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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

LEASE SALE
AND
BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2024

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY
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December 11, 2024

LADIES and GENTLEMEN:

Certified proofs of publication have been received in the Office of Mineral Resources on behalf of the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana from the "Advocate," official journal for the State of Louisiana, and from the respective parish journals as evidence that Tract Nos. **45874** through **45879** have been advertised in accordance with and under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

We will proceed with the opening of the bids.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "GR", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Roberts
Petroleum Lands Director

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OPENING OF BIDS

December 11, 2024

A public meeting for the purpose of opening sealed bids was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, beginning at 8:31 a.m.

Byron Miller, Petroleum Scientist Administrator in the Geology and Engineering Division of the Office of Mineral Resources, presided over the meeting.

He then read the letters of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45873 through 45873 which were published for today's lease sale.

Mr. Miller stated that Tract 45873 was withdrawn from today's lease sale.

Mr. Miller further stated that there were no letters of protest received.

The following bids were then opened and read aloud to the assembled public by Mr. Miller:

Tract 45875

(Entire: 71.517 acres)

Bidder	:	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc.
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$143,034.00
Annual Rental	:	\$71,517.00
Royalties	:	25% on oil and gas
	:	25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45876

(Entire: 3 acres)

Bidder	:	Corral Oil & Gas, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$7,650.00
Annual Rental	:	\$3,825.00
Royalties	:	23.5% on oil and gas
	:	23.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

Tract 45877
(Entire: 39.600 acres)

Bidder	:	Paloma Natural Gas, LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$99,000.00
Annual Rental	:	\$49,500.00
Royalties	:	22.5% on oil and gas
	:	22.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

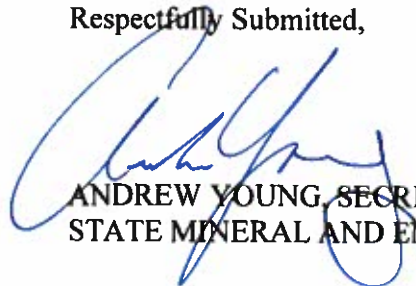
Tract 45878
(Entire: 18.53 acres)

Bidder	:	Beta Land Services LLC
Primary Term	:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment	:	\$66,708.00
Annual Rental	:	\$33,354.00
Royalties	:	25.7% on oil and gas
	:	25.7% on other minerals
Additional Consideration	:	None

This concluded the reading of the bids.

There being no further business, the Opening of the Bids Meeting was concluded at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, beginning at 9:43 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Sidney W. Degan III, Chairman of the State Mineral and Energy Board, called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

The Chairman then requested a roll call for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

Sidney W. Degan III, Chairman
Andrew Young, Secretary Gray's Designee
Robert D. Watkins
Magnus J. "Jake" Arceneaux IV
Matthew G. Moncla
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.
Clifton Dale Sittig
Benjamin C. Bienvenu
Billy A. Busbice, Jr.

The following members were recorded as absent:

Richard A. Nelson, Governor Landry's Designee
J. Todd Hollenshead, Vice-Chairman

The Chairman announced that a quorum was established.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

IV. Approval of the November 13, 2024 Minutes

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the approval of the November 13, 2024 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Busbice to adopt the November 13, 2024 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Shepherd and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time.

V. Staff Reports

The Chairman stated the next order of business was the presentation of the following Staff Reports:

- a) Lease Review Report – Presented by Jason Talbot, Petroleum Scientist Manager, Geology and Engineering Division
- b) Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division
- c) Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division
- d) Legal and Title Controversy Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division
- e) Docket Review Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

** Resolutions are in chronological order at the end of the minutes.*

A) Lease Review Report
December 11, 2024

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 965 active State Leases containing approximately 419,231 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 111 leases covering approximately 42,002 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. There were no State Lease items to bring before the Board today.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

1. There were no Force Majeure items to bring before the Board today.

b) Nomination and Tract Report
December 11, 2024
(Resolution Nos. 24-12-001 through 24-12-002)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the February 12, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters as follows:

I. PRESENT LEASE SALE

- A. Approval by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was previously granted to the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) to process and advertise the seven (7) tracts that were nominated for the December Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR received twenty-two (22) nominations for advertisement concerning the December 2023 Mineral Lease Sale.

- B. Prior to the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale, the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources was informed of a failure by the publisher of the Bossier Parish Journal to advertise Tract No. 45873.

Staff recommended that the Board withdraw said tract and re-advertise at a later date.

