

## Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board

### May 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Ross Basnett, Malcolm Booth, Brandi Stennett, Matt Davis, Shawn Perry, Justin Gesell, Brad Dougherty

Non-voting members in attendance: Dan Brennan (DNR)

IOGA Representatives: Craig R. Hedin, J. Nelson Wood, Matthew McArthy, Robert Stewart, Jarred Tynes, Jim Elder

DNR – OOGRM in attendance: Kendra Brokamp, Hernando Albarracin, Ron Hutmacher, Vanasa Brittin

Guests: Brad Richards, Stephanie Storckman, Casey Lampley

1) Secretary Ross Basnett called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM

2) Meeting Minutes Submission

Minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Ms. Brandi Stennett, with a second from Mr. Malcolm Booth and carried unanimously.

3) Election of Officers

Ross Basnett was elected as Chairman.

Matt Davis Was elected as Vice Chairman.

Malcolm Booth Was elected as Secretary.

4) Round Table Discussion

a. Update on use of another mail delivery service besides United States registered mail (U.S.P.S.) to comply with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 240.1305(a) and (b)

Mr. Dan Brennan stated they were discussing the matter with legal to ensure everything was good before it goes to the Governor's Office for approval. Following Governor approval, the changes will be bundled with other changes before going to JCAR.

b. Update on the Temporary Abandonment process (fees and form OG-15C)

Mr. Dan Brennan stated they are working to combine the Annual Well fees and TA fees so payments can be consolidated. Mr. Brennan asked that operators update their contact information for a smoother process. IOGA to be provided information to update members on the fees. For the TA fees due this year, please use the dates 01/01/2023 to 06/30/2023 on the OG-15C form. Going forward, use 07/01 to 6/30 with the appropriate years.

c. Update on plugging of orphan wells (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant)

68 wells plugged in 2023 for a total of 128 since 10/2022. An additional 92 work orders are in the queue. \$7.8 million of the \$25 million grant has been committed to date. Should spend a total of \$12 million by the end of September 2023. The US Department of the Interior has not released information on the next round of funding. Wells are selected based on environmental impact, proximity to water, and sensitive locations.

5) New Business

A. Proposed language for 62 Ill. Adm Code 240.420(d) to address previously permitted wells located on the boundary line of two or more drilling units

With the change in language, old permits may have to be resubmitted if the well locations

are on the boundary lines of two or more drilling units. If changing a drilling unit, there will be a well fee associated with the change. The OG-10 form will need to be modified to indicate that a new drilling unit is being designated. The new language should go to legal review on 5/4/2023, then to the Governor's Office, then to JCAR. Ms. Brandi Stennett made a motion to accept the proposed language. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malcolm Booth. The motion passed.

B. Electronic notification to operators regarding Notice of Violations and 62 Ill. Adm. Code 240.1710

Reviewed the text created for NOV's to send to operators via email. The email will be sent at the same time the email is sent to the Director for a Director's decision. If there are questions as to which inspector issued the NOV, please contact district office or Springfield office.

C. Reminder to submit form OG-09 to update status of wells (annual well fees)

Mr. Brennan reminded the group that OG-09's needed to be updated prior to 7/1/2023 to send more accurate Annual Well fees and TA fees to operators. This also applies to wells that have not been drilled or P&A'd wells that have had the wellsite restored.

D. New look to DNR's website

Mr. Hernando Albarracin gave updates on the new look to DNR's website. Please send any recommendations to Mr. Albarracin. The Advisory Board page now has a "button" to make it more prominent. Other small changes coming.

6) Public Participation

None.

7) Next Meeting

August 3, 2023, 10:00 AM @ the IOGA Headquarters in Mt. Vernon, IL.

Mr. Justin Gesell made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Shawn Perry. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Malcolm Booth - Secretary IOGA Advisory Board