

ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Regularly)
Scheduled Public Meeting.)
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PUBLIC HEARING

June 1, 2022
10:00 o'clock a.m.

BEFORE: Jeremy Price, Chairman
 Jessie Chmielowski, Commissioner

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (On record - 10:00 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Good morning. We are now on
4 record. It is approximately 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday
5 June 1st, 2022. This is a public meeting of the Alaska
6 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. I am Jeremy
7 Price, Chairman and Commissioner of the AOGCC and with
8 me today is Commissioner Jessie Chmielowski. Today's
9 public meeting is being held in person and via
10 Microsoft Teams. Please be mindful of any background
11 noise and make sure you're muted when you're not
12 testifying or addressing the Commission.

13 If you require any other special accommodation
14 please contact Ms. Samantha Carlisle. She can be
15 reached at 793-1223 or send her a message through the
16 Microsoft Teams chat icon and she will do her best to
17 accommodate you.

18 This public meeting is being recorded through
19 Microsoft Teams. Please see Ms. Samantha Carlisle if
20 you'd like a transcript of this meeting.

21 The first item on the agenda is cancellation of
22 all regularly scheduled public meetings. A number of
23 years ago AOGCC began scheduling monthly public
24 meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. I don't
25 know why that practice was started, but since I've been

1 here most of these public meetings are cancelled unless
2 the Commission has an issue to bring before the public
3 that may not need the formality of a public hearing.
4 Moving forward AOGCC will schedule public meetings as
5 issues arise. So again the motion that I'm about to
6 make would make -- would discontinue all regularly
7 scheduled monthly public meetings beginning with the
8 cancellation of the meeting scheduled for July 6th and
9 every month thereafter.

10 Any comments from Commissioner Chmielowski.

11 COMMISSIONER CHMIELOWSKI: No comments, but I
12 move to cancel the meetings going forward.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I second that motion. Thank
14 you, Commissioner.

15 Any comments from the public on that agenda
16 item or questions I should say?

17 MS. DI SUVERO: Hello. Can you hear me?

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We can hear you. Please state
19 your name.

20 MS. DI SUVERO: Hi. Good morning. This is
21 Veri di Suvero with the Alaska Public Interest Research
22 Group or AKPIRG. Thank you for taking my comment and
23 for having today's meeting. I would say as an
24 organization that works to advocate in the public
25 interest and to do research and education along that

1 vein there is some best practices for engaging the
2 public and for making sure that our public boards and
3 commissions are being as accessible and transparent as
4 possible. And I would say having regularly scheduled
5 meetings actually is really important for folks to know
6 sort of on a consistent basis where they can be getting
7 their information and be able to access that
8 information.

9 So I would strongly discourage the cancellation
10 of regularly scheduled public meetings, but appreciate
11 you hearing me and taking the time.

12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you for your comments,
13 we appreciate that. Thank you so much.

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15 Any other comments from the public on this
16 agenda item?

17 (No comments)

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. In that case I'll close
19 agenda item number 1.

20 Agenda item number 2 is just a heads up for the
21 public for awareness. The legislature passed a bill,
22 HB 349, that the governor has not yet signed, but is
23 expected to. If and when he does sign HB 349, AOGCC
24 will begin the process of updating the regulations to
25 reflect the change in the statute.

1 And just to briefly summarize, HB 349 amends
2 the statute and gives AOGCC authority to do away with
3 drilling units and the minimum distances between wells
4 in the reservoir known as interwell spacing
5 requirements.

6 So that's an item I just wanted to bring to the
7 public for their awareness once the governor does
8 indeed sign the legislation.

9 Any comments on that from the public or
10 Commissioner Chmielowski, any comments on that item?

11 COMMISSIONER CHMIELOWSKI: None from me. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: If there are no comments from
14 the public on that item I'd like to ask if there's any
15 issues that the public would like to bring before the
16 attention of the Commission at this time?

17 (No comments)

18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And of course any issue within
19 the AOGCC jurisdiction the public can petition a
20 hearing of the AOGCC and the Commission will respond.

21 If there are no further comments is there any
22 -- I'll close agenda item number 2.

23 Is there any objection to adjourning this
24 public meeting on June 1st, 2022 at approximately 10:05
25 a.m.

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1 COMMISSIONER CHMIELOWSKI: No. I move to
2 adjourn the meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We are adjourned. Thank you.

4 (Meeting adjourned - 10:05 a.m.)

5 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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