

Minerals Council Meeting 3/15/2013

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Today's meeting was a little lengthy, but otherwise about normal. All of the Council were in attendance. Charles Hurlbert, Supervisory Petroleum Engineer for the BIA gave a short report and fielded a couple of questions. Acting Deputy Superintendent Christy Hammons was sitting in for Acting Superintendent Rhonda Loftin, who had another meeting scheduled. She also responded to several questions concerning the telephone number listed in the OMC Newsletter for Melissa Currey. She declined to respond to questions as to the status of Ms. Currey, stating that it was BIA policy not to comment on personnel issues.

The meeting was then recessed to go into executive session. Those listed to be heard were; Dan O'Toole with Encana Energy, Steve Tyler with Tyler Oil Company, LLC of Hominy, and Mr. Bruce Krebs. Executive session lasted about 2 hours today. Normally a long session means good things for the Shareholders.

Under old business, Curtis Bear and Cynthia Boone each had something to say about the ongoing Negotiated Rulemaking Committees progress. Mr. Bear would like the process to hold up for about 6 months, to try to be sure they were doing the right things.

Under new business, Councilman Core suggested the possibility of hiring Reta Lintner to work at the BIA to scan run tickets. Also, Mr. Core had intended to raise the issue to terminate the attorneys for the NRC on April 1, 2013. After a brief discussion, he decided to withdraw his proposal until after the final NRC meeting allowing public comments, scheduled for April 2.

The last item under new business was a statement by Cynthia Boone announcing an informational field trip to the Encana lease on the west edge of Pawhuska. She made it clear that only the Council members would be allowed by Encana to participate, and there would be no friends or relatives permitted. Councilman Abbott asked the main Encana representative attending the meeting if that meant Shareholders, too. He replied that "this was the first he had heard of any field trip but he hoped to find out soon." I think I heard Ms. Boone say that she got her information at the museum, but, no one seemed to know the date of the proposed field trip. At least we know Ms. Boone's version of where it will be and who can't go. We may hear more about this later. Maybe someone will let it slip and we will find out when they are going. I hope someone gets around to letting Encana know about it, too. The ones I talked to acted like they would really like to know.

The only committee report was Cynthia Boone presenting a new committee policy. It may be voted on next week. The next meeting is March 20.

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