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7 Report of the public hearing held by the Office of  
8 Conservation, State of Louisiana, on July 19, 2012, in  
9 Baton Rouge, Louisiana.  
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11 IN ATTENDANCE:  
12 REPRESENTING:  
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14 Sarah Wagner, Division OSR Engineer  
15 James Welsh, Office of Conservation  
16 Karen Gautreaux, Nature Conservancy  
17 Mike Lyons, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association  
18 Steve Maley, Louisiana Oil and Gas Association  
19 Troy Vickers, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association  
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4 MR. WELSH:  
5 Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is  
6 Jim Welsh. I am Commissioner of Conservation. I would  
7 like to welcome you to the meeting of the Oilfield Site  
8 Restoration Commission. I appreciate you being here,  
9 and we'll start off by calling the roll.  
10 Sarah?  
11 MS. WAGNER:  
12 Yes, sir. Please answer the roll when your name  
13 is called.  
14 Scott Angelle?  
15 (No response.)  
16 MS. WAGNER:  
17 Jim Welsh?  
18 MR. WELSH:  
19 Here.  
20 MS. WAGNER:  
21 Paul Frey?  
22 (No response.)  
23 MS. WAGNER:  
24 Don Briggs?  
25 (No response.)

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1 MS. WAGNER: 4  
2 Karen Gautreaux?  
3 MS. GAUTREAU:  
4 Here.  
5 MS. WAGNER:  
6 Steve Maley?  
7 MR. MALEY:  
8 Here.  
9 MS. WAGNER:  
10 Randy Lanctot?  
11 (No response.)  
12 MS. WAGNER:  
13 Jim Maranto?  
14 (No response.)  
15 MS. WAGNER:  
16 Mike Lyons?  
17 MR. LYONS:  
18 Here.  
19 MS. WAGNER:  
20 Troy Vickers?  
21 MR. VICKERS:  
22 Here.  
23 MS. WAGNER:  
24 Commissioner, that is five in attendance and does  
25 constitute a quorum.

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1 MR. WELSH: 5  
2 Great. Thank you.  
3 So you want to continue on down the agenda,  
4 please?  
5 MS. WAGNER:  
6 Yes, sir.  
7 Item II on the agenda is to approve the minutes  
8 from the April 19, 2012, Commission meeting. The  
9 meeting transcript was e-mailed to each of you.  
10 Please let me know if you did not receive a copy so  
11 that I can adjust your e-mail address and make sure I  
12 have it correctly, because that is how we schedule  
13 these meetings, as well, and if anything needs to be  
14 changed, just send us an e-mail and let us know.  
15 MS. GAUTREAU:  
16 I make a motion to approve the minutes.  
17 MR. WELSH:  
18 Motion to approve, a second?  
19 MR. MALEY:  
20 Second.  
21 MR. WELSH:  
22 Second by Mr. Maley.  
23 Any discussion?  
24 (No response.)  
25 Any objection?

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1 (No response.) 6  
2 MR. WELSH:  
3 Okay. The minutes are approved.  
4 MS. WAGNER:  
5 Thank you.  
6 The next item on the agenda, Item III, is the  
7 Fund status. If you would, please, turn with me to  
8 Page 2 of your handout, starting at the top of the  
9 page, the total cash in the Treasury is \$6,114,260,  
10 subtracting current contractual obligations in the  
11 amount of \$2,246,800, leaves an available balance of  
12 \$3,867,460. Collections from July 1, 2011, through  
13 June 30, 2012, amounted to just over \$6 million, which  
14 exceeded the projected collections amount for fiscal  
15 year '12.  
16 Continuing down to Page 2, \$1,067,000 was  
17 collected as reimbursement from Chevron U.S.A.  
18 Chevron was in the chain of title of the wells plugged  
19 and abandoned in bid project PA11-005 that was located  
20 in Manila Village, Jefferson Parish, that was  
21 completed at the beginning of this fiscal year.  
22 The statute allows the Program to seek  
23 reimbursement from the historic chain of operators for  
24 a site if the cost to restore that site exceeds a  
25 \$250,000 threshold. When this threshold is met, all

