

Technical Meeting

June 22, 2005

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Technical Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chair person, at 1:30 p.m., June 22, 2005; and she announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN and KYEE.

Present:

Clarissa McGinn	Chair person
Doug Moore	Vice-Chairman
Michael Nivison	Absent
Ruth Hooser	County Administrator
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Administrator
Bobbie Reyes	Department Assistant
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Ordinance No. 02-05, for the purpose of protecting the fresh water aquifers and watersheds from pollution in Otero County.

Present were:

Leonard Carpenter	Heyco
Merry Noriega	Otero County Resident
Bobby Jones	Otero County Rancher
Joe Torrez	BLM-Las Cruces
Jeff Steinborn	NMWA

Tim W. Gum	New Mexico Oil Conservation
Armando Lopez	BLM-Roswell
Mark Fesmire	New Mexico Oil Conservation District-Santa Fe
Gordon Yahney	Geologist-Heyco
Bob Jones	Otero County Rancher
Chuck McNiel	Public
Alan Stahler	KVMR-FM Radio
Peter Ossario	Public
Greg Duggi	Public

Commissioner McGinn stated that we have had one other Technical Work Session. Today we will continue with discussion on suggested changes within the Ordinance. We had discussion on the Ordinance that involved adopting the current state Oil Conservation Regulations and BLM Regulations to incorporate into the Ordinance versus re-writing regulations for the purposes of this Ordinance. We also had some discussion regarding the County being informed of intent to drill or intent of activity to allow the County to be notified and the citizenry to have the opportunity to file complaints or bring up any concerns.

Ray Backstrom was asked to research some definitions and incorporate them into the Ordinance.

Discussion was held on notice of staking, permits, fresh water, brine water, drilling and enforcement and penalty provisions for the County purposes,

After lengthy discussion Commissioner Moore stated that the attorney will review all the changes made today and have a draft ready for the website July 20th. Commissioner Moore requested everyone to review the changes that were made and comment on the changes and forward them to Ray.

There being no further business before the Board the Chair person adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Clarissa McGinn, Chair person

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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