

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Pursuant to Sections 45.2-1609.C and 45.2-1624.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held its scheduled monthly hearing commencing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Location: Virginia Energy 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219. Those who wish to join the meeting online, please contact the Gas and Oil office at 276-393-5507, prior to the day of the hearing. If you wish to call-in to the meeting, you may do so by dialing 1-434-230-0065, Conference ID: 753948247#.

Board members present were Bill Harris (Public Representative), Bruce A. Prather (Oil and Gas Industry Representative), Donald Lewis Ratliff (Coal Industry Representative), Gus W. Janson (Public Representative), Mary Addington Quillen (Public Representative), Rita Surratt (Public Representative) and Willart Cochran (Virginia Energy Representative).

Also present were Bradley Boyd (Gas and Oil Operations Manager), Eric M. Lansing (Assistant Attorney General), Jackson Brown (Assistant Attorney General), Phil Skorupa (Director, Division of Gas and Oil) and Sarah Gilmer (Division of Gas and Oil).

1. The Board reviewed and approved the remote attendance resolutions for board members that attended the meeting remotely.

Resolutions were approved for Bruce Prather and Donald Ratliff who both attended the meeting remotely.

2. The Board received public comments.

There were no public comments.

3. The First Bank and Trust Company, Escrow Agent for the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, appeared to address the Board on the Quarterly/End of Year Report.

The Quarterly/End of Year 2023 Report was presented to the Board by Jody Maney with First Bank and Trust Company.

4. A petition from Keyrock Energy, LLC, for creation of a sealed gob drilling unit and pooling. Unit Honey Camp No. 1. Docket Number VGOB 23-1219-4279.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

5. A petition from Keyrock Energy, LLC, for creation of a sealed gob drilling unit and pooling. Unit Keyrock M-26-1. Docket Number VGOB 24-0220-4280.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

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 1E, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the Royalty Split Agreement between Daisy Burke (now owned by Joel and Brenda Burke, prior owner payments to the Daisy Burke Heirs) and Hurt-McGuire Land Trust (now McGuire-Hurt Heirs Trust). Unit W35. Docket Number VGOB 98-0324-0627-13.

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

7. 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 Tracts 2A, 2B, 2C, & 2D, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 2L, a portion of 2M, a portion of 2N, 2O, & 2S, and 2T, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to Shirley Lee Pennington, Janice Sue Wingate, Richard Wade McNeil, James Garland McNeil, Jr., Bertha Reanette Fuller, Clair Terry, Brenda Hamilton, Paula Nickles, Terry Guiler, David Bruce, Leashia Bruce, Cindy Bruce, Raymond Bruce, Thomas Bruce, Jacqueline Notgrass, James Day McNeil, Larry David McNeil, Frederick McNeil, Paula Adkins, Susan E. Holland, Linda Anderson, Marianne Davenport, Robert V. Davenport, Ronald Eugene Fuller, Gary Fuller, Vernona Wheeler, Patricia Fuller, Janice Fuller, Charles E. Ditty, Sr., Jackson L. Matney, Freda June Jones, Geraldine Ingle, Elizabeth Callahan, Josephine Lantz, Ciara E. McNeil, Emily A. McNeil, Linda McNeil, Leah Karuri, Richard W. McNeil, II, Arthur Compton, Helen Hart, Marie McCright, Randy Compton, Lucinda C. Leighton, Mark Compton, Sue Farmer Ward, Gregory Wheatley, Sandra Smith, Susan J. Sherman, Richard Norman Wheatley, William Wheatley, Jr., Carolyn Swiney, Sheila Lewis, Allene Hazlet, Bertha Faye Reed, Anna L. Ellenburg, James Moses Qualls, Gregory Miles, Phillip Miles, Patricia Kinkead, Joyce Sizemore, Debra Bryan, Alice J. Hammonds, Sandra Kay Hutchinson, Sharon Hutchinson, Debra Gates, Kim Roesemann, Nancy Prince, Anita Poe, Brooks Collins, Gloria J. Kersey, Ina R. Scott, Angela Grose, Tina Collins, Brenda Collins, Linda Triplett, Michael D. Miles, Mark Miles, Martin B. Miles, Robert Craig McNeil, Andy Paul McNeil, Rebecca Lynn Adkins, Robin Michelle Knipp, Randall E. McNeil, Kimberly McNeil Kish, Cheryle Jean Harmon, John Nelson Williams, Sharon Miller, James David Williams, George E. Miller, Linda R. Hall, Rhonda Duchesne, Charles H. Wellman, Jr., Belma Kelley, Mary E. Staten, William J. Williams, Clarence Patrick McNeil, Saundra Patton, Shelby Maxwell, McGuire-Hurt Heirs Trust, Pocahontas Gas LLC, Commonwealth of VA Dept of Transportation, Michael Shannon, Robert D. & Adrienne Maxwell, and Patricia Lynn Campbell; (3) Dismissal of Coal Owner(s): McGuire-Hurt Heirs Trust (FKA Hurt-McGuire Land Trust). Unit R49. Docket Number VGOB 09-0317-2487-03.

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

8. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for refund of escrow payments heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent; Reimburse overpayment of funds deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent in error attributable to Unit VP8SGU3 to Pocahontas Gas LLC. Docket Number VGOB 06-0321-1598-04.

The docket item was approved.

9. A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling. Unit VC-538372. Docket Number VGOB 23-0815-4269.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

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

Staff notified the board that no items were submitted for the March 2024 VGOB meeting. Therefore, there will not be a March VGOB Meeting. The October VGOB Meeting date has been changed to October 22, 2024.

11. The Board reviewed the November 2023 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

12. The Board had a closed session meeting as directed by the Assistant Attorney General Jackson Brown.

The Board met in closed session and all agreed to the following question during the exit poll: "To the best of your knowledge, did the Board restrict its hearing, discussion, and consideration in closed session to: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened?" All Board Members responded "yes."

The hearing adjourned at 12:14 p.m.