1 of the operators in the chain of title that are 7  
2 currently active in Louisiana get noticed and sent a  
3 nice, little letter asking them to reimburse the Fund,  
4 and Chevron followed through with that demand for  
5 reimbursement.  
6 The next page, Page 3, in your handout is a  
7 supplement to the Fund balance sheet that demonstrates  
8 the annual fee collections per fiscal year since 1994.  
9 As you can see, fiscal year '12 closed with a \$6  
10 million collection.  
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 that the Program administers,  
14 which currently covers 961 active wells secured with a  
15 combination of cash, letter of credit, certificate of  
16 deposit, and performance bonds totaling approximately  
17 \$62 million.  
18 Page 5 in the handout details the Site Specific  
19 Trust Accounts that are funded in any part with cash.  
20 Any questions regarding the Fund?  
21 MS. GAUTREAUX:  
22 What is the situation with regard to funds being  
23 taken out of the Fund for the general fund? I know  
24 that happened two years previously.  
25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 Right. If you'll flip back to Page 2, in the 8  
2 subtraction section, we do continue to make a  
3 five-percent deduction that was taken in 2009, and  
4 then there was the five-percent deduction that was  
5 taken this fiscal year.  
6 MS. GAUTREAUX:  
7 Do you know, since we are in the new budget year,  
8 what is going to happen with that?  
9 MR. WELSH:  
10 I have not heard.  
11 MS. WAGNER:  
12 I have not either.  
13 MR. WELSH:  
14 I don't know.  
15 MS. GAUTREAUX:  
16 Okay. Thank you.  
17 MR. WELSH:  
18 It might be a good question for Mr. Harper. Of  
19 course, he is out of state now, but you might make a  
20 note to check that.  
21 MS. WAGNER:  
22 Okay.  
23 Item IV on the agenda concerns the Program  
24 statistics. If you would, please, turn to Page 6 in  
25 your handout. On the left side of the page are the

1 statistics as of today, and on the right side, for 9  
2 comparison, are the statistics that were presented at  
3 the April Commission meeting. Starting at the top of  
4 the page, to date, the Program has plugged and  
5 abandoned 2,511 orphaned wells, that is 21 wells  
6 plugged by the Program since our last meeting.  
7 If we continue to move down the page to  
8 Section 3, orphan wells remaining statewide, there are  
9 currently 2,859 orphan wells.  
10 Section 4 lists the recently-orphaned well count.  
11 Fifty wells were added to the orphan list in May, and  
12 94 wells were orphaned in June, with a total of 221  
13 wells orphaned in fiscal year '12.  
14 If you will direct your attention to Page 7, I  
15 have included a graph showing the current orphan well  
16 count in the state compared to the cumulative number  
17 of wells plugged by the Program.  
18 Item IV(B) on the agenda concerns fiscal year '12  
19 Program performance. The fourth quarter closed on  
20 June 30th, with the Program having plugged and  
21 abandoned 11 additional urgent and high-priority  
22 scored wells finishing the fiscal year with a total of  
23 17 urgent and high-priority scored wells removed from  
24 the orphan list. A total of 29 orphaned wells were  
25 plugged and abandoned at an approximate cost of

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1 \$3,057,000, so that was -- resulting in the 2,511 10  
2 total wells plugged by OSR since Program inception.  
3 One hundred forty-eight orphan wells were  
4 restored by other means, either taken off the orphan  
5 list by an operator in good standing to be returned to  
6 production or plugged and abandoned by a third party,  
7 such as the EPA and the U.S. Coast Guard or a former  
8 operator in the chain of title. Additionally, 221  
9 wells were orphaned in fiscal year '12, resulting in  
10 an orphan count increase of 2,859 wells statewide.  
11 MR. VICKERS:  
12 On Page 6, the recent orphan wells where you have  
13 144 in the last two months, how many different  
14 operators is that?  
15 MS. WAGNER:  
16 In May, 60 wells were seven operators, same with  
17 the 94, there were seven operators associated with  
18 those 94 orphaned wells.  
19 MR. LYONS:  
20 Seven?  
21 MS. WAGNER:  
22 Seven each one, yes.  
23 MR. LYONS:  
24 Yes.  
25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 So, for the total of 221 wells, there were -- I 11  
2 have a notation as to how many --  
3 MR. LYONS:  
4 Where are you getting that number, 227?  
5 MS. WAGNER:  
6 Two hundred and twenty-one for the entire fiscal  
7 year.  
8 MR. LYONS:  
9 Oh, okay. How many operators?  
10 That's okay. I was just curious. I would think  
11 21, 20, 30.  
12 While you do that, I'm going to ask Jim a  
13 question. You go ahead and --  
14 Jim, I'm going to assume -- I have a different  
15 question but in the same area. Most of these wells  
16 are probably -- they're not producing up until the day  
17 they walk away. They're probably on the nonactive  
18 list -- what do they call that list?  
19 MR. WELSH:  
20 Future utility.  
21 MR. LYONS:  
22 Future utility, they are probably just a group of  
23 wells on that future utility list, and I'm curious as  
24 to how they -- when the operator decides to walk away,  
25 you know, he puts them on future utility. He probably

