

MINUTES

STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

LEASE SALE
AND
BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2025

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GOVERNOR



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SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

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LADIES and GENTLEMEN:

Certified proofs of publication have been received in the Office of State 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. **45986** through **45990** 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,

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

Greg Roberts
Petroleum Lands Director

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR



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SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

OPENING OF BIDS December 10, 2025

A public meeting for the purpose of opening sealed bids was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, beginning at 8:31 a.m.

Angela Patterson, Land Specialist in the Land Administration Division of the Office of State Resources, presided over the meeting.

Ms. Patterson read the letters of notification certifying the legal sufficiency of the advertisement of Tract Nos. 45986 through 45990, which were published for today's lease sale.

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

Tract 45988
(Portion: 192.430 acres)

<u>Bidder:</u>	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC
<u>Primary Term:</u>	Three (3) years
<u>Cash Payment:</u>	\$20,397.58
<u>Annual Rental:</u>	\$10,198.79
<u>Royalties:</u>	20% on oil and gas 20% on other minerals

Additional Consideration: There is no privately owned land in this portion bid.

This concluded the reading of the bids.

There being no further business, the Opening of the Bids Meeting was concluded at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, beginning at 9:37 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
Mark Normand, Jr., C&E Undersecretary
Magnus J. "Jake" Arceneaux IV
Billy A. Busbice, Jr.
Mark E. Barton
Jeffery C. Delahoussaye
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.
Robert D. Watkins
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 November 12, 2025 Minutes

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the approval of the November 12, 2025 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Busbice to adopt the November 12, 2025 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, Resource Analytics Division
- b) Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Income Division
- c) Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Land Administration Division
- d) Legal and Title Controversy Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Land Administration Division
- e) Docket Review Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, Land Administration Division

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

a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT
December 10, 2025

The Board heard the report of Mr. Jason Talbot, Petroleum Scientist Manager, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, relative to the following:

I. RESOURCE ANALYTICS DIVISION REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there is a total of 862,624 state acres under contract (i.e., state leases, operating agreements). Shown below is each category:

Oil & Gas Leases

- 923 SLs - approx. 385,605 acres.
 - Reviewed 98 leases approx. 25,678.acres

Oil & Gas Operating Agreements

- 72 OAs - approx. 8,386 acres
 - Reviewed 4 OAs approx. 523 acres

Gas Storage Operating Agreements

- 3 OAs – approx. 2,724 acres

Carbon Capture Storage Operating Agreements

- 6 OAs - approx. 406,216 acres
(Original report incorrectly stated that there were 13 Carbon Capture Storage OAs)

Wind Energy Operating Agreements

- 1 OA – approx. 59,693 acres

II. BOARD REVIEW

There were no State Lease items brought before the Board.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

There were no Force Majeure items brought before the Board.

b) AUDIT REPORT
December 10, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-12-001)

The Board heard the report of Ms. Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, relative to the following:

I. INCOME MONTHLY STATISTICS REVIEW

- A. As of November 30, 2025, field audit collections totaled \$1,455,317.86, which includes \$1,217,787.36 in royalty exceptions and \$237,530.50 in interest. The current number of open royalty audits is 37.

Royalties collected in November 2025 totaled \$11,911,962.49 and Fiscal Year to Date totaled \$59,088,586.91, as compared to last year's Fiscal Year to Date Royalties of \$56,005,528.56 as of November 30, 2024.

Monthly state royalty reports submitted in November totaled 229, which include 79 SR1s for oil, 130 SR2s for gas, and 20 SR5s for plant products.

II. CURRENT DELINQUENT PAYORS

- A. There were no delinquent payors brought before the Board.

