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AND
BOARD MEETING

JULY 9, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

TO:	MEMBERS OF THE STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

July 8th, 2025

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. **45943** through **45945** have been advertised in accordance with and under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Yours very truly,

Greg Roberts
Petroleum Lands Director

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OPENING OF BIDS
July 9, 2025

A public meeting for the purpose of opening sealed bids was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Angela Patterson, Land Specialist in the Energy Lands Division of the Office of Mineral Resources, presided over the meeting.

Ms. Patterson read the following announcement:

> House Bill No. 24 (Act 17) was passed by the Louisiana State Legislature during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session, allowing for the increase of certain administrative fees associated with the State of Louisiana's mineral leasing process due to inflationary adjustments. During its February 2025 meeting, the State Mineral and Energy Board adopted Resolution No. 25-02-005, granting the Office of Mineral Resources the authority to implement the following fee increases:
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> - The application for lease fee will increase from $400 to $600.
> - The request to furnish proof of publication will increase from $20 to $35.
> - State lease transfers or assignments will increase from $100 to $175, per State Lease No.
> - The application for a storage lease will increase from $50 to $100.
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> In accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 25-02-005, these fee increases will take effect on June 1, 2025. This announcement can also be found on the Office of Mineral Resources website.

She then read the letters of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45943 through 45945 which were published for today's lease sale.

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

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Tract 45944
(Entire: 2.840 acres)

Bidder:	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC
Primary Term:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment:	$9,230.00
Annual Rental:	$4,615.00
Royalties:	25% on oil and gas 25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration:	None

Tract 45945
(Entire: 5.130 acres)

Bidder:	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC
Primary Term:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment:	$16,672.50
Annual Rental:	$8,336.25
Royalties:	25% on oil and gas 25% 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 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 9, 2025

The Meeting of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, beginning at 9:10 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.

Matthew G. Moncla
Andrew Young, Secretary Gray's Designee
Sidney W. Degan, III
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.

The following members were recorded as absent:

Benjamin C. Bienvenu

The Chairman announced that a quorum was established.

III. Introduction

Mr. Andrew Young presented an introduction to the Natural Resources Trust Authority.

IV. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Natural Resources Trust Authority.

A motion was made by Mr. Degan for the election of Mr. Andrew Young as the Chairman of the NRTA, which was seconded by Mr. Shepherd and unanimously adopted by the Committee. Upon request for public comments, none were made.

The Committee deferred election of a Vice-Chair until the next meeting.

V. **Natural Resources Trust Authority Report -** Presented by John Shiroda, Executive Director

I. Oilfield Site Restoration Program

1. Overview of Act 16 (2024 Third Extraordinary Session), Act 727 (2024 Regular Session), and Act 458 (2025 Regular Session)

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

2. Introduction of Roby Fulkerson, OSR Program Director

3. Overview of future OSR monthly reports for the Board

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

4. Review and approval of State Contractor applications for OSR work

   A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd for the approval of the State Contractor applications. His motion was seconded by Mr. Degan and unanimously adopted by the Committee. **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-07-001)**

II. LORA Program

1. Description of monthly invoicing and collection procedures

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

2. May financial security data

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

3. June financial security data

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

4. Discussion and request for Policy regarding monthly automatic suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security

   A motion was made by Mr. Degan to approve the development of a policy and procedure for suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security. His motion was seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and upon a roll call vote, was unanimously adopted by the Committee. **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-07-002)**

Upon motion of Mr. Degan, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Committee voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve the July 9, 2025 Natural Resources Trust Authority Report. **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-07-003)**

XI. Adjournment

The newly-elected NRTA Chairman, Andrew Young, then stated that there being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
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REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, beginning at 10:05 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
J. Todd Hollenshead, Vice-Chairman
Andrew Young, Secretary Gray's Designee
Robert D. Watkins
Magnus J. "Jake" Arceneaux IV
Matthew G. Moncla
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.