Based on Staff recommendations, and upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board granted Staff the authority to withdraw Tract No. 45873 from the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale and re-advertise said tract at a later date. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-12-001)**

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

- A. Six (6) nominations for advertisement were received by OMR for the February 12, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

Staff recommended that the Board grant authority to advertise the six (6) nominations received by OMR for the February 12, 2025 lease sale.

Based upon Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Shepherd and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board granted authority to Staff to advertise all such tracts that have been received by the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources as well as any tracts that have been previously advertised and rolled over and otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report. **(Resolution No. 24-12-002)**

c) Audit Report
December 11, 2024
(Resolution No. 24-12-003)

The Board heard the report of Ms. Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, relative to the following:

As of November 30, 2024, field audit collections totaled \$72,350.47 in royalty exceptions. The current number of open royalty audits is 35.

Royalties collected in November 2024 totaled \$7,428,951.80 and Fiscal Year to Date totaled \$56,005,528.56, as compared to last year's Fiscal Year to Date Royalties of \$64,907,739.96 as of November 30, 2023.

Monthly state royalty reports submitted in November totaled 217, which include 76 SR1s for oil, 118 SR2s for gas and 23 SR5s for plant products.

Items on the report are as follows:

1. Staff report to the Board that the election for November 2024 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Sittig, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve the election of the November 2024 gas royalty to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement. **(Resolution No. 24-12-003)**

2. Update on procedural changes within the Office of Mineral Resources yielding positive results.

This was a presentation, and no Board action was required.

d) Legal & Title Controversy Report
December 11, 2024
(Resolution No. 24-12-004)

The State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) considered a discussion of the current Royalty Reduction Program.

Staff reported that, unless extended, the program will terminate on December 31, 2024.

Staff recommended that the Board extend the current Royalty Reduction Program for an additional year through December 31, 2025.

After lengthy discussion, and upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the Board voted unanimously to extend the current Royalty Reduction Program for an additional year through December 31, 2025. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-12-004)**

e) Docket Review Report
December 11, 2024
(Resolution No(s). 24-12-005 through 24-12-009)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, relative to the following:

- Category A: State Agency Lease
Docket Item A
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 4
- Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease
There were no items for this category
- Category D: Advertised Proposals
There were no items for this category

Based upon the staff's recommendation, on motion of Mr. Arceneaux, duly seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted to accept the following recommendations:

- Category A: State Agency Lease
Docket Item No. 1
(Resolution No. 24-12-005)
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 4
(Resolution No. 24-12-006 through No. 24-12-009)

VI. Executive Session

(Resolution Nos. 24-12-010 through 24-12-012)

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was discussions in Executive Session to consider matters before the Board which were confidential in nature.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, and a roll call of the Board Members, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Busbice, and a roll call of the Board Members, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:19 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

- a. A discussion of an offer by Chevron to settle Exception #X-06 of a Royalty Audit for the years 2003-2018

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept Chevron's offer to settle Exception #X-06 of a Royalty Audit for the years 2003-2018. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-12-010)**

- b. A discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with RFP Resources, LLC covering land located within the Lake Fortuna Field in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept the terms proposed by RFP Resources, LLC, in principle, subject to drafting of an appropriate instrument, execution thereof, proper advertisement, and placement on the Docket for final approval. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-12-011)**

- c. A discussion of non-payment of royalty by Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC and prospective authority to file legal action

Upon motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to file legal action at the Attorney General's discretion. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 24-12-012)**

- d. Technical Briefing on the Bids

VII. Awarding of Leases

Mr. Jason Talbot reported that there were originally seven (7) tracts up for bid at today's lease sale. However, Tract 45873 was withdrawn from today's lease sale.

Mr. Talbot further stated that there were four (4) bids received on four (4) of the single tracts.

Staff recommended that the Board accept all four (4) bids received for today's Mineral Lease Sale.

Upon motion of Mr. Arceneaux, and seconded by Mr. Busbice, and a roll call of the Board, the Board voted to accept Staff's recommendations regarding the following bids and award leases on the following tracts:

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Lease(s) awarded were conditioned on the tract description(s) being accurate, overlapped prior leases being subtracted from acreage bid on, acreage amount(s) being verified and agreed between bidder and state and portion bids verified as being located within advertised boundary of tract.

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

VIII. Update from John Shiroda on recent developments related to the Natural Resources Trust Authority

This matter was an update, no Board action was required.

IX. Presentation of Louisiana's Class VI regulations and regulatory oversight by the Office of Conservation by Laura Sorey, Petroleum Scientist Manager, Injection & Mining Division of the Office of Conservation

This matter was a presentation, no Board action was required.

X. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

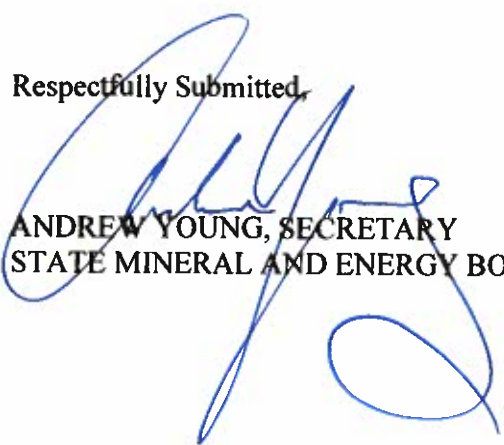
XI. Announcements

Mr. Young stated that the total cash payments received for the December 11, 2024 Lease Sale totaled \$316,392.00 bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to \$5,135,650.54.

XII. Adjournment

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-001
[NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that Tract No. 45873 was not published in the Bossier Parish Journal and requested that same be withdrawn from today's lease sale and re-advertised at a later date;

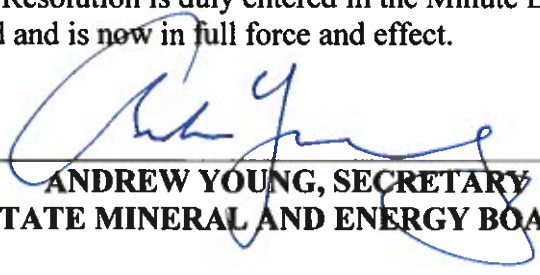
ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to withdraw Tract No. 45873 from the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale due to publisher's failure to advertise and re-advertise at a later date;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the withdrawal of Tract No. 45873 from today's lease sale and to re-advertise at a later date.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 11th day of December, 2024, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-002 [NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that six (6) tracts were nominated for the February 12, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale, and requested that same be advertised pending staff review;

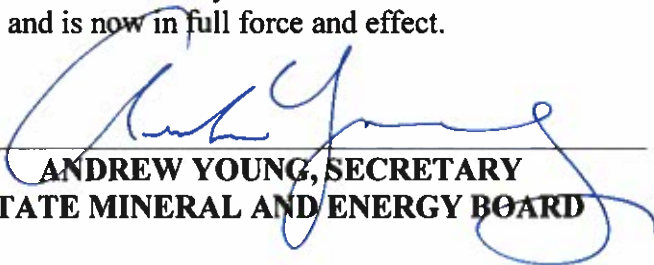
ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to advertise all such tract(s) for the February 12, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby approve and authorize the advertising of all such tracts received by the staff of the Office of Mineral Resources, as well as any tracts that were previously advertised and rolled over, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-003
[AUDIT]

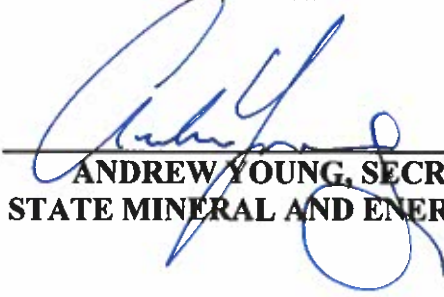
WHEREAS, Staff reported to the Board that the election of the November 2024 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Sittig, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board acknowledged and approved that the election of the November 2024 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-004 [LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, a discussion regarding the Royalty Reduction Program scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2024 was held;

WHEREAS, Staff reported that, unless extended, the current Royalty Reduction Program, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-06-003, is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2024; and

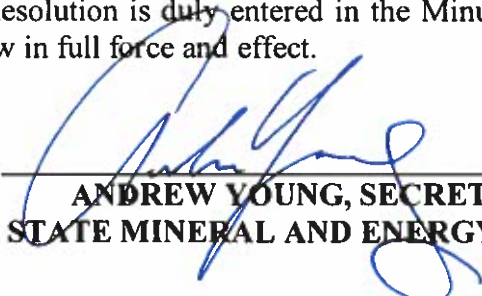
WHEREAS, Staff recommended that the Board extend the current Royalty Reduction Program for an additional year through December 31, 2025; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby extend the current Royalty Reduction Program, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-06-003, for an additional year through December 31, 2025.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of December, 2024 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-005
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item A from the December 11, 2024 Meeting being a State Agency Lease was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

