

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Location: Virginia Energy 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219. Those who wish to call-in to the meeting may do so by dialing 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) 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 appear to address the Board on the Quarterly/End of Year Report.

The Quarterly/End of Year 2021 Report was presented to the Board by Jody Maney with First Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Skorupa mentioned that the bank contract had been renewed for another year as per Board approval.

3. A petition for re-pooling from EnerVest Operating, LLC. Unit VCI-538684. Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4158-01.

The docket item was approved. No Escrowing required.

4. A petition for re-pooling from EnerVest Operating, LLC. Unit VC-536324. Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4159-01.

The docket item was approved. No Escrowing required.

5. A petition for re-pooling from EnerVest Operating, LLC. Unit VCI-538729. Docket Number VGOB 18-0417-4170-02.

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 Tracts 1B, a portion of 1D, 1J & 2 as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs: The Heirs of Mary A. Leftwich, including: Richard Leftwich, Robert Leftwich, Elizabeth Leftwich, Hnarakis Family 2004 Revocable Trust, Dennis Hnarakis, Bettina Crosby, Robert Blake Leftwich, Melvin E. Leftwich, McDonald Asset Trust, Martha Summerford, Aubry Hall, Michael McManus, Barbara Compton, George B. Harris, Carolyn Harris Briggs, James Rodney Harris, Dorothy Harris, James Herron, Sandra Christine Murdock, Jackie Harris, Ricky Harris, Donna Rash and Mary Elizabeth Wingold (judgment in favor of Logan Hurley Hale); authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Harrison-Wyatt, LLC & The Heirs of Ruby Mitchell, including: Dawyer Mitchell, Philis Wilson, Mildred Baldwin, and Deborah Barton; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the royalty split between Harrison-Wyatt, LLC and Pocahontas Gas LLC. Unit BG98. Docket Number VGOB 06-0919-1714-03.

The docket item was approved. The account continues. Authorization of direct payment of royalties. Checks for Mary Elizabeth Wingold and the Estate of Logan Hale are to be mailed to T. Shea Cook, Attorney.

7. Pocahontas Gas LLC, to appear before the Board to correct testimony on the re-pooling petition for Unit R49. Docket Number VGOB 09-0317-2487-02. Previously heard at the July 2021 Board Hearing.

The docket item was approved. Pocahontas Gas revised testimony on the ownership previously reported for Tract 2L.

8. A petition from DGO - on behalf of others for Pamela Hess, appealing the decision of the Director issued on 9/16/2021, for IFFH number 1018 regarding application number 48674 from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for proposed well CBM AA36A W/PL, located in the Garden Magisterial District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Unit AA36A. Docket Number VGOB 22-118-4239.

The docket item was continued to April, 2022.

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

Mr. Skorupa addressed the Board. He announced there will be no March Hearing due to lack of docket items. The Gas and Oil Program will be sending out courtesy letters as one last effort to notify individuals for the funds that will be escheated to the state this year. These funds are for individuals that have not cashed their checks for royalty payments made from the escrow account. Due to the large list of uncashed checks, the Board approved to only send letters to individuals that have at least \$50 in the account.

The Board approved for the funds in the GEORGE account to be placed into the docket 0711 (Unit VC3892) account, based on research that shows that the funds belong to this account. The Board also discussed what to do with the other three unknown accounts (EDWARD, FRANKIE, RONALD) which currently have a total of \$8.82.

10. The Board reviewed the July 2021 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 11:50 a.m.