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1 hasn't produced in a decade or five years. You all 12  
2 send them a letter --  
3 MR. WELSH:  
4 I don't know that these wells are necessarily on  
5 the future utility well list before they are orphaned.  
6 MR. LYONS:  
7 I am just curious because I can't believe that a  
8 guy is producing a series of wells, seven people, 94  
9 wells -- 10 wells, 15 wells, and all of a sudden, he  
10 just says, well, I'm tired of producing these wells or  
11 they -- they're costing me more than --  
12 MR. WELSH:  
13 There are a number of ways you can get on the  
14 orphaned list. You can get in regulatory trouble --  
15 MR. LYONS:  
16 Oh, yes.  
17 MR. WELSH:  
18 -- and you will lose your ability to operate a  
19 well if you don't stay in compliance, that's why --  
20 MS. WAGNER:  
21 Right. Yes, that is part of the process, in the  
22 orphaning process, is that if they are, you know,  
23 orphaned due to a regulatory compliance issue, then  
24 their ability to sell oil is taken from them as a step  
25 to try and get them to comply.

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1 MR. LYONS: 13  
2 This is a crazy thought, and I don't want to take  
3 a lot of time, but we probably need to have a meeting  
4 on how we keep people from going on these lists. I  
5 mean, if there was some sort of -- but if a guy is  
6 producing oil and he gets in regulatory trouble, he is  
7 producing, maybe we ought to be producing his well. I  
8 mean, if he is going to walk away, then maybe somebody  
9 could take over those -- maybe not us, but we could  
10 offer them to another operator.  
11 MR. WELSH:  
12 Well, I think that offer is there. I mean --  
13 MS. WAGNER:  
14 Yes.  
15 MR. WELSH:  
16 -- under the Rules, anyone can take over an  
17 orphan --  
18 MR. LYONS:  
19 Do we let people know that these wells might be  
20 available; are they published?  
21 MS. WAGNER:  
22 They're published, yes.  
23 MR. MALEY:  
24 I had a different question. I was thinking maybe  
25 that the poor gas market was putting economic pressure

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1 on operators. Can you characterize what kind of wells 14  
2 these are that are --  
3 MS. WAGNER:  
4 The majority of the ones that were orphaned in  
5 June were in the Shreveport District. I don't know if  
6 -- they were, you know, Greenwood-Waskom Field  
7 Caddo-Pine Island.  
8 MR. MALEY:  
9 Those would be oil wells.  
10 MR. LYONS:  
11 Isn't it true that most of the wells that are  
12 orphaned are in north Louisiana, numbers-wise?  
13 MS. WAGNER:  
14 If you'll look at our -- if you'll go back to  
15 Page 6, the orphan wells remaining statewide, you are  
16 going to see that there are 1,292 orphaned wells in  
17 the Shreveport District.  
18 MR. LYONS:  
19 I think maybe we should have a group look at this  
20 again and see if there is a way to reduce the numbers  
21 of wells that we get every meeting, new orphans. I  
22 don't know what it is. I don't know how we can do  
23 that, but maybe we need to educate some of those -- go  
24 up there with a program to educate those operators to  
25 -- I mean, they shouldn't just be walking away. I

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1 mean, most of these guys are not bad people. They -- 15  
2 for one reason or another, they find themselves in a  
3 situation where they can't afford to P&A the wells and  
4 clean up the sites, and as we know, I mean, the costs  
5 of clean up have gone up since they probably started  
6 operating, and it's kind of scary to them probably at  
7 the end of the life of the well, but if we put a group  
8 together -- and we've talked about this many, many  
9 times, and I think even Don had said he would consider  
10 a bond. I mean, I know he doesn't want a bond for  
11 wells, and I understand, but it's just unfair to  
12 everybody who is paying into the Fund, because these  
13 fellows probably aren't paying much money into the  
14 Fund and never have.  
15 MR. VICKERS:  
16 Yes. It's unfair to see Chevron step up when  
17 they've been out of the chain of custody for so many  
18 years and pay \$1 million.  
19 MR. LYONS:  
20 Yes.  
21 MR. VICKERS:  
22 I mean, these little guys -- well, whether they  
23 are little guys or big guys, I don't know who they are,  
24 but walk away --  
25 MR. LYONS:

