

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 2024 at the Virginia Energy Big Stone Gap office, 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.

Board members present were Bill Harris (Public Representative), Donald Lewis Ratliff (Coal Industry Representative), Gus W. Janson (Public Representative) and Willart Cochran (Virginia Energy Representative).

Also present were Bradley Boyd (Gas and Oil Operations Manager), Jackson Brown (Assistant Attorney General), Lydia Sinemus (Program Administration Manager II), 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 resolution for board member(s) that attend the meeting remotely.

The docket item was approved.

2. The Board received public comments.

Mr. Shelly Mullins, Commissioner of the Revenue in Dickenson County addressed the Board regarding Keyrock Energy, LLC.

Ms. Freda Wade addressed the Board to ask questions about the permit application for VS18.

Mrs. Cheryl Keene Tucker addressed the Board about her interest in the VS18 Pocahontas Gas Unit.

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

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

4. A petition from Keyrock Energy, LLC, for the creation of a sealed gob unit and pooling. Unit Slope Drain Vent Pipe. Docket Number VGOB 24-0416-4281.

The docket item was continued to July, 2024. Judy Keene Wright addressed the Board on her questions regarding the location of the unit and how the well affects the surrounding area.

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 Tracts 3 and 5, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to Kimberly Nicole Lightner and Benjamin Tyler Vance; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties of the royalty split agreement between Rockport Oil & Gas and Chisos, LTD (previously Hugh McRae Land Trust/Torch Oil and Gas) and Pocahontas Gas LLC; (3) Incorporate previous dismissal of coal owner. Unit BUS1. Docket Number VGOB 91-0716-0136-10.

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

6. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for re-pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Fields I & II to address acreage changes. Unit X34. Docket Number VGOB 97-0318-0572-02.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

7. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field(s) II. Unit AA15. Docket Number VGOB 24-0521-4282.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

8. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, to create and pool coalbed methane unit. Unit VS18. Docket Number VGOB 23-1121-4277.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required. Cheryl Keene Tucker and Freda Wade spoke to the Board about their concerns with the unit.

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

Mr. Skorupa notified the Board that Mrs. Rita Surratt and Mrs. Mary Quillen's terms on the board will expire at the end of June and they do not wish to seek reappointment. Mr. Skorupa said that there have been some applications received for new members and they are awaiting review at the Governor's Office.

Sarah Gilmer addressed the Board on a request letter from EnerVest Operating, LLC to close the escrow account for Docket 4124 (Unit Haysi 156). The Haysi 156 well was never drilled and the permit has expired. The funds that were sent to escrow were for a bonus payment. The board approved to close the account and send the remaining balance (currently \$2.69) back to EnerVest Operating, LLC.

10. The Board reviewed the February 2024 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 12:46 p.m.