III. BOARD REVIEW

- A. Ms. Shorter reported to the Board that the election for December 2025 gas royalty is to be paid on an unprocessed 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 November 2025 gas royalty to be paid on an unprocessed 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. 25-12-001)

c) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT

December 10, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-12-002)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, relative to nominations received in the Office of State Resources for the February 11, 2026 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 State Resources (OSTR) to process and advertise the five (5) tracts that were nominated for the November 12, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OSTR received seven (7) nominations for advertisement concerning the December 11, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

- A. Fourteen (14) nominations for advertisement were received by OSTR for the February 11, 2026 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OSTR advertised six (6) nominations associated with the February 12, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

Based on Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Barton, 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 OSTR as well as any tracts that have been previously nominated and rolled over, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report (**Resolution No. 25-12-002**).

d) LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT

December 10, 2025
(Resolution Nos. 25-12-003 and 25-12-004)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts, Petroleum Lands Director, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, relative to the following:

1. A request by SMTP Energy, LLC (SMTP) for a second extension of the deadline to commence the operations described in the Additional Consideration section of its bid form for State Lease No. 22175, located in Main Pass Block 35 Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, extending the deadline to December 9, 2026.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the Board voted unanimously to grant an extension of the deadline to commence operations described in the Additional Consideration section of its bid form for State Lease No. 22175, located in Main Pass Block 35 Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana until December 9, 2026, pending receipt of the rental payment due on December 13, 2025. There were no other comments received from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-12-003)**

2. A request by OSTR Staff to amend Article 3 of the current State Lease Form regarding the timeline of rental payments.

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barton, the Board voted unanimously to authorize publication and solicitation of public comments regarding the proposed amendment for a period of thirty (30) days. There were no other comments received from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-12-004)**

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT
December 10, 2025
(Resolution No(s). 25-12-005 through 25-12-011)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, relative to the following:

- Category A: State Agency Leases
Docket Item No. 1
- 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 Item No. 1

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

- Category A: State Agency Leases
Approve Docket Item A
(Resolution No. 25-12-005)
- Category B: State Lease Transfers
Approve Docket Item Nos. 1 through 5
(Resolution Nos. 25-12-006 through 25-12-010)
- Category D: Advertised Proposals
Approve Docket Item No. 1
(Resolution Nos. 25-12-011)

- VI. Natural Resources Trust Authority Report** –Rachel Newman, Deputy Undersecretary, Department of Conservation and Energy Deputy and Roby Fulkerson, Executive Director of the Oilfield Site Restoration Program (OSR), presented the report for the Natural Resources Trust Authority (NRTA), which included the following:

I. Oil Field Site Restoration Program

- 1.) OSR monthly report for the Board

Informational only, and no Board action was required.

II. Louisiana Oil Field Restoration Association Program

- 1.) Update on monthly invoicing and collection amounts

Informational only, and no Board action was required.

- 2.) List of operators delinquent for R4 suspension

Informational only, and no Board action was required.

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 a roll call vote of the Board Members, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

Upon a roll call vote of the Board Members, before which Mr. Richard Nelson excused himself from the remainder of the meeting, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:42 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

- a. An overview of the lawsuit entitled Save my Louisiana, Inc. et al. v. State of Louisiana, Docket No. 770744, Sec. 27, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, regarding the Louisiana Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act (La. R.S. 30:1101 et seq.)

Item was informational only and no Board action was required.

- b. A discussion and request for authority to negotiate settlement with regard to matters related to field audit #973 of Hilcorp Energy Company

Upon motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barton, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board granted authority to Staff and the Attorney General's office to negotiate a settlement as discussed in Executive Session. **(Resolution No. 25-12-012)**

c. Technical Briefing on Bids

VIII. Awarding of Leases

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

Mr. Talbot reported that five (5) tracts were up for bid at today's lease sale with a total of one (1) bid received.

Staff reported that all bids received on the tracts were recommended for approval at today's lease sale.

Upon motion of Mr. Busbice, and seconded by Mr. Delahoussaye, the Board voted to accept Staff's recommendations regarding the following bid and award leases on the following tract:

Tract 45988
(Portion: 192.430 acres)

<u>Bidder:</u>	Cypress Energy Partners, LLC
<u>Primary Term:</u>	Three (3) years
<u>Cash Payment:</u>	\$20,397.58
<u>Annual Rental:</u>	\$10,198.79
<u>Royalties:</u>	20% on oil and gas 20% on other minerals

Additional Consideration: There is no privately owned land in this portion bid.