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1 Everybody who pays into this Fund is paying for 16  
2 somebody else's clean up, and so they should be -- I  
3 mean, it's sort of an insurance program, but the  
4 operators now are paying for other people's problems  
5 and they have to pay for their own, so they're not  
6 only paying for P&A'ing -- and my point is, most of  
7 these individuals, I'm going to assume, are pretty --  
8 most of them are pretty good people. Why they end up  
9 in this situation, I don't know, but --  
10 MR. WELSH:  
11 There are no major oil companies involved in  
12 these orphaned wells, so you're looking at --  
13 MR. LYONS:  
14 Yes, because the majors are still in business and  
15 have the resources.  
16 MR. WELSH:  
17 Right.  
18 MR. LYONS:  
19 Mainly, what we're looking at, I'm sure, are  
20 small operators, and that is usually the older north  
21 Louisiana wells, not the south. The south Louisiana  
22 wells are generally pretty well financed, deeper  
23 wells, and -- I'm not saying there are none of those.  
24 There certainly are some.  
25 It seems to me there ought to be a way to, you

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1 know, at least reduce the number. Because as has been 17  
2 said before, we keep getting closer to getting halfway  
3 there, or, you know, taking more off of the list than  
4 we put on, and then we just never get there.  
5 Something happens. The price of gas drops, and all of  
6 a sudden, we get 100 wells on the list. Sometimes we  
7 meet and there is ten wells that have been orphaned,  
8 you know, when the price -- everything is up, and  
9 you're right, I think when the price drops and -- I  
10 mean, there are a lot of other factors, a guy may get  
11 sued or something, you know, for clean up, and he just  
12 says I don't have the money to do that.  
13 MR. VICKERS:  
14 It's not right for -- when the times are good,  
15 for a company to come in and take the benefit of it,  
16 and when the times get bad, they walk away and let  
17 somebody else handle their issues.  
18 MR. LYONS:  
19 There is no question about that.  
20 MR. VICKERS:  
21 That's not the way it should be. We've got to  
22 figure out something, and I know, on pure numbers,  
23 when you look at that graph on Page 7, it looks like  
24 we're creeping back up. I know we've changed the  
25 priority -- more focus on Priority 1 wells, which are

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1 going to be more costly but have more potential risk 18  
2 for environmental contamination and damage, so we've  
3 made a fundamental shift of where we're putting our  
4 money, so now we've got to figure out how we can stop  
5 the low-priority wells from coming onto this list and  
6 keep -- to keep our numbers from going up, at the same  
7 time addressing the risks, and where we should be  
8 addressing the risks is in the high-priority wells.  
9 So we have to figure out what that magic --  
10 MR. LYONS:  
11 One way, when an operator comes in and he drills  
12 a well, I mean, he's making a promise to the State  
13 that he is going to plug and abandon and clean it up.  
14 So, even if we only put a bond in effect for new  
15 wells, we would be helping the problem down the road,  
16 the guy has to put up some money or show that he has  
17 resources to properly P&A and remediate the site, and,  
18 you know, that's an understood when he gets a permit,  
19 but, obviously, some people aren't thinking 20 years  
20 down the road or 30 years down the road. They are just  
21 saying, well, I'll have the money to do it, and they  
22 get down to the -- 30 years down the road and they  
23 don't.  
24 MR. VICKERS:  
25 Maybe we should consider a bond for new wells and

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1 a reduced bond for taking over a well. 19  
2 MR. LYONS:  
3 Yes.  
4 MR. VICKERS:  
5 I mean, there are some factors that we can play  
6 with, that if you take over one of the orphaned wells,  
7 to be able to produce, you still have to pay a bond,  
8 but it's not as much as if you were drilling a new  
9 well, and so a percentage or whatever you're looking  
10 at, at least we get something to help, and it sort of  
11 puts a guy on notice that, hey, look, you just can't  
12 turn around and walk away here, because you're going  
13 to hit for the bond.  
14 MR. LYONS:  
15 Well, other states have a bond, don't they, some  
16 of them -- most states? I don't want to take up a lot  
17 of time. This is the sort of thing that may take a  
18 little subcommittee meeting several times to --  
19 MR. WELSH:  
20 It would be wonderful if Mr. Briggs was here.  
21 MR. LYONS:  
22 Right.  
23 MR. WELSH:  
24 But he's not, and I guess, I'll volunteer to  
25 contact him and kind of set something in motion, you