The following members were recorded as absent:

Benjamin C. Bienvenu
Billy A. Busbice, Jr.
Richard A. Nelson, Governor Landry's Designee

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 June 11, 2025 Minutes

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the approval of the June 11, 2025 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Watkins adopt the June 11, 2025 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hollenshead 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) Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division

c) Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands 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
July 9, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-07-001)

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 954 active State Leases containing approximately 410,353 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 95 leases covering approximately 40,083 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. Henergy Caddo Pine Island LLC (Henergy), Lessee and Field Operator, State Lease 173, Caddo Pine Island Field, Caddo Parish.

   On June 4, 2025, OMR issued a letter to Henergy requiring Henergy to issue a comprehensive report exhibiting past and planned lease development activity, well plug and abandonment activity, and other information concerning compliance with the conditions of the initial assignment of SL 173 from Gemini Exploration, Inc. The letter required a response by June 30, 2025. OMR briefed the State Mineral and Energy Board on this request at its June 11, 2025 meeting.

   On June 30, 2025, counsel for Henergy requested a 30-day extension of the above-referenced response deadline. OMR granted said request, but advised that it would not authorize further continuances. The new response deadline is July 30, 2025.

   This item was informational only, and no Board action was required.

III. STAFF ITEMS AUTHORIZED BY BOARD

1. During the month of June 2025, OMR staff issued a letter of "No Objection" to Cantium, LLC to allow them to produce the SL 1367 No. SK-63 (SN 219034) on a lease basis located in the Bay Marchand Blk 2 Field Lafourche Parish. (*See* Letter)

   This item was informational only, and no Board action was required.

IV. FORCE MAJEURE

1. Texas Petroleum Investment (TPIC) has requested to continue to make shut-in payments for their Rigolets field state leasehold – State Leases 6646 & 6647 & Operating Agreement A0322 ("the Leasehold"). The state leases were previously qualified to make six (6) semi-annual gas shut-in payments while the operating agreement requires approval for each semi-annual shut-in payment. The next shut-in payment due date is August 17, 2025 to maintain the Leasehold.

The Entergy gas transmission pipeline remains non-operational, but TPIC had learned that Entergy has plans to sell the transmission line. Consequently, TPIC has contacted the proposed purchaser.

TPIC has paid $228,959 across six (6) semi-annual shut-in payment periods.

After discussion and consideration of TPIC's request, the Board took the following action:

Upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board deferred consideration of TPIC's request to continue making shut-in payments for their Rigolets field state leasehold – State Lease Nos. 6646 & 6647 & Operating Agreement A0322 for thirty (30) days in order for Staff to internally review their standing and evaluate alternatives for financial relief, to be revisited at the August 13, 2025 meeting. (Resolution No. 25-07-001)

b) AUDIT REPORT
July 9, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-07-002)

The Board heard the report of Ms. Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, on Wednesday, June 9, 2025, relative to the following:

As of June 30, 2025, field audit collections totaled \$474,838.75, which includes \$417,004.71 in royalty exceptions and \$57,834.04 in interest. In the month of June, two audits were engaged. The current number of open royalty audits is 32.

Royalties collected in June 2025 totaled \$11,871,817.61 and Fiscal Year to Date totaled \$139,676,728.68, as compared to last year's Fiscal Year to Date Royalties of \$160,643,422.45 as of June 30, 2024.

Monthly state royalty reports submitted in June totaled 208, which include 71 SR1s for oil, 118 SR2s for gas, and 19 SR5s for plant products.

Items on the report were as follows:

1. A penalty waiver request from New Century Exploration, Inc. for a penalty in the amount of \$19,927.20, which was billed for audit exceptions.

   Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted unanimously to approve 50% penalty waiver of \$9,963.60, with a balance of \$9,963.60 due to the State, in accordance with the Penalty Waiver Protocol, established by the April 8, 2015 resolution. **(Resolution No. 25-07-002)**

2. Staff report to the Board that the election for July 2025 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. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve the election of the July 2025 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. 25-07-003)**

c) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT
July 9, 2025
(Resolution Nos. 25-07-004-005)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the September 10, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

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 three (3) tracts that were nominated for the July 9, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR received fifteen (15) nominations for advertisement concerning the July 10, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

A. Four (4) nominations for advertisement were received by OMR for the September 10, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR advertised eleven (11) nominations associated with the September 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

Based on Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board granted authority to advertise all such tracts that have been received by OMR as well as any tracts that have been previously nominated and rolled over, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report **(Resolution No. 25-07-004).**

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Greg Roberts informed the Board that pursuant to R.S. 30:215, non-exclusive seismic fees are to be set annually to conduct seismic, geophysical and geological surveys. The staff recommended that the State Mineral and Energy Board set a fee of $15.00 per acre, or $1,000.00 whichever is greater, for the nonexclusive seismic permits on state- owned lands and water bottoms or land and water bottoms under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; that the State Mineral and Energy Board set a fee of $200.00 per line mile, or $1,000.00, whichever is greater, for 2D seismic permits on either state-owned lands and water bottoms or lands and water bottoms under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. On motion Mr. Shepherd, duly seconded by Mr. Moncla, the Board voted unanimously to set such fee. **(Resolution 25-07-005)**

d) LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT

July 9, 2025
(Resolution Nos. 25-07-006 through 25-07-008)

1. A request by Venture Global CCS Plaquemines, LLC ("Venture Global") for a two (2) year extension of the Initial Term of Carbon-Dioxide Storage Agreement No. CS003 which allows for the sequestration of carbon dioxide beneath State property in Barataria Bay, located in Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana.

   Mr. Roberts reported the following regarding Venture Global's request:

   On September 14, 2022, the State of Louisiana ("State"), acting through its authorized agent, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"), entered into a Carbon Dioxide Storage Agreement with Venture Global to allow Venture Global to inject and store carbon dioxide into and beneath property owned by the State.

   Article 3.1 allows for an initial term of three (3) years following the effective date. It states that the Operating Agreement "shall terminate at the end of the Initial Term if Venture Global has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well on the Property. However, upon a showing of good cause by Venture Global, this Agreement may be extended by the State in its discretion for up to an additional two (2) years at the end of the Initial Term ("Initial Discretionary Term") if Venture Global has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well on the Property. In order for Venture Global to exercise this option, Venture Global shall notify the State at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term that it wishes to exercise this option."

   By letter dated June 16, 2025, Venture Global provided the Board with ninety (90) days' notice in accordance with Article 3.1 of the Operating Agreement. Although Venture Global has not submitted its application for a Class VI injection well permit on the property, based on the information provided in the aforementioned letter, it appears that Venture Global has demonstrated good cause regarding the development of the property.

   Staff recommended that the Board confirm a showing of good cause by Venture Global regarding the development of the property and approve the two (2) year extension of the initial term, as described in Article 3.1 of Carbon-Dioxide Storage Agreement No. CS003.

   Upon motion of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted unanimously to confirm a showing of good cause by Venture Global regarding the development of the property and approve the two (2) year extension of the initial term, as described in Article 3.1 of Carbon Dioxide Storage Agreement No. CS003. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-07-006)**

2. A request by Magnetar Exploration, L.P. ("Magnetar") that the State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"), as agent of the State of Louisiana and on behalf of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ("LWF"), accept a late rental payment and enter into a mutually

agreeable ratification or amendment to confirm that State Agency Lease Nos. 22207 and 22208 (the "Subject Leases") have been maintained beyond their first anniversary date.

Mr. Roberts reported the following regarding Magnetar's request:

At the May 8, 2024 Lease Sale, Magnetar was awarded the Subject Leases, which cover approximately 3,850.393 acres of land in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve, located in Cameron and Vermilion Parishes, and managed by LWF. Due to a miscommunication and clerical error, the rental payment due on the first anniversary of the Subject Leases was delivered to the Office of Mineral Resources five (5) days after the anniversary date.