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

IX. An update was given by Mr. Andrew Young on the development of the proposed State Lease Royalty Reduction Program by the Office of State Resources in accordance with Executive Order JML 25-72.

Upon motion of Mr. Hollenshead, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the State Mineral and Energy Board approved the provisions of the preliminary draft Program and authorized OSTR to publish said draft for purposes of soliciting stakeholder feedback on its terms. **(Resolution No. 25-12-013)**

X. New Business

There was no new business brought before the Board.

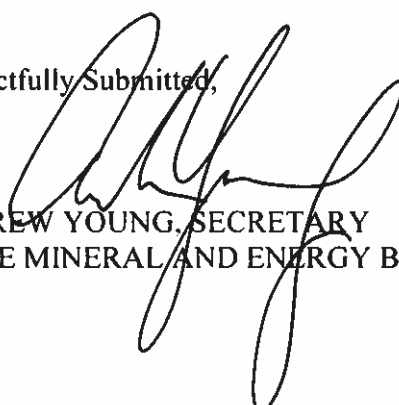
XI. Announcements

Mr. Young stated that the total cash payments received for the December 10, 2025 Lease Sale totaled \$20,397.58, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to \$1,722,166.47.

XII. Adjournment

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Delahoussaye, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-001
[AUDIT]

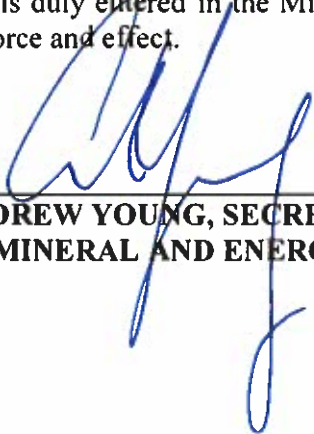
WHEREAS, Staff reported to the State Mineral and Energy Board that the election of the December 2025 gas royalty is to be paid on an unprocessed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement; and

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 December 2025 gas royalty being paid on an unprocessed 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 10th day of December, 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. 25-12-002
[NOMINATION & TRACT]

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Roberts reported that fourteen (14) tracts were nominated for the February 11, 2026 Mineral Lease Sale and requested that same be advertised pending Staff review;

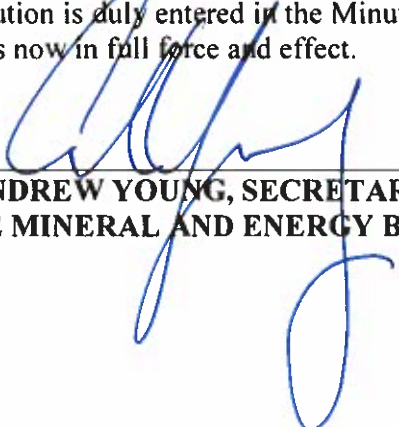
ON MOTION of Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the following recommendation was offered and unanimously adopted by the Board after discussion and careful consideration:

That the State Mineral and Energy Board grant approval to advertise all such tract(s) for the February 11, 2026 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 State 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 10th day of December, 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.



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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-003 [LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVESY REPORT]

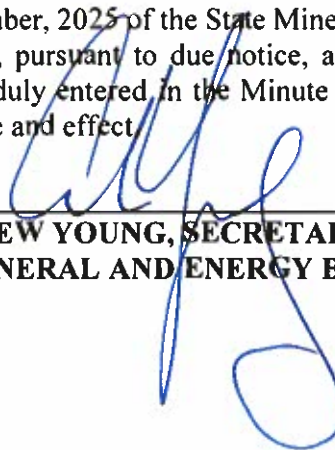
WHEREAS, a request was made by SMTP Energy, LLC (SMTP) for a second extension of the deadline to commence operations described in the Additional Consideration section of its bid form for State Lease No. 22175, located in Main Pass Block 35 Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, extending the deadline to December 9, 2026;

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:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby grant the request of SMTP Energy, LLC (SMTP) for a second extension of the deadline to commence operations described in the Additional Consideration section of its bid form for State Lease No. 22175, located in Main Pass Block 35 Field in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana until December 9, 2026, pending receipt of the rental payment due on December 13, 2025.

