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Report of the public hearing held by the Office of
Conservation, State of Louisiana, on January 19, 2012,
in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

IN ATTENDANCE:

REPRESENTING:

Sarah Wagner, Division OSR Engineer

James Welsh, Office of Conservation

Bob Harper, Department of Natural Resources

Randy Lanctot, LWF, Sierra & Audubon Society

Karen Gautreaux, Nature Conservancy

Troy Vickers, Mid-Continent

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4 MR. WELSH:

5 We'll get started. My name is Jim Welsh,
6 Commissioner of Conservation. I would like to welcome
7 you all to the quarterly meeting of the Oilfield Site
8 Restoration Commission.

9 So let's start off with calling the roll, and,
10 Sarah, would you, please, do that?

11 MS. WAGNER:

12 Yes, sir. Please answer the roll when your name
13 is called.

14 Scott Angelle?

15 MR. HARPER:

16 Robert Harper representing Scott Angelle.

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 Jim Welsh?

19 MR. WELSH:

20 Here.

21 MS. WAGNER:

22 Paul Frey?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. WAGNER:

25 Don Briggs?

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1 (No response.)

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2 MS. WAGNER:

3 Karen Gautreaux?

4 MS. GAUTREAUX:

5 Here.

6 MS. WAGNER:

7 Randy Lanctot?

8 MR. LANCTOT:

9 Here.

10 MS. WAGNER:

11 Jim Maranto?

12 (No response.)

13 MS. WAGNER:

14 Mike Lyons?

15 (No response.)

16 MS. WAGNER:

17 Troy Vickers?

18 MR. VICKERS:

19 Here.

20 MS. WAGNER:

21 Commissioner, that is five in attendance and does
22 constitute a quorum.

23 MR. WELSH:

24 Okay. Great. I do appreciate everyone coming.

25 This is a busy time of the year, but the program, as I

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1 say every time, is a high-profile program, and we 5
2 appreciate your participation.

3 So, Sarah, let's just move on down the agenda.

4 MS. WAGNER:

5 Item II on the agenda is to approve the minutes
6 from our October meeting. You all should have received
7 a copy via e-mail. If you did not, please, let me know
8 so I can complete your e-mail address.

9 Otherwise, a motion to approve the minutes,
10 please?

11 MS. GAUTREAUX:

12 I'll make a motion.

13 MR. WELSH:

14 Karen makes a motion.

15 MR. LANCTOT:

16 I'll second.

17 MR. WELSH:

18 Seconded by Randy, okay.

19 Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. WELSH:

22 Okay. They are approved.

23 MS. WAGNER:

24 Okay. The next item on the agenda under new
25 business is the approval of two new contractors.

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1 The first contractor to consider for approval is 6
2 Chet Morrison Contractor, LLC, out of Houma,
3 Louisiana. They are interested in bidding on projects
4 out of the Lafayette District. The next contractor is
5 Cycle Construction Company, LLC, located in Kenner,
6 Louisiana, and they are interested in all plug and
7 abandonment projects that are less than 10,000'.

8 Staff has reviewed their applications and
9 recommend approval of these two contractors.

10 MR. WELSH:

11 Okay. Is there any discussion on these two
12 proposed contractors?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. WELSH:

15 Hearing none, do I have a motion that they be
16 approved?

17 MS. GAUTREAUX:

18 I'll make a motion.

19 MR. WELSH:

20 Okay. Karen Gautreaux makes a motion.

21 Do I have a second?

22 MR. VICKERS:

23 Second.

24 MR. WELSH:

25 Troy Vickers, second.

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1 Any discussion? 7

2 (No response.)

3 MR. WELSH:

4 Okay. These two contracts can be added to the
5 list. Thank you.

6 MS. WAGNER:

7 Okay. We're also proposing removal of three
8 contractors from the approved list, Eagle Construction
9 and Environmental, L.P., at their request, and
10 additionally, Roger Hebert Enterprises and Delta
11 Exploration and Development due to nonresponse. These
12 two companies' bid solicitations have been returned to
13 us as addressee unknown, and their phones have been
14 disconnected. So we would like to remove those three.

