

Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board

January 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

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

IOGA Representatives: Steve Lampley

DNR – OOGRM in attendance: Vanasa Brittin, Jessica Donnelly

Guests: Craig Hedin, Bryan Dicus, Bert Farrara, Seth Whitehead, Casey Lampley, Jared Tines

1) Chair Ross Basnett called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

2) Approval of Minutes of 08/08/2024 Meeting and 11/01/2024 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Brandi Stennett. Seconded by Justin Gesell.

3) Round Table Discussion

a. Update on Administrative Rules: Publication and New Forms

New rules were published earlier in January. Changes were made to make the amounts of various fees and regulations line up with the previous changes. The changes to the fee amount will not take effect until 2/1/2025. The new forms are published online for use. Forms OG-7, OG-10, OG-15, and OG-16 updated.

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

Finishing plugging on the initial grant funds. A total of 503 since 10/2022. A total of \$18.5 million was spent on the initial, just under \$20 million in total including administration fees. Due to the recent Executive Order from President Trump, all new plugging program funds are paused, but planning will continue. The State is discussing with Federal partners what comes next. There is a very low likelihood of seeing additional funds in the next 90 days.

c. Update on Mitigating Emissions from Marginal Conventional Wells Grant with the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The ISGS has tested 20 wells and is still receiving applications. The State doesn't know which wells are tested. At the end of the month, the IGS will update the website with new forms. This program will be limited by the total funds received. The plan is to set up contracts for plugging the wells like the Orphan well program to be more efficient. Ms. Stennett asked when there is a change with the pause in funds, how will the contractors be informed. Mr. Brennan said the State would notify the contractors ASAP.

d. Update on application processing time for UIC Permits and Temporary Abandonment status.

The State said that Kyle F. is back full-time, and another EPS is being trained to work on TA's. The State is trying to streamline the process to get things to the field offices ASAP. Having three people working on the TA's and UIC program would work fine, but the State would still like to have one more EPS on the team.

4) New Business

a. Selection of officers for 2025-2026.

Mr. Basnett nominated Ms. Stennett for the role of Secretary. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Stennett made a motion to keep Mr. Basnett and Mr. Davis as Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Brennan is to give the Board a list of the terms of the board members.

5) Public Participation

Mr. Hedin asked how the process is working to give NOV's to operators. The State said there are no complaints so far since they have started the electronic notification process.

Mr. Basnett asked how the search for a replacement for Hernando was proceeding. The State said they have been spreading the duties around, but they have not been able to repost the position because the process is still ongoing.

6) Next Meeting

The following date is for the next meeting to be held in Mt. Vernon, IL at 10am CST:
04/24/2025

Ms. Booth made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Justin Gesell. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Malcolm Booth – Secretary, IOGA Advisory Board