

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES JULY 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 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 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 Bill Harris (Public Representative), Bruce A. Prather (Oil and Gas Industry Representative), David Spears (Board Member), Donald Lewis Ratliff (Coal Industry 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, appeared to address the Board on the Quarterly Report (April - June 2021).

The Quarterly Report was presented to the Board by Jody Maney with First Bank and Trust Company.

3. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for Re-Pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I, to address mapping updates and property line changes. Unit X9. Docket Number VGOB 92-1117-0292-02.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required.

4. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for Re-Pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I, to address mapping changes. Unit R49. Docket Number VGOB 09-0317-2487-02.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required.

5. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of Tract 1A, a portion of Tract 1E, a portion of Tract 1F, and a portion of Tract 3, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to Tazewell Coal & Gas Company LLC, Charlie Andrew Puckett, Jr., Kimberly Dilday, Glenna Couch, Edna Dawson, Rose Marie McGlothlin, William R. Dailey, Deborah A. Roberts, Bobby Curtis McGlothlin, Frances McGlothlin, Paul W. Combs, Billy Edd Blankenship, Chris Combs, Robert E. Combs, Randall L. Combs, James McGlothlin, Betty Hess, Patricia Combs, Karen Miller, William Southwell, Jan Deal, Jean Cubbage, Farley Combs, Roscoe Foleno, Jr., Macel Keith Foleno, Beverly Ann Foleno, Johnny Fogleman, Kathy Hawkins, Pauline Compton, Rosa Angeline Combs, Jeannine Holden, Lou Holden, Douglas A. Whorley, Jerry W. Whorley, Curtis A. Whorley, Steven L. Whorley, Richard Lee Whorley, Wilma J. Bowyer, James A. Worley, Michael L. Whorley, Linda Christoff, Marvin A. Whorley, Elizabeth McKee, Susan Worley, Ronald L. Poff, Jeffrey Poff, Teresa P. Ballard, Kimberly S. Adkins, Ruby Kiser, Jack Compton, Lance Compton, Christa Compton, Shelly N. O'Daniel, Alan Richmond, Kelly Little, Jackie Moon, John David Hale, Lloyd Malcolm Hale, Mary Elizabeth Wingold, Ilene Wolfe, William H. Hale, Jeremy Wallace, James Looney, Ernest M. Looney, Myra Looney, Joan Foley, Judy Boyd Delp, Johnny Sherman Boyd, Raymond Reynolds, George Ray, Darrel Gene Hurt, Betty J. Dye, Michael D. Webb, Daniel J. Webb, Joshua M. Webb, Wade Burke, Tony Burke, Todd Druck, Troy Druck, Judy Kilgore, Delcia Runkle, Hazel C. Cooper, Cynthia Grove, Rhonda K. Collins, Amanda Kiser, David L. Webb, Nichols Family Trust, Audrey Boyd, Elizabeth C. Marshall, Chad W. Casey, Robert Brian Casey, Pennie Davis, Katie Lynn Davis, Dennis Palmer, Ronnie Davis, James Fadiel, Nancy Luchini, Patty Stephens, Randall Jackson, Leshia Compton, William Jackson, Treamon Jackson, Larry Jackson, Nancy Jackson, Anna Stiltner, Carol Fletcher, Ken Titus Breeding, Frankie Breeding, Sharon Breeding, Ada R. Compton, Dean Compton, Patricia Sue Compton, Danny A. Compton, Sandra G. Holmes, and Ruby Morgan; (3) Dismissal of Coal Owner: Tazewell Coal & Gas Company LLC. Unit BH102. Docket Number VGOB 05-1018-1509-01.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties.

6. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 3, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs: Fayne E. Stacy, Jr., Gerald K. Stacy, Karen Cole, and Alan Stacy; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Buckhorn Coal Co & Karen Cole (executed by Janice Shortridge). Unit AX111. Docket Number VGOB 01-0320-0873-03.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. T. Shea Cook, Attorney, will receive the disbursement checks on behalf of the payees, as per affidavit submitted.

7. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 8, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs: Fayne E. Stacy, Jr., Gerald K. Stacy, Karen Cole, and Alan Stacy; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Buckhorn Coal Co & Karen Cole (executed by Janice Shortridge). Unit AY110. Docket Number VGOB 01-0320-0875-03.

The docket item was approved. The account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. T. Shea Cook, Attorney, will receive the disbursement checks on behalf of the payees, as per affidavit submitted.

8. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 1, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs: Fayne E. Stacy, Jr., Gerald K. Stacy, Karen Cole, and Alan Stacy; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Buckhorn Coal Co & Karen Cole (executed by Janice Shortridge). Unit AY111. Docket Number VGOB 01-0320-0876-03.

The docket item was approved. The account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. T. Shea Cook, Attorney, will receive the disbursement checks on behalf of the payees, as per affidavit submitted.

9. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 2C, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs: Fayne E. Stacy, Jr., Gerald K. Stacy, Karen Cole, and Alan Stacy; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Buckhorn Coal Co & Karen Cole (executed by Janice Shortridge). Unit AY112. Docket Number VGOB 01-0320-0877-07.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. T. Shea Cook, Attorney, will receive the disbursement checks on behalf of the payees, as per affidavit submitted.

10. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 1C, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs: Fayne E. Stacy, Jr., Gerald K. Stacy, Karen Cole, and Alan Stacy; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Buckhorn Coal Co & Karen Cole (executed by Janice Shortridge). Unit AX112. Docket Number VGOB 03-1118-1220-03.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. T. Shea Cook, Attorney, will receive the disbursement checks on behalf of the payees, as per affidavit submitted.

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

Phil Skorupa, Director of the Division of Gas and Oil, updated the Board that the Lebanon Office closed in May 2021. All correspondence now goes to the Big Stone Gap Office at: 3405 Mountain Empire RD, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

The Division of Gas and Oil's phone number 276-415-9700, is still active. An alternative number would be the Big Stone Gap main number: 276-523-8100.

12. The Board reviewed the April 2021 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 11:23 a.m.