15 MR. LANCTOT:

16 They couldn't be contacted by phone?

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 Their phones -- there is no answer of their
19 phones.

20 MS. GAUTREAUX:

21 Can I ask a question?

22 MS. WAGNER:

23 Sure.

24 MS. GAUTREAUX:

25 Is this a standard mechanism for removal if

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1 they're nonresponsive?

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2 MS. WAGNER:

3 Well, I spoke with the attorney, and he said,
4 since the Commission approves them to be on the list
5 that the Commission should approve to remove them from
6 the list.

7 MR. WELSH:

8 So you did you get a request from these three --

9 MS. WAGNER:

10 We got a request from Eagle Construction and
11 Environmental. They asked to be removed.

12 The other two companies we cannot get in contact
13 with, and every solicitation that we send them gets
14 returned to us.

15 MR. HARPER:

16 Any reason for Eagle to be asking to be removed?

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 They are no longer doing that type of work.

19 MR. LANCTOT:

20 Why would you -- why would they do us the
21 courtesy of asking us to remove them, instead of
22 just --

23 MS. WAGNER:

24 Instead of just not responding anymore?

25 MR. LANCTOT:

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1 Right.

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2 MS. PARKER:

3 Casandra Parker, OSR Program. We regularly get --
4 once the bids are sent out, they are sent out to
5 everybody on the approved contractor's list, and we
6 were regularly getting bids returned from three or
7 four companies, and we made an attempt to contact each
8 and every one of them to make sure they still wanted
9 to still be on the approved contractor's list, and if
10 we couldn't get in touch with them -- and Eagle, I did
11 get in touch with somebody at Eagle. They did request
12 that they be removed because they were no longer doing
13 P&A work.

14 MR. WELSH:

15 Okay. I don't think we have any set procedures in
16 the rules about taking someone off?

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 No, there's not.

19 MR. WELSH:

20 Have we removed people before?

21 MS. WAGNER:

22 Yes.

23 MR. WELSH:

24 We have?

25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 We have. There was a special contractor's 10
2 meeting that occurred to reduce the list by half. It
3 had gotten too large, and they were not responding,
4 that was before my time.

5 MR. WELSH:

6 Yes. You know, I have no objection to it, but
7 I'm wondering -- I mean, we don't have our lawyer here
8 today, but, I mean --

9 Go ahead.

10 MS. GAUTREUX:

11 I'm just wondering, since we don't have a
12 procedure, and I assume they are probably not there,
13 but would it be very onerous for them to get back on
14 this list, I guess, if for some reason they really
15 didn't want to be taken off the list, if there was
16 some glitch?

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 They will have to go through the application
19 process, provide us updated contact information and
20 then approval from the Commission to added back to it.

21 MR. WELSH:

22 I mean, you're making very logical arguments, the
23 way to do it, but, I mean, there is no authorization to
24 do it that way.

25 MR. HARPER:

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1 Do we have a written request from Eagle? 11

2 MS. WAGNER:

3 No. We can obtain it.

4 MR. HARPER:

5 I am going to object to removal of Eagle.

6 MS. WAGNER:

7 Okay.

8 MR. WELSH:

9 Okay. And any discussion on Roger Hebert?

10 MS. WAGNER:

11 There are two Eagles are on list.

12 MR. HARPER:

13 Two Eagles?

14 MS. WAGNER:

15 Yes, sir.

16 MS. GAUTREAUX:

17 Could we maybe do it contingent upon receipt,

18 that if we don't receive it before the next --

19 MS. WAGNER:

20 It's fine to leave them on the list. It's fine

21 to leave them on the contractor list.

22 MR. WELSH:

23 Why don't we defer this removing the companies

24 that don't have a request, and let's hold off until

25 the next meeting, and we'll have some legal guidance.

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1 I would feel a lot more comfortable with it. 12

2 MS. WAGNER:

3 No problem.

4 MR. WELSH:

5 Okay. So we will --

6 MR. VICKERS:

7 Jim, following up on that, let's -- between now
8 and then, let's get a formal procedure about how to
9 remove companies off of this list for cause or for
10 request or for whatever, nonresponsive. If they're
11 nonresponsive, how many times of nonresponsive then we
12 will remove them.