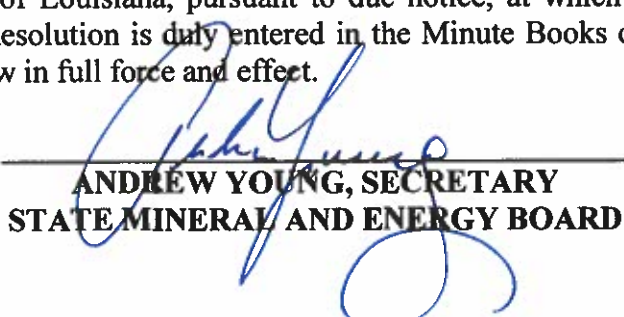
ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant approval of Docket Item A, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease from the Vermilion Parish Police Jury awarded to Dunn Exploration Company, LLC, covering lands located in Section 61, Township 13 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, containing approximately 1 acres, more or less, with further contractual obligations being more enumerated in the instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of December, 2024 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-006 [DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No 1 from the December 11, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant approval of Docket Item No. 1, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc. to Enight IV Energy Partners, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22237**, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Enight IV Energy Partners, LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- (1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- (2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;
- (3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of

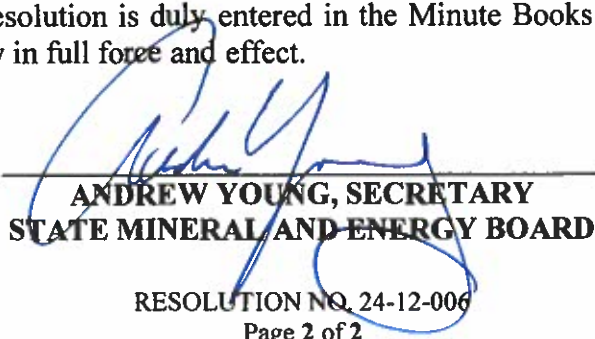
failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

- (4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- (5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- (6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of December, 2024 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.


ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-007 [DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No 2 from the December 11, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant approval of Docket Item No. 2, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Mark A. O'Neal & Associates, Inc. to SWN Production (Louisiana) LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22238**, DeSoto and Natchitoches Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

SWN Production (Louisiana) LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- (1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- (2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;
- (3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all

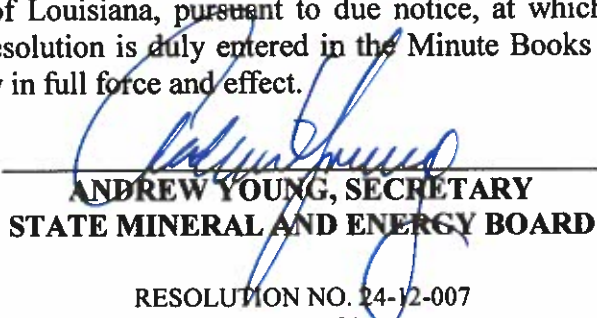
lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

- (4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- (5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- (6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of December, 2024 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.


ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-008

[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No 3 from the December 11, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant approval of Docket Item No. 3, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Longleaf Oil & Gas LLC to GEP Haynesville II, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22126**, Red River Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

GEP Haynesville II, LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- (1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- (2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;
- (3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold

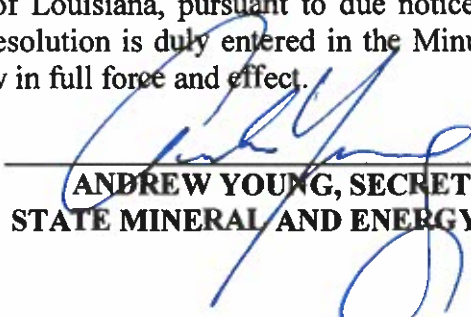
approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

- (4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- (5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-009 [DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No 4 from the December 11, 2024 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant approval of Docket Item No. 4, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Beard Petroleum, LLC, Hugo Energy, LLC, Big Brake Energy, LLC and AJ & J Oil, LLC to Lago Vista Operating, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **Operating Agreement "A0361"**, Catahoula and Concordia Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Lago Vista Operating, LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said approval is expressly granted and accepted subject to certain conditions in the absence of which conditions approval of said instrument would not have been given as follows:

- (1) That all terms and conditions of the basic lease will be fulfilled, including but not limited to the full payment of rentals and royalties, regardless of the division of leasehold interests resulting from the instrument;
- (2) That failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the basic lease by the original lessee, or by any assignee, sublessor or sublessee, prior or subsequent hereto, shall not be deemed waived by the approval of said instrument by the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana, it being distinctly understood that the State Mineral and Energy Board for the State of Louisiana does not recognize said instrument as creating a novation, as regards any right or interest of the State or Board;
- (3) That in the event ownership of the basic mineral lease is or becomes vested in two or more lessees responsible to the lessor for compliance with indivisible obligations to maintain the lease, then said lessees shall designate in writing to the State Mineral and Energy Board the lessee representing the joint account of all lessees, who shall be accountable to the Board for discharge of indivisible obligations under the lease for all lessees or for release in lieu of compliance therewith, provided that in the event of