Based on the terms of the current Inter-Agency Agreement between LWF and the Board, OMR Staff discussed the request with LWF and provided appropriate legal advice. Following those discussions, representatives of LWF informed OMR Staff that they would like to accept the late rental payment, subject to Magnetar and LWF entering into a mutually agreeable ratification of the Subject Leases.

Staff recommended that the Board grant them the authority to negotiate a mutually agreeable ratification on behalf of LWF, in accordance with the terms of the Inter-Agency Agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted unanimously to grant the request of Magnetar, subject to the negotiation of a mutually agreeable ratification of State Agency Lease Nos. 22207 and 22208 on behalf of LWF, in accordance with the terms of the Inter-Agency Agreement. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-07-007)**

3. A request by Staff for authority to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Operating Agreement for Hydrocarbon Storage between the State of Louisiana and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, for continued operation of the natural gas underground storage facility located in the Washington Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, in accordance with LA. R.S. 30:209 and LA. R.S. 30:6.

   Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the Board voted unanimously to grant Staff's request to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Operating Agreement for Hydrocarbon Storage between the State of Louisiana and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, for continued operation of the natural gas underground storage facility located in the Washington Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, in accordance with LA. R.S. 30:209 and LA. R.S. 30:6. There were no comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-07-008)**

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT

July 9, 2025
(Resolution No(s). 25-07-009 through 25-07-015)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, relative to the following:

Category A: State Agency Leases
There were no items in this category.

Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 5

Category C: Department of Wildlife & Fisheries State Agency Lease
There were no items for this category.

Category D: Advertised Proposals
Docket Items Nos. 1 and 2

Based upon Staff's recommendations, and upon motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the Board voted to unanimously accept the following recommendations:

Category B: State Lease Transfers
Approve Docket Item Nos. 1, 2 and 5
(Resolution Nos. 25-07-009, 25-07-010 and 25-07-013)

Defer Docket Item Nos. 3 and 4 until the August 13, 2025 Meeting
(Resolution Nos. 25-07-011 and 25-07-012)

Category D: Advertised Proposals
Approve Docket Items Nos. 1 and 2
(Resolution Nos. 25-07-014 through 25-07-015)

VI. Natural Resources Trust Authority Report – Presented by John Shiroda, NRTA Director

Mr. Shiroda presented the report for the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee meeting, including the following items:

a. The election of Andrew Young as the NRTA Committee Chairman

b. The review and approval of State Contractor Applications for OSR work **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-07-002)**

c. Discussion and request for Policy regarding monthly automatic suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-07-003)**

d. The approval of the July 9, 2025 NRTA Report **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-07-004)**

A motion was made by Mr. Watkins to accept the recommendations of the NRTA Committee. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hollenshead and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time. **(Resolution No 25-07-016)**

VII. Executive Session

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. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and a roll call vote of the Board Members, the Board went into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead and a roll call vote of the Board Members, the Board reconvened in open session at 12:14 p.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

a. A discussion and status update on the matter entitled: *In Re: The Gonsoulin Trust,* Docket N. 137130, 16th Judicial District Court, St. Mary Parish

   This discussion was informational only, and no Board action was taken.

b. A discussion of ongoing negotiations with Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, LLC regarding the terms of Operating Agreement A0309 and the state's outstanding demand for funds owed to the state

   This discussion was informational only, and no Board action was taken.

c. A discussion of potential claims relating to Cooperative Agreement 20-004 between the Office of Conservation and the Louisiana Oilfield Restoration Association, Inc.

   This discussion was informational only, and no Board action was taken.

d. Technical Briefing on Bids

VIII. Awarding of Leases

Mr. Jason Talbot presented the Staff's recommendations to the Board:

Mr. Talbot reported that three (3) tracts were up for bid at today's lease sale with a total of two (2) bids received.

Staff reported that the two (2) bids received on the tracts were recommended for approval at today's lease sale.

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

Tract 45944
(Entire: 2.840 acres)

Bidder:	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC
Primary Term:	Three (3) years
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Additional Consideration:	None

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Royalties:	25% on oil and gas 25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration:	None

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.