13 MR. WELSH:

14 I think that's a good idea.

15 MR. VICKERS:

16 Just to get a procedure, and then we can vote on
17 the procedure and say, yes, this is the way we're going
18 to do it. Then we can notify all the contractors that
19 this is a new process that we will use for removal of
20 companies. Sort of like what we did with the
21 contractor, I remember when we did that when we had a
22 lot of guys who just -- their names had changed, they
23 had merged, whatever, and so we reduced it quite a
24 bit, but we did that with a huge meeting and saying,
25 if you want to be here, you've got to tell us you want

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1 to. If not, we're going to take you off, so... 13

2 MR. WELSH:

3 Okay. Why don't I request that Sarah get in
4 touch with Blake and discuss this situation and get
5 some guidance from him, and if we can draft up a form.

6 And I would be interested if we need to do this
7 through rulemaking, or can we just do it as a policy
8 or something, you know, because that will be important.
9 If it's rulemaking, that's about a four-month process,
10 you know.

11 So, anyway, let's just defer that and get some
12 guidance, and it will be an agenda item for the next
13 meeting.

14 MR. LANCTOT:

15 I just have a comment, you know. It probably is
16 good practice to remove contractors if they're not
17 active, even if they are still in business, after --
18 we need to know if -- you know, how eligible they
19 really are to do the work and qualify.

20 MR. WELSH:

21 Absolutely, but I really think it should be in the
22 procedures.

23 MR. LANCTOT:

24 I agree.

25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 Right. 14

2 MR. WELSH:

3 Okay. So we are going to remove which one?

4 MS. WAGNER:

5 We're not going to do anything. We will get a
6 written request from Eagle if they want to be removed,
7 and then we'll just bring it up again at the next
8 Commission meeting.

9 MR. WELSH:

10 Okay. So we will defer that until the next
11 meeting, okay.

12 Thank you.

13 MS. WAGNER:

14 Thank you.

15 Item IV on the agenda is the Fund status. If you
16 would, please, turn to Page 2 of your handout. As of
17 today, there is approximately \$2.1 million at the
18 Treasury. We have almost \$450,000 in contractual
19 obligations, so there is currently approximately \$1.7
20 million cash available.

21 The second quarter collections totaled
22 approximately \$1.3 million, and, please, note the five
23 percent mid-year budget reduction of \$260,584 removed
24 from the Fund. The OSR Fund was reduced due to the
25 current State and budget deficit.

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1 The next page, Page 3, in your handout is a 15
2 supplement to the Fund --

3 MR. LANCTOT:

4 I have a comment -- or a question about that.

5 I have a question about it.

6 They took the money once. We got it back, but
7 this is -- is this the first time they have come back
8 to get --

9 MS. WAGNER:

10 This is the second time.

11 MR. LANCTOT:

12 The second time?

13 MS. WAGNER:

14 Right. The first time that they took it, they
15 also took a percentage of the Site-Specific Trust
16 Accounts, and that was what was returned to us.

17 So, if you'll look in our line item --

18 MR. LANCTOT:

19 That's the second time they did that.

20 MS. WAGNER:

21 In 2009 --

22 MR. LANCTOT:

23 The second time, I think they took even more than
24 they were supposed to. The first time they took it, we
25 got it back.

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1 MS. WAGNER:

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2 The first time they took it, we got it back. The
3 second time, in 2009, they took \$277,000, and we did
4 not get that back. So this is the third time that they
5 have taken money from the Fund.

6 MR. LANCTOT:

7 Okay. But they skipped us --

8 MS. WAGNER:

9 They skipped us last year.

10 MR. LANCTOT:

11 -- last year, okay.

12 MS. WAGNER:

13 Yes, sir.

14 MR. LANCTOT:

15 I wonder why they didn't skip us this year, and
16 why they skipped us last year? Maybe they needed money
17 more this year than last year.

18 MR. HARPER:

19 I'm not privy to the internal discussions over
20 there.

21 MR. WELSH:

22 I have no knowledge.

23 MR. LANCTOT:

24 Or did they just forget last time?

25 MR. VICKERS:

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1 That is one of those questions you're scared to 17
2 ask. We skipped you last time, oh, let us go back and
3 make up for it.

