

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES APRIL 20, 2021

Pursuant to Sections 45.1-361.9B and 45.1-361.22.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held its scheduled monthly hearing commencing at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. This will be a virtual call-in meeting only. Those wishing to call in please dial 1-866-845-1266 (Passcode: 52769596#).

Board members present were Bruce A. Prather (Oil and Gas Industry Representative), Donald Lewis Ratliff (Coal Industry Representative), Donnie W. Rife (Public Representative), Mary Addington Quillen (Public Representative) and Rita Surratt (Public Representative).

Also present were Jerald Hess (Assistant Attorney General), Phil Skorupa (Director, Division of Gas and Oil), Sally Ketron (Division of Gas and Oil) and Sarah Gilmer (Division of Gas and Oil).

1. The Board received public comments.

There were no public comments.

2. The First Bank and Trust Company, Escrow Agent for the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, will address the Board on the Quarterly/End of Year 2020 Report and the January - March 2021 Quarterly Report.

The Quarterly/End of Year 2020 Report and the January-March 2021 Quarterly Report was presented to the Board by Jody Maney with First Bank and Trust Company.

3. The Board will review for approval a Supplemental Order to vacate and close the escrow account for Unit Y8, VGOB Number 92-1117-0291, sent in by Pocahontas Gas Company LLC.

The docket item was approved.

4. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for Re-Pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I. Unit Y9. Docket Number VGOB 90-1010-0031-02.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required.

5. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for Re-Pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I to address acreage changes resulting from updated mapping. Unit R48. Docket Number VGOB 17-0620-4127-01.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required.

6. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for Establishment and Pooling of unit as set forth in the application. Unit VS16. Docket Number VGOB 21-0420-4237.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required. Kevin Elkins, P. E., with Buchanan Minerals, LLC, and Kelli Berry, Pooling Analyst, with Pocahontas Gas, LLC, testified for this docket item.

7. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for Pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Fields I & II. Unit I37. Docket Number VGOB 21-0420-4238.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

8. The Board received an update of Board and Division activities from the staff.

Sarah Gilmer, Board Support Specialist with the Division of Gas and Oil updated the Board on the disbursements that have been done for Fiscal Year 2021.

Phil Skorupa, Director of the Division of Gas and Oil updated the Board on the following:

The nominations are now open for the 2021 VOGA Awards.

The Division of Gas and Oil provided the Interstate Gas and Oil Compact Commission statistics on wells in Virginia:

- 8,704 active wells in Virginia
- 9 Orphan Wells left to be reclaimed.
- 75 wells were plugged in 2020.

The Lebanon Office will be closing in May and will be establishing an office at the DMME Big Stone Gap Office.

9. The Board reviewed the December 2020 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 11:38 a.m.