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**ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
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Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-004 [LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVESY REPORT]

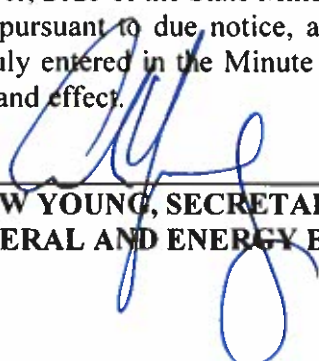
WHEREAS, a request was made by OSTR Staff to amend Article 3 of the current State Lease Form regarding the timeline of rental payments;

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby authorize publication and solicitation of public comments regarding the proposed amendment for a period of thirty (30) days.

CERTIFICATE

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Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-005
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item A.1 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being a State Agency Lease, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

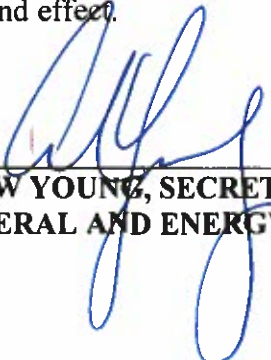
ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

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 School Board, dated October 9, 2025, awarded to Theophilus Oil, Gas & Land Services, LLC, covering lands located in Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 1 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, containing 179.015 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 10th day of December, 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. 25-12-006 [DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. B.1 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; 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 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 Ensign Haynesville Partners II, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 22300**, Webster Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Ensign Haynesville Partners 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

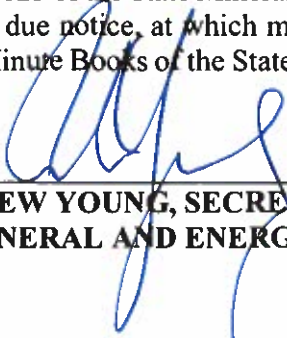
failure of said lessees to comply with such condition, then the Board may withhold approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof 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
- (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 10th day of December, 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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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-006

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-007 [DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. B.2 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; 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 grant approval of Docket Item No. 2, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Cypress Energy Partners, LLC to Apex Natural Gas, LLC, of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease Nos. 22296 and 22297**, Red River Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Apex 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

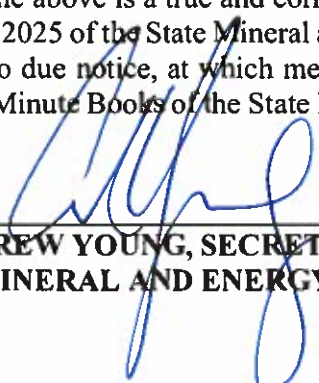
of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease and no other lessee desires to assume and undertake the indivisible obligation, then 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

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STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD



Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-008
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. B.3 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being a Correction of Resolution, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

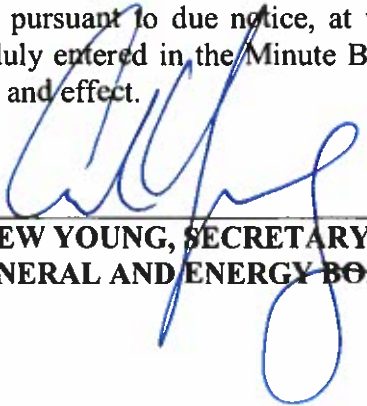
ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

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:

A Correction of Resolution No. 25-08-015, Docket Item No. 10, from the August 13, 2025 meeting, being an Assignment from Mammoth Minerals, LLC and FPCC USA, Inc. to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, whereas **State Lease No. 21860** was omitted from said resolution and is hereby being added, affecting **State Lease No. 21860**, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-009
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. B.4 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being a Correction of Resolution, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

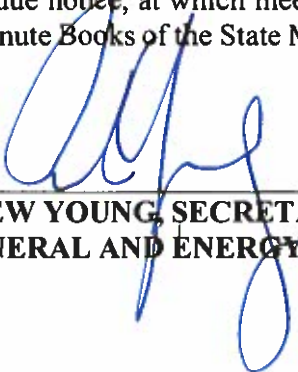
ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