IX. New Business

a. Discussion of Executive Order JML 27-72 – State Lease Royalty Reduction Initiative

This item was informational only. No Board action was taken.

b. Recognition of Mr. Clifton Dale Sittig

Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board formally commended Mr. Sittig for his service, leadership, and contributions to the Board and to the State of Louisiana. **(Resolution No. 25-07-017)**

X. Announcements

Mr. Young stated that the total cash payments received for the July 9, 2025 Lease Sale totaled $25,902.50, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to $25,902.50.

XI. Adjournment

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. NRTA-25-07-001
[NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY]

WHEREAS, a review of State Contractor applications for Oilfield Site Restoration work was held in the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee meeting; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Degan, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee does hereby grant approval of the State Contractor applications for OSR work presented at the July 9, 2025 Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee meeting.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, 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. NRTA-25-07-002
[NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY]

WHEREAS, a discussion on the development of a policy regarding the automatic suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security was held in the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee meeting; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Degan, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and upon a roll call vote, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee does hereby approve the development of policy and procedure for suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, 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
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RESOLUTION NO. NRTA-25-07-003
[NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY]

WHEREAS, John Shiroda, the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee, presented the July 9, 2025 Natural Resources Trust Authority Report regarding the Oilfield Site Restoration Program, the LORA Program, and a discussion and request for policy regarding monthly automatic suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Degan, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee acknowledged and approved the July 9, 2025 Natural Resources Trust Authority Report.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, 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
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-001
[LEASE REVIEW REPORT]

WHEREAS, a request was made by Texas Petroleum Investment (TPIC) to continue making shut-in payments for their Rigolets field state leasehold – State Leases 6646 & 6647 & Operating Agreement A0322 ("the Leasehold");

WHEREAS, the state leases were previously qualified to make six (6) semi-annual gas shut-in payments while the operating agreement requires approval for each semi-annual shut-in payment;

WHEREAS, the next shut-in payment due date is August 17, 2025 to maintain the Leasehold;

WHEREAS, the Entergy gas transmission pipeline remains non-operational but TPIC had learned that Entergy has plans to sell the transmission line;

After discussion and consideration of the Board, and upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, 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 defer consideration of TPIC's request to continue making shut-in payments for their Rigolets field state leasehold – State Leases 6646 & 6647 & Operating Agreement A0322 for thirty (30) days in order for Staff to internally review their standing and evaluate alternatives for financial relief, to be revisited at the August 13, 2025 meeting.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-002
[AUDIT]

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:136.A (1) (c), the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) Staff is authorized to audit information relevant to the computation of royalties including appropriate records, report or other information; and

WHEREAS, an audit was performed of state royalty payments made by New Century Exploration, Inc., in the Gillis-English Bayou; State Lease No. 20261, which audit revealed that New Century Exploration, Inc. owed the state $146,121.72 in interest and fees and $19,927.20 in penalty; and

WHEREAS, New Century Exploration, Inc. remitted 12 payments of $12,176.81 for a board approved payment plan which consisted of interest and fees and made letter of application for reduction of penalties assessed in the amount of $19,927.20 that were the result of field audit exceptions; and

WHEREAS, OMR, upon thorough review and consideration and in accordance with State Mineral and Energy Board established protocol, recommended that the foregoing request for a reduction of penalties be approved and that fifty percent (50%) of the penalty be waived;

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby waive fifty percent (50%), which amounts to $9,963.60 of the total penalty assessed to New Century Exploration, Inc.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-003
[AUDIT]

WHEREAS, Staff reported to the State Mineral and Energy Board that the election of the July 2025 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. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 acknowledge and approve the election of the July 2025 gas royalty being 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.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-004
[NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that four (4) tracts were nominated for the September 10th, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale and requested that same be advertised pending Staff review;

ON MOTION of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 September 10th, 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 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.

