh, Commissioner of Conservation

 Paul Frey, LLA

 Karen Gautreaux, Nature Conservancy

 Steve Maley, LOGA

 Michael Lyons, Mid-Continent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

 Sarah Wagner, OSR Staff

 Blake Canfield, Staff Attorney, Conservation

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

James Welsh called the meeting to Order.

 Sarah Wagner called the roll. There were six members in attendance, constituting a

quorum.

**II. Approval of the October 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes:**

Michael Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2012, meeting.

 Stephen Chustz seconded the motion.

 No objections and no discussion was held.

 The minutes were approved .

**III. Fund Status:**

Sarah Wagner reported there is $5,122,017 total cash in the treasury, minus $455, 975 in contractual obligations, leaves an available balance of $4,666,042.

 A report on the quarterly oil and gas production fee collections stated collections through December 31, 2012, for fiscal year 2013, equaled $2,430,558. The next quarterly collections are due on January 30, 2013, and February 15, 2013, and the Program fiscal year 2013 has committed to expend $3.8 million.

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**III. Fund Status (continued):**

A report on annual fee collections per fiscal year since 1994, indicates the Program is on track to collect a little over $4 million this fiscal year.

 A report of the Site-Specific Trust Accounts was that there are 970 active wells currently secured totaling approximately $62.5 million. No new accounts have been established since the last meeting; however, one account was closed.

**IV. Program Statistics:**

Sarah Wagner discussed in detail the Program statistics.

 To date, the Program has plugged and abandoned 2,537 orphan wells, that is 12 orphaned wells plugged and abandoned by the Program since the October 2012, meeting.

 Currently, there are 2,820 orphan wells remaining statewide.

 In the months of October, November, December, 24 orphaned wells were added

to the Program orphan well count.

 A graph was presented demonstrating the current orphan well count of 2,820 in the state, compared with the cumulative number of wells plugged by the Program, 2,537.

 Additionally, a graph was presented demonstrating the progress made by the Program in the plug and abandonment of urgent and high-priority scored wells since the adoption of the revised performance indicators focusing on urgent and high-priority scored wells. In fiscal year '12, the Program plugged and abandoned 17 urgent and high-priority scored wells. So far this fiscal year,

12 urgent and high-priority scored wells have been plugged and abandoned by the Program.

 Sarah Wagner details the current Oilfield Site Restoration Program performance indicators and the Program's first and second quarter performance.

**V. Oilfield Site Restoration Program Projects:**

Sarah Wagner discussed in detail the current Oilfield Site Restoration Program projects.

Currently, there are three active Oilfield Site Restoration projects, including one project ranked critical/high risk by the U.S. Coast Guard. Additionally, a request for bids for maintenance of the installed U.S. Coast Guard approved navigational aids has been issued.

 There have been three Oilfield Site Restoration projects completed since the October 2012,

meeting.

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**VI. Federal and Third-Party Activity:**

Sarah Wagner discussed Federal and Third-Party Activity.

 The EPA completed plugging a leaking well in Moore Sam's Field in Pointe Coupee

Parish at no cost to the Program. There are several facility removals in north Louisiana scheduled

to occur in the third quarter. Additionally, EPA is planning on plugging and abandoning a leaking orphan well in Logansport Field in DeSoto Parish.

 The U.S. Coast Guard New Orleans District has plans to plug and abandon an orphaned

well in Manila Village Field, Jefferson Parish, at no cost to the Program.

**VIII: Old Business and New Business:**

Sarah Wagner contacted Board and Commissions regarding Commission appointment

terms and clarified that when a Board member's term expires, they continue to serve until they

are reappointed or someone else is appointed to serve in their place.

 Currently, there are two members' terms that are expired on the Oilfield Site Restoration Commission, and the Program staff is waiting on nominations from those organizations.

 In 2013, there will be four additional Commission members' terms that will expire.

 Sarah Wagner discussed, in an effort to save money and foster open discussion at the

OSR Commission meetings, there will no longer be word-for-word transcripts of the meetings. A summary will be prepared based on the discussion of each agenda item submitted as the meeting minutes.

 Karen Gautreaux followed up on a previous meeting discussion regarding bonding, and Michael Lyons indicated he had not had an opportunity to speak with Don Briggs as of yet, but they

are still planning on discussing the issue.

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**X: Date of Next Meetings:**

April 18, 2013, July 18, 2013, and October 17, 2013, are the tentative dates set for 2013 Commission meetings, at 1:30 p.m. in the LaSalle Building hearing room.

**XI: Adjourn**:

 Karen Gautreaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

 Michael Lyons seconded the motion.

 James H. Welsh adjourned the meeting.