

## Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board

### February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: Casey Lampley, Ross Basnett, Stephanie Storckman, Malcolm Booth, Brandi Stennett, and Kenton Thomas

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

IOPA Representatives: J. Nelson Wood, Matthew McCarthy, Jarred Tynes, Jim Elder

DNR – OOGRM in attendance: Kendra Brokamp, Hernando Albarracin, Kyle Fitzpatrick, Vanasa Brittin

Guests: Seth Whitehead, Destiny Marsh, Chuck Vendetti

- 1) Vice Chairman Mr. Casey Lampley called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM via teleconference.

**Roll call and introductions**

- 2) Meeting Minutes Submission

**Minutes from the December 9/16, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Ms. Stephanie Storckman and seconded Ms. Brandi Stennett was carried unanimously.**

- 3) Round Table Discussion

- A) Revisions to Forms OG-10, OG-26NP, and OG-26A

**Mr. Dan Brennan informed the board that the revised forms are not yet available on the website as they are still in the review process prior to posting online. Upon approval, they will be added to the website around May 2022.**

- B) Status of Proposed Revisions to the Regulations

**Mr. Brennan stated the DNR is collaborating with the legal counsel to get the approval for publishing the revisions that were previously approved by the advisory board. The IOPA Task Force is assisting with revisions, and it is currently tabled.**

- 4) New Business

- A. Announcement of grant funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

**Ms. Brandi Stennett asked how the state will manage the funds given under the infrastructure bill? Mr. Brennan stated that for the plugging and restoration of wells that a cap of 10% of the funds must be spent within 12 months of receiving it on staffing the office to manage the work. Ms. Stennett asked how to bid for the contracts and Mr. Brennan said they are still going through the details of how they will manage that but are expecting to have something together by July 2022. Ms. Storckman asked if the department had a target goal of how many PRF wells they are hoping to plug with the funds. Mr. Brennan said they**

do not have a number yet, but they hope to take care of as many as possible. He also noted that the Landowner Grant is a separate grant for funds. Mr. Matthew McArthy asked if prevailing wage could be exempt to be able to stretch the money further and plug more wells. Mr. Brennan said that prevailing wages must be paid.

B. HB4989 to amend the Illinois Oil and Gas Act

Mr. Brennan said that the bill still has to go through a committee meeting. Mr. McArthy said the IOGA wants to lockbox the funds to be allocated for only plugging wells. Mr. Lampley asked why this was rushed through without letting the Advisory Board know of the fee increases and Mr. Brennan said it was rushed because of a tight timeline set by legislators.

C. Mr. Casey Lampley brought up that the Vice Chair seat on the board has not been filled since Mr. Steve Persinger stepped down from the board. Mr. Ross Basnett made the motion for Ms. Stephanie Storckman to be the new Vice Chairman. Ms. Brandi Stennett seconded the motion carried.

5) Public Participation

No public participation

6) Next Meeting

May 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Mr. Casey Lampley made the motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Stephanie Storckman at 10:36 AM. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Ross Basnett - Secretary IOGA Advisory Board