4 MS. WAGNER:

5 If you'll turn to Page 3 of your handout, it's a
6 supplement to the Fund balance sheet demonstrating the
7 annual fee collections per fiscal year since 1994.
8 The fiscal year 2011 closed out with a total Fund
9 collection of \$4,242,000, and you can see, so far this
10 fiscal year, we've collected \$3 million.

11 Pages 4 and 5 in your handout include the details
12 on the Site-Specific Trust Accounts. Page 4 itemizes
13 all of the accounts the Program administers, which
14 currently covers 952 active wells that are secured
15 with a combination of cash, letter of credit,
16 certificate of deposits, and performance bonds,
17 totaling approximately \$59.7 million.

18 Page 5 in the handout details the Site-Specific
19 Trust --

20 MR. VICKERS:

21 Sarah, Sarah, the money that they took out for
22 the deduction, subsequent reduction, they did not take
23 that out of the Trust Fund, correct?

24 MS. WAGNER:

25 That's correct. It was only based on collections.

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1 MR. VICKERS:

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2 Great, okay. Thank you.

3 MS. WAGNER:

4 Yes, sir.

5 So the Site-Specific Trust Accounts total
6 approximately \$59.7 million, and Page 5 in the handout
7 details the Site-Specific Trust Accounts that are
8 funded in any portion with cash.

9 Item IV(B) on the agenda concerns bid proposal
10 12-002 which contained 13 urgent and high-priority
11 scored water location wells in Coffee Bay, Kings
12 Ridge, and Lake Enfermer Fields, located in Lafourche
13 Parish. Bids were opened December 15, 2011. The low
14 bid in the amount of \$895.232.50 was disqualified for
15 failure to submit required bid documents. The next
16 qualified low bid was a \$454,000 increase for a bid
17 amount of \$1.35 million. So it was determined in the
18 best interest of the State to reject all bids due to
19 the current budget situation, and the bidding
20 contractors were notified of project non-award.

21 Item V on the agenda concerns Program statistics.
22 If you could, please, turn to Page 6 in your handout,
23 on the left side of the page are the statistics as of
24 today, and on the right side, for comparison, are the
25 statistics presented at the October Commission meeting.

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1 Starting at the top of the page, to date, the Program 19
2 has plugged and abandoned 2,490 orphaned wells. Three
3 wells have been plugged and abandoned by the Program
4 since we last met.

5 Continuing down the page to Section 3, orphan
6 wells remaining statewide, there are currently 2,791
7 orphan wells.

8 Section 4 lists the recently-orphaned well count.
9 Ten wells were added to the list in November, 14 wells
10 were orphaned in December, and there will be no wells
11 sent to The Register for orphaning in January. In an
12 effort to continue to cut expenses, the orphan list
13 for calendar year for 2012, will be published in The
14 Louisiana Register on a quarterly basis instead of a
15 monthly basis.

16 If you will direct your attention to Page 7, I
17 have included a graph showing the current orphan well
18 count in the state compared to the cumulative number
19 of wells plugged by the Program.

20 The second quarter of the fiscal year '12 closed
21 December 31st, with the Program having plugged and
22 abandoned six urgent and high-priority scored wells
23 making progress toward the performance indicator for a
24 fiscal year-end total of 18 urgent and high-priority
25 scored wells plugged and abandoned by the Program,

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1 utilizing 60 percent of the Fund revenue. 11.8 percent 20
2 of the first and second quarter collections were
3 utilized just for the well plug and abandonment costs
4 of the six urgent and high-priority scored wells. 38.2
5 percent of Program revenue was utilized, if you include
6 the costs associated with facility removal at these
7 urgent and high-priority sites, and not just the costs
8 associated with plug and abandonment.

9 Due to the mid-year budget reduction and project
10 non-award of the 12-002 project, the fourth quarter
11 targets were adjusted downward.