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:

A Correction of Resolution No. 25-08-017, Docket No. 12 from the August 13, 2025 meeting, being a Change of Name whereby Paloma Natural Gas, LLC is changing its name to Apex Natural Gas, LLC, whereas **State Lease No. 21860** was omitted from said resolution and is hereby being added, affecting **State Lease No. 21860**, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-010 [DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. B.5 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being an Assignment and Correction of Assignment, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; 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 grant approval of Docket Item No. 5, said instrument being more specifically described as follows:

An Assignment from Palm Energy Offshore, L.L.C. to Hilcorp Energy I, L.P., of all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to **State Lease No. 451**, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

Hilcorp Energy I, L.P. 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

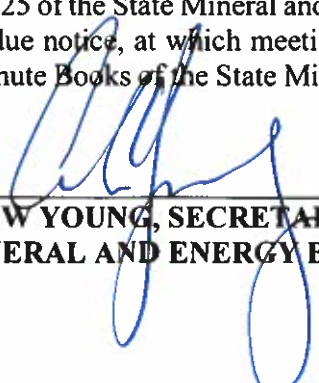
approval of and thereby deny validity to any pending or future assignment or transfer of an interest in the lease, and, provided further, that if any lessee should agree to release the lease or any segregated portion thereof in lieu of complying with an indivisible lease obligation to maintain the lease 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-011
[DOCKET]

WHEREAS, approval of Docket Item No. 25-17 from the December 10, 2025 Meeting, being a Unitization Agreement, was presented to the State Mineral and Energy Board; and

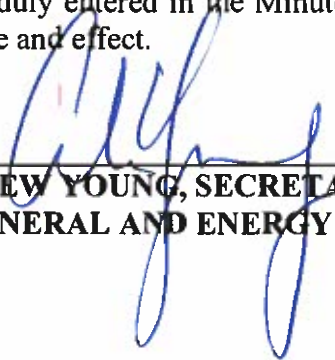
ON MOTION of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant approval of Docket Item No. 25-17, 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 Hilcorp Energy Corporation, to create a 169.807 acre unit, identified as the CI 86-73 Zone Reservoir A, Caillou Island Field, affecting **State Lease No. 301**, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, with further particulars being stipulated in the instrument.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-012
[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

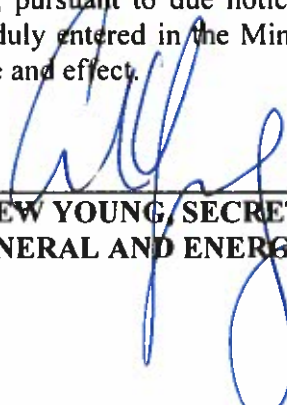
WHEREAS, a discussion of and request for authority to negotiate a settlement with regard to matters related to field audit #973 of Hilcorp Energy Company was held in Executive Session; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Barton, 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 Staff and the Attorney General's office the authority to negotiate a settlement as discussed in Executive Session.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-013

WHEREAS, Andrew Young, Executive Director of the Office of State Resources (OSTR), gave an update on the proposed State Lease Royalty Reduction Program by the Office of State Resources in accordance with Executive Order JML 25-72 ; and

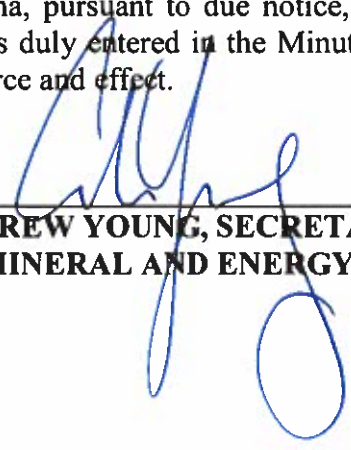
WHEREAS, Mr. Young announced OSTR's completion of preliminary draft guidelines for the Program, which was submitted to the Board for review in advance of the meeting; and

ON MOTION of Mr. Hollenshead, 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 approve the provisions of the preliminary draft Program and authorize OSTR to publish said draft for purposes of soliciting stakeholder feedback on its terms.

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