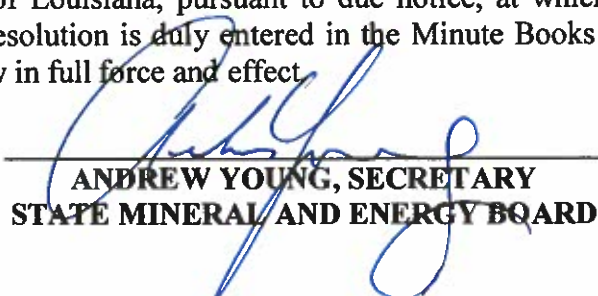
failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then all lessees agree to join in a release or to otherwise execute a similar release of their rights to lessor, relegating any nonsignatory lessee to such remedy, if any, as such party may have against the lessee or lessees, who may execute a release purporting to cover the entirety of the lease or of a segregated portion thereof;

- (4) That this approval is given merely for the purpose of validating the assignment or transfer under the provisions of R.S. 30:128, but by giving its approval, the Board does not recognize the validity of any other instrument referred to therein that has not also been considered and approved by the Board in its entirety nor of any descriptions nor adopt any of the terms and conditions in the assignment or transfer, including but not limited to any election to convert an overriding royalty interest to a working interest, and any such election shall not be effective until written notice thereof is given to the Board and assignment or transfer of such working interest in recordable form is docketed for approval and approved by the Board, and, furthermore, that this approval may not operate as the Board's approval of any sales contract, which may have been entered into by the parties to the assignment or transfer, inasmuch as the Board specifically reserves the right to take its royalty oil, gas and other minerals in kind;
- (5) That for purposes of recordation and notice, certified copies of this Resolution be attached to all docketed copies of the instrument approved hereby; and
- (6) That nothing herein shall be construed as approval for any assignment, sublease or transfer to or from any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity who has filed bankruptcy proceedings unless such status is specifically recognized in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Secretary is hereby authorized to reflect the approval of the State Mineral and Energy Board by affixing his signature to the aforesaid instrument.

CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-010
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

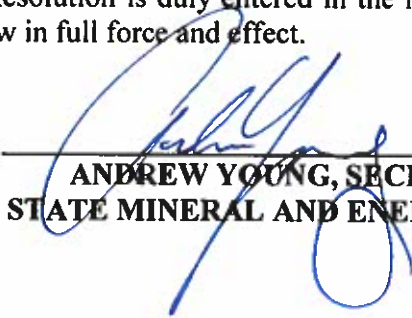
WHEREAS, a discussion of an offer by Chevron to settle Exception #X-06 of a Royalty Audit for the years 2003-2018 was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept Chevron's offer to settle Exception #X-06 of a Royalty Audit for the years 2003-2018 as discussed in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-011
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

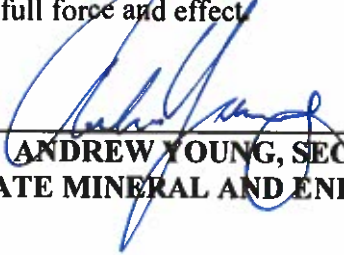
WHEREAS, a discussion of proposed terms for an Operating Agreement with RFP Resources, LLC covering land located within the Lake Fortuna Field in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to accept the terms proposed by RFP Resources, LLC, in principle, subject to drafting of an appropriate instrument, execution thereof, proper advertisement, and placement on the Docket for final approval.

CERTIFICATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-12-012
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

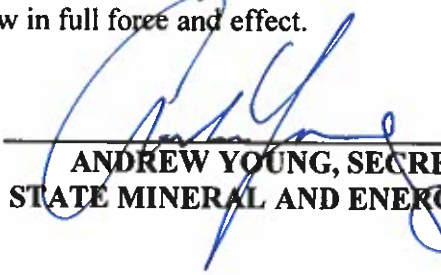
WHEREAS, a discussion of non-payment of royalty by Torrent Gulf Coast III, LLC and prospective authority to file legal action was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Busbice, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant authority to file legal action at the Attorney General's discretion.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 11th day of December, 2024 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



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