12 The next page in the handout, Page 8, details the
13 current OSR projects, which is Item VI on the agenda.
14 Line Item No. 1 under "Active Oilfield Projects" is the
15 emergency bid for a contractor to provide and install
16 U.S. Coast Guard approved navigational aids on 164
17 identified orphan well sites. This emergency bid
18 proposal was issued on April 6, 2011, in order to
19 accomplish installation of navigational aids on the
20 1A, 1, 2, and 3 priority-ranked sites in the C.H.
21 Fenstermaker emergency investigation. Currently 144
22 of the 164 have had the navigational aids installed,
23 and the contractor, through a change order, has
24 suspended installation due to inaccessibility of sites
25 for the winter weather and concerns with safety with

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1 the hunting season.

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2 The next line Item No. 2 is the four well and
3 four pit bid project located in Red River Parish.
4 Pages 9 and 10 of the handout illustrate the before
5 and after plug and abandonment site pictures. The
6 plug and abandonment work is complete, and additional
7 site work may be required once lab analysis results
8 are received and evaluated. This project results in
9 one urgent and one high-priority scored well removed
10 from the orphan list.

11 Line Item No. 3 lists the non-awarded, previously
12 discussed thirteen well Lafourche Parish project.

13 Line Item No. 4 details the just-issued ten well,
14 three facility project located in Caddo-Pine Island
15 Field, Caddo Parish. The project includes one
16 high-priority scored site due to the well and
17 facilities' close proximity to a welding business.
18 Some of the wells in this project are pictured on
19 Page 11 in your handout. A mandatory site visit will
20 be held on February 14th, and bids are going to open
21 February 28th.

22 Page 12 in your handout shows several site
23 examples from the next proposed urgent and
24 high-priority scored project containing eight wells for
25 plug and abandonment located in Point Chicot and

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1 Wildcat Fields, Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes. This 22
2 project is estimated to cost less than \$900,000 since
3 the sites are easily accessible with water depths 4'
4 or greater at well locations.

5 Moving back to Page 8 and the projects completed
6 since last meeting, the project to plug and abandon
7 four urgent and high-priority orphan wells on water
8 and remove two facilities in Manila Village Field,
9 Jefferson Parish, has been completed at a cost of
10 \$1,067,000.

11 Item VII on the agenda is Federal and third-party
12 activity. We continue to refer sites to the
13 Environmental Protection Agency for removal actions
14 that we believe might meet OPA 90 Federal removal
15 qualifications. The EPA was scheduled to begin
16 removal actions on an orphan facility in
17 Greenwood-Waskom Field, Caddo Parish, next week.
18 After numerous delays due to their Federal budget
19 concerns, they are finally going to get back to work.

20 The U.S. Coast Guard has completed the plug and
21 abandonment activities at the orphan Cedyco site in
22 Manila Village, Jefferson Parish, that was discussed
23 last the meeting. The Coast Guard plugged 14 of the
24 15 wells at this orphan site.

25 Item No. VII on the agenda is old business. I

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1 have included on Page 13 in your handout the 23
2 Commission member term expiration that was requested
3 at the October meeting.

4 And if there are not any other discussions, that
5 is all I have to present.

6 MR. WELSH:

7 Do we have any -- Troy?

8 MR. VICKERS:

9 I've got a question of Sarah.

10 I mean, we've got \$1.7 million -- \$1.8 million.

11 What do we think that the bids are going to come in on
12 the one project that has the site visit for February?

13 MS. WAGNER:

14 That's the Caddo?

15 MR. VICKERS:

16 Yes.

17 MS. WAGNER:

18 I think we're estimating about \$350,000.

19 MR. VICKERS:

20 So are we going to be able to spend the additional
21 \$1.5 million?

22 MS. WAGNER:

23 Before the end of the year?

24 MR. VICKERS:

25 Yes.

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1 MS. WAGNER:

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2 We have two more projects after the Point Chicot
3 project that we're planning on going out with bids.
4 They just aren't completed, ready to issue yet.

5 MR. VICKERS:

6 Okay.

7 MS. WAGNER:

8 Our goal is to spend all the money that we
9 collect.

10 MR. VICKERS:

11 Okay. It just always scares me to see that much
12 money sitting around when there is deficits and
13 everything and no plans on the books to spend it, so
14 I'd say let's rush up our levels of getting this stuff
15 moving.