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 9th day of July, 2025, 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-005
[NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, LA. R.S. 30.215 requires that the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) at least annually set a per acre fee to be paid for non-exclusive permits to conduct seismic, geophysical and geological surveys upon state-owned lands and/or water bottoms; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 30:215 further requires that this fee be set based upon market value and fixed in a per acre amount of no more than Thirty ($30.00) Dollars and no less than Five ($5.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Board last met on July 10, 2024 for the purpose of setting the per acre fee to be paid for such permits; and

WHEREAS, the Board is now required to set the per acre fee for such permits; and

WHEREAS, the Staff at the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) has received and reviewed all information available for determining the fair market value for such permits; and

WHEREAS, OMR Staff offered the following recommendation for such fees for consideration by the Nomination and Tract Committee:

> That the State Mineral and Energy Board herein and herby set a fee of $15.00 per acre, or $1000, whichever is greater, for the non-exclusive seismic permit on state-owned lands and water bottoms or lands and water bottoms under the jurisdiction of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; that the State Mineral and Energy Board set a fee of $200.00 per line mile, or $1000.00, whichever is greater, for 2D seismic permits on either state-owned lands and water bottoms or lands and water bottoms under the jurisdiction of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Mineral and Energy Board set a fee of $15.00 per acre, or $1000.00, whichever is greater, for the non-exclusive seismic permit on state-owned lands and water bottoms or lands and water bottoms under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; that the State Mineral and Energy Board set a fee of $200 per line mile, or $1,000.00, whichever is greater, for the 2D seismic permits on either state-owned lands and water bottoms or lands and water bottoms under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

<u>**CERTIFICATE**</u>

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 9th day of July, 2025, 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.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-006
[LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the State of Louisiana ("State"), acting through its authorized agent, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"), entered into Carbon-Dioxide Storage Agreement No. CS003 ("Operating Agreement") with Venture Global CCS Plaquemines, LLC ("Venture Global"), authorizing Venture Global to inject and store carbon dioxide into and beneath State-owned water bottoms in Barataria Bay, located in Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Operating Agreement Article 3.1 sets forth an initial term of three (3) years following its effective date, and states that:

> [t]his Agreement shall terminate at the end of the Initial Term if Venture Global has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well on the Property. However, upon a showing of good cause by Venture Global, this Agreement may be extended by the State in its discretion for up to an additional two (2) years at the end of the Initial Term ("Initial Discretionary Term") if Venture Global has failed to apply for a permit to construct a Class VI injection well on the Property. In order for Venture Global to exercise this option, Venture Global shall notify the State at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term that it wishes to exercise this option;

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 16, 2025, Venture Global advised the State of its intent to exercise the option, stated facts purportedly showing good cause therefor, and requested that the Board approve a two-year extension of the initial term; and

After discussion and consideration of the Board, and upon motion of Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby confirm a timely showing of good cause by Venture Global and approve Venture Global's request for a two-year extension of the initial term as described in Operating Agreement Article 3.1.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-007
[LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, a request was made by Magnetar Exploration, L.P. ("Magnetar") that the State Mineral and Energy Board ("Board"), as agent of the State of Louisiana and on behalf of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ("LWF"), accept a late rental payment and enter into a mutually agreeable ratification or amendment to confirm that State Agency Lease Nos. 22207 and 22208 (the "Subject Leases") have been maintained beyond their first anniversary date;

WHEREAS, at the May 8, 2024 Lease Sale, Magnetar was awarded the Subject Leases, which cover approximately 3,850.393 acres of land in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve, located in Cameron and Vermilion Parishes, and managed by LWF. Due to a miscommunication and clerical error, the rental payment due on the first anniversary of the Subject Leases was delivered to the Office of Mineral Resources five (5) days after the anniversary date;

WHEREAS, based on the terms of the current Inter-Agency Agreement between LWF and the Board, OMR Staff discussed the request with LWF and provided appropriate legal advice.