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1 know, thinking about it maybe. 20  
2 MR. LYONS:  
3 You can tell him -- we've talked about this in  
4 these meetings before, but we can't do it -- we can't  
5 really come to an agreement here. As you said, Don is  
6 a key component of that.  
7 MR. WELSH:  
8 Right. It's his membership, I guess, more than  
9 anyone's, so it would be appropriate for him to be --  
10 MR. LYONS:  
11 Yes. I'm just -- you know, we look at these  
12 numbers every time, and it -- the same thought comes  
13 up, how do we keep these --  
14 MR. WELSH:  
15 Well, we have had financial security for a couple  
16 of years now. We'll try to get it the best it can be,  
17 and it is kind of an unpleasant thing to bring up, but  
18 it is necessary.  
19 MR. MALEY:  
20 Well, there are bonding requirements in place for  
21 new entities.  
22 MR. WELSH:  
23 Yes.  
24 MR. MALEY:  
25 And about the limited knowledge --

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1 MR. LYONS: 21  
2 Yes, but these are old.  
3 MR. MALEY:  
4 You're right, these are --  
5 MR. WELSH:  
6 I think what we have now in place for new wells,  
7 you know, you either put up your bond, or if you have  
8 a good four-year history of compliance, you don't have  
9 to put your bond up. I think that's pretty --  
10 acknowledged as being okay by most all the parties.  
11 MR. MALEY:  
12 I think you need to be careful with the solution,  
13 because a lot of these, if they are little gas wells  
14 just making a few mcf a day and you show up and ask  
15 somebody for a \$10,000 bond, you're going to explode  
16 the numbers on this list. I mean, people are just  
17 going to walk away.  
18 MR. WELSH:  
19 Then you have a lot of new orphans.  
20 MR. MALEY:  
21 Right.  
22 MR. LYONS:  
23 That is one of the problems that we've talked  
24 about. Don has indicated that -- you know, he is  
25 willing to talk about a bond, but that is a part of

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1 the reality of it. If you go in there and you ask 22  
2 them to put up enough money to assure that they can  
3 clean the site, they will just walk away, and all of a  
4 sudden, you started out with 100 wells, we've got  
5 10,000 wells.  
6 MR. MALEY:  
7 I guess where I would start is, you know, looking  
8 at the profile of the wells and the operators that are  
9 getting in trouble and becoming orphans, you know,  
10 what is the common threads there and how do you  
11 address those particular problems, rather than going  
12 in and saying, okay, now, all wells have a bonding fee  
13 applied to them.  
14 MR. VICKERS:  
15 Well, I don't think that is the approach that we  
16 -- that all wells go to bonding. I think, as wells  
17 change hands, then there needs to be a bond brought in  
18 at that point, so there can be -- if there is a  
19 transaction that goes on, that can be negotiated in  
20 the transaction, add everything, the bonding fee, and  
21 all of that kind of stuff can be in the transaction.  
22 You don't make a bond blanket-wide for everybody,  
23 okay, you've got to have a bond on every well.  
24 MR. LYONS:  
25 I don't think he was saying that. I think he was

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1 saying that -- and this is what I had -- a follow up 23  
2 on what he said, maybe if you all could put together  
3 some statistics, I mean, just look at it, the number  
4 of wells orphaned, and if you can, you know, get some  
5 numbers, most of them that are stripper wells or most  
6 of them -- what kind of category do they fit in, how  
7 old are they, how long they have been producing, where  
8 are they, so we have an idea of who these people are,  
9 generally speaking, that they end up in the Program,  
10 and then maybe we can tailor something to try and  
11 address those situations. I mean, it would almost be  
12 better to -- well, I don't know.  
13 MR. MALEY:  
14 I would say, you know, in terms of property  
15 transactions between operators, to me, the cash is not  
16 the consideration. It comes down to how are you going  
17 to assure me that this property is not going to come  
18 back to me in the future. I mean, that is often the  
19 seller's primary interest --  
20 MR. LYONS:  
21 Right. Give it away.  
22 MR. MALEY:  
23 -- in terms of selling a property. So, you know,  
24 the chain of title thing, I don't necessarily think it  
25 is a bad thing. The seller should be concerned about

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1 who he is selling to, and if you take away the threat 24  
2 that you're forever absolved of financial  
3 responsibility, then I think you'll see a lot of more  
4 problems, so I am not convinced that the --  
5 MR. LYONS:  
6 Well, most of these --  
7 MR. MALEY:  
8 -- current situation is broken.  
9 MR. LYONS:  
10 If we find that -- and I would assume that these  
11 wells are right on the edge that even -- I mean, it  
12 doesn't matter if the seller pays the bond or the  
13 buyer, the property is not going to support the bond.  
14 I mean, he's telling us -- you know, the current  
15 operator saying, I can't, just doesn't justify maybe  
16 to pay a bond on these wells because they have two or  
17 three years left and the buyer is going to say, well,  
18 I'm not going to pay a bond when the wells have two or  
19 three years left. So we're really talking about a  
20 category of wells that probably are -- that are just  
21 barely making it, and I don't know what you do, you  
22 know, but I would think that maybe a committee could  
23 come up with some ideas because they're going to go on  
24 the list. I mean, we can almost predict in certain  
25 areas that, you know, we're going to get some numbers

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1 like these because they are just -- I would hate to 25  
2 shut them in because they are producing, but by the  
3 same token, you know, it's costing -- it's costing the  
4 industry -- the industry is taking care of these  
5 things, you know, and keeping them alive, and the  
6 payback we get, I don't know if it's worth the  
7 investment by the people who are producing, you know,  
8 the guys who are paying for this Fund so that some guy  
9 can produce 30 mcf, you know, whatever, I don't know  
10 the number, you would have the number, but just a  
11 minimal amount from these wells, a couple of barrels a  
12 day, is -- you know, it's just crazy to be sitting  
13 here watching all these wells go on the orphan list. I  
14 mean, the guy is making money on these wells,  
15 obviously, when they're producing them, and so we're  
16 just all sitting around waiting for him to put them  
17 into this Fund. He's going to make his money and --  
18 MR. VICKERS:  
19 And walk.  
20 MR. LYONS:  
21 -- and walk.  
22 I'm not saying he's -- again, a lot of these  
23 people are good people. They are just -- they weren't  
24 prepared for this. I mean, it's whole new -- it's a  
25 whole new world now, you know, the cost of cleaning up

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1 these sites, and I can understand how many, many 26  
2 operators that were operating back in the '40s, '50s,  
3 '60s started operating, drilled these wells, they had  
4 no idea that they would be facing \$1 million  
5 remediations. They can't afford it.  
6 MR. VICKERS:  
7 Most of them looked at P&A costs, and it was --  
8 not just plugging, but plugging and abandonment costs,  
9 as being so far down the road, when you brought it  
10 back in present-day money, it wasn't anything so don't  
11 worry about that, and now the cost --  
12 MR. LYONS:  
13 Right, and none put money aside.  
14 MR. VICKERS:  
15 -- it -- the law (phonetic) has caught up with  
16 industry here.  
17 MR. LYONS:  
18 Another thing --  
19 MR. VICKERS:  
20 We need to figure out how to fix this.  
21 MR. LYONS:  
22 Another thing is that some of the other states, I  
23 think, have done some things. Oklahoma has done some  
24 things, Texas. We can look at those other states and  
25 say, well, what have they agreed to do, what have the

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1 operators there agreed to do to address it, you know, 27  
2 if, in fact, they are doing better than we are.  
3 MR. VICKERS:  
4 Jim, is this something that IOGCC has addressed,  
5 and I'm sure you all are sharing things back and forth  
6 about what the various states are doing that handle  
7 these type of issues?  
8 MR. WELSH:  
9 IOGCC has a good report on the stripper wells and  
10 things like that, probably -- you're talking about  
11 Oklahoma, they probably have more of that type of well  
12 than any other state, that I know anything about.  
13 MR. VICKERS:  
14 Right.  
15 MR. LYONS:  
16 And I'm not being critical, because, you know, if  
17 it weren't for this Program, imagine where we would  
18 be, you know. We have cleaned -- we have done a lot  
19 of very good work. It's just, can we do better,  
20 that's all, you know. Can we keep some of these sites  
21 off the list and actually get to the point where we've  
22 addressed more than we're seeing added?  
23 MR. MALEY:  
24 We feel like we were filling in the hole and now  
25 digging.

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1 MR. LYONS: 28  
2 Right.  
3 MR. WELSH:  
4 I would imagine that the fathers of this Program  
5 figured by 2012, this Program would be long gone, you  
6 know. It just keeps adding new ones.  
7 MR. LYONS:  
8 And, you know, we talk about raising the fee, in  
9 some respects, if you raise the fee on the good  
10 people, it's just going to -- you know, it's going --  
11 you're going to be pouring -- the good guys are going  
12 to be pouring more money into the hole so the little  
13 guys can walk away, and I'm not blaming anybody. I'm  
14 just saying that is not the answer. It's not  
15 necessarily the answer to --  
16 MR. VICKERS:  
17 It's not the little guys and the big guys.  
18 You've got the stayers and the walkers.  
19 MR. LYONS:  
20 Right.  
21 MR. VICKERS:  
22 You want to keep more of the stayers in there  
23 than the guys walking. Whether they are big or  
24 little, it doesn't really matter.  
25 MR. LYONS:

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1 Well, that's right. 29  
2 MS. GAUTREAU:  
3 So can we maybe make a recommendation that a  
4 working group be formed, including Don so his ideas  
5 get formed in, and staff can assist in developing the  
6 statistics that aid this discussion, including things  
7 that other states are doing about this very same  
8 situation? We can meet -- you can decide if you want  
9 to have one meeting or five meetings.  
10 MR. LYONS:  
11 You want to make that a motion?  
12 MS. GAUTREAU:  
13 I will make that as a motion.  
14 MR. VICKERS:  
15 I'll second.  
16 MR. WELSH:  
17 Okay. We have a motion and a second to form a  
18 working group to study this situation, and, Sarah, if  
19 you could work up some statistics that we're talking  
20 about and maybe -- would you like Sarah to suggest a  
21 working group?  
22 MS. GAUTREAU:  
23 No. I believe that -- I would say that we  
24 nominate Mr. Briggs, since he is not here, and then  
25 let the others volunteer as they see fit, and for

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1 those who are not here today, maybe follow up and see 30  
2 if they are interested in participating.  
3 MR. WELSH:  
4 Okay. We'll add that to the motion to ask Don if  
5 he would head up this effort.  
6 MR. VICKERS:  
7 Now, get off the numbers here just one more  
8 minute.  
9 We need to develop -- since we've changed our  
10 strategy about priority wells and that being the focus  
11 and our risks, we need to come up with a way to start  
12 evaluating -- I don't know if it's to be able to track  
13 that risk reduction, and I don't know if you assign a  
14 1 to a low-priority well and a 4 to a high-priority  
15 well, but --  
16 MS. WAGNER:  
17 If you'll look at Page 6 of the handout, we do  
18 list the orphaned wells by their priority score.  
19 You'll see that we have reduced the number of  
20 Priority 1s, which are the urgent from the last time  
21 we met from 40 down to 29, and I can come up with a  
22 visual graph illustrating --  
23 MR. VICKERS:  
24 Yes. We see this graph -- on Page 7, we see this  
25 graph, and it looks like we're going in reverse.

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1 However, I think, as far as the risk to the 31  
2 environment from these wells, it may actually be --  
3 MS. WAGNER:  
4 A reduction.  
5 MR. VICKERS:  
6 -- more positive than we have represented here,  
7 just pure numbers of wells -- a 2,000' well that has  
8 no pressure on it in north Louisiana does not pose the  
9 same risk as a 20,000' well in south Louisiana.  
10 MS. WAGNER:  
11 Okay. Absolutely. I can do that for the next  
12 meeting.  
13 MR. VICKERS:  
14 Okay.  
15 MS. WAGNER:  
16 Okay. So, to go back to your question.  
17 Mr. Lyons, there are 39 operators that are  
18 associated with those 221 orphaned wells.  
19 MR. LYONS:  
20 So, I mean, there is your one answer there is,  
21 these guys don't have many wells. I've broke out, you  
22 have 40 operators and 200 wells, so they've got five  
23 wells a piece, and so they're really small operators.  
24 It just adds up. The costs add up, you know. You  
25 might say, well, we can handle one guy with five

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1 wells, but, you know, all of a sudden, we've got 40 32  
2 guys and 200 wells, then we've got 400 guys -- it's  
3 very small -- as we call it, it's probably older,  
4 small-production operators.  
5 MS. WAGNER:  
6 I will provide some statistics on that, as well,  
7