16 MS. WAGNER:

17 That the good fortune of this year that we
18 haven't experienced any emergencies, so we are in a
19 much better place this year than we were last year
20 with five already declared emergencies. So there's
21 always, it's in the back of my mind, leaving some
22 money for emergency situations, as well.

23 MR. VICKERS:

24 It doesn't bother me to have, you know, \$500,000,
25 but when you're talking about \$1.5 million, you know,

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1 they will say, okay, let's get five percent of that, 25
2 and we've got more money that's gone. If it's not
3 there, you can't grab it.

4 MS. WAGNER:

5 Okay.

6 MR. VICKERS:

7 So let's get plans in place where we've got some
8 definite plans of what is going to be, how much we
9 think it's going to be to try and encumber this as
10 fast as we can.

11 MR. WELSH:

12 Any other discussion?

13 MR. LANCTOT:

14 We would -- maybe, Jim, you can refresh my memory
15 about, after the hurricane -- I don't know -- when we
16 had to go over and put all these lights in, and we also
17 were doing these emergency -- it was after the spill.
18 I guess it was after the oil spill. There was some
19 focus of attention on that. The hurricanes, the oil
20 spills, it's one thing after another, Saints lost, but
21 we've got focus on these high-priority, over-water --
22 or I should say, these over-water potentially
23 problematic wells, and so that is going to use up a lot
24 of our money and spend -- now we have this, Troy points
25 out, \$1.7 million to spend with the next collection in,

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1 what, March or -- there's one coming up. It seems 26
2 like there's always one coming up.

3 MS. WAGNER:

4 February -- middle February, end of January.

5 MR. LANCTOT:

6 So how are we doing with respect to those
7 priority, over-water situations, and do we think --
8 can we spend the money we've got on those this year,
9 or do we have to go to some lesser priority wells, or
10 what is the prognosis on that?

11 MS. WAGNER:

12 We revised from urgent and priority over water to
13 urgent and high-priority scored statewide. So we are
14 still focusing on the urgent and high-priority scored
15 wells. We're just not necessarily focused over water.
16 We have two projects that will go out this year that
17 will address high, urgent scored water locations, but
18 we also have some that are in north Louisiana that were
19 addressed urgent and high-priority -- one that has
20 already been completed, and we had the Manila Village
21 project that was urgent and high-priority wells on
22 water that has been completed, that was the \$1,067,000
23 project.

24 Our plans are to continue with that focus --

25 MR. LANCTOT:

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1 I would just rather be out of money than -- and 27
2 being able to legitimately beg for more than to have a
3 nest egg, even though it's far less than we need to do
4 the work that needs to be done, you know. I guess
5 it's a psychology thing.

6 MR. WELSH:

7 Okay. Anything else?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. WELSH:

10 That is the last agenda item.

11 MS. WAGNER:

12 Just the date of next meeting.

13 MR. WELSH:

14 Next meeting, okay.

15 MR. VICKERS:

16 So, Jim, I just want to say one thing.

17 Sarah, I'm not criticizing the way we're managing
18 the money. I'm just really concerned.

19 MS. WAGNER:

20 I understand. We do not want --

21 MR. VICKERS:

22 I know how hard you all work when you do this, so
23 I'm not doing that, but it's -- you know, like Randy
24 says, I don't like a slush fund laying around.

25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 I understand.

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2 MR. WELSH:

3 Before we close, I would like to formally
4 congratulate Sarah, as passing her petroleum engineer
5 certified -- certified petroleum engineer.

6 MS. WAGNER:

7 Thank you.

8 MR. WELSH:

9 I think that's great.

10 MS. GAUTREAUX:

11 That's great.

12 MR. WELSH:

13 That's tremendous. We're proud of you, Sarah.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. WAGNER:

16 Thank you.

17 MR. WELSH:

18 Any other discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. WELSH:

21 Okay. I appreciate you coming.

22 The meeting is adjourned.

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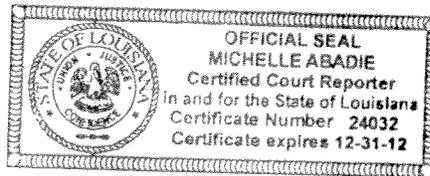
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