WHEREAS, representatives of LWF informed OMR Staff that they would like to accept the late rental payment, subject to Magnetar and LWF entering into a mutually agreeable ratification of the Subject Leases; and

After discussion and consideration of the Board, and upon motion of Mr. Watkins, 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 the request of Magnetar Exploration, L.P., subject to the negotiation of a mutually agreeable ratification of State Agency Lease Nos. 22207 and 22208 on behalf of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, in accordance with the terms of the Inter-Agency Agreement.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-008
[LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

WHEREAS, a request was made by Staff for authority to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Operating Agreement for Hydrocarbon Storage between the State of Louisiana and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, for continued operation of the natural gas underground storage facility located in the Washington Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, in accordance with LA. R.S. 30:209 and LA. R.S. 30:6; and

After discussion and consideration of the Board, and upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, 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 grant the request of Staff to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Operating Agreement for Hydrocarbon Storage between the State of Louisiana and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, for continued operation of the natural gas underground storage facility located in the Washington Field, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, in accordance with LA. R.S. 30:209 and LA. R.S. 30:6.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-009
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 1 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, 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 grant approval of Docket Item No. 1, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Comella Interests, LLC, Huddleston Land Services Inc. and Pett4ts LLC to BPX Operating Company, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 17877**, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana.

BPX Operating Company 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 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-010
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 2 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, 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 grant approval of Docket Item No. 2, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> An Assignment from Arapahoe SPV, LLC to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease Nos. 14400, 14499 and Operating Agreements A0224 and A0275**, Bossier and Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.
>
> Paloma Natural Gas, 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 9th day of July, 2025 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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Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-011
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, deferral of Docket Item No. 3 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Moncla, 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 defer Docket Item No. 3 until the August 13, 2025 meeting, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> An Assignment from BPX Properties (NA) LP to Goodrich Petroleum Company, L.L.C., of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease Nos. 19349 and 20030**, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.
>
> Paloma Natural Gas, LLC is designated as the joint account Lessee (contact company) pursuant to State Mineral and Energy Board Resolution dated September 10, 1975.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-012
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, deferral of Docket Item No. 4 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Assignment was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Moncla, 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 defer Docket Item No. 4 until the August 13, 2025 meeting, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> A Correction of Resolution No. 22-05-011 from the May 11, 2022 Meeting, being a Change of Name whereby Goodrich Petroleum Company, L.L.C. changed its name to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, whereas **State Lease Nos. 19349 and 20030** were omitted from said resolution and are hereby being added, Bossier and Caddo, DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-013
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 5 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Assignment presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, 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 grant approval of Docket Item No. 5, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> A Change of Name whereby Energy Resource Technology GOM, LLC is changing its name to Talos ERT LLC, affecting **State Lease Nos. 12806, 17860, 17861 and 20581**, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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 9th day of July, 2025 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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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-014
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 25-09 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Unitization Agreement was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Moncla, 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 No. 25-09, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> A Unitization Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Cantium, LLC, to create a 69.653 acre unit, more or less, identified as the BM2 4475' M RH SU, with 50.993 acres being attributable to **State Lease No. 1365** and 18.660 acres being attributable to **State Lease No. 1367**, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated 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 9th day of July, 2025 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. 25-07-015
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 25-10 from the July 9, 2025 Meeting being an Unitization Agreement was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Moncla, 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 No. 25-10, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

> A Unitization Agreement by and between the State Mineral and Energy Board, acting for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana and Cantium, LLC, to create a 373.791 acre unit, more or less, identified as the BM2 4400' RAB, Bay Marchand Block 2 Field, affecting **State Lease No. 1367**, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated 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 9th day of July, 2025 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
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-016
[NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY]

WHEREAS, John Shiroda, the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee, presented the July 9, 2025 Natural Resources Trust Authority Report regarding the Oilfield Site Restoration Program, the LORA Program, and a discussion and request for policy regarding monthly automatic suspension of R4 for non-payment of financial security; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Degan, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board acknowledged and approved the July 9, 2025 Natural Resources Trust Authority Report.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 9th day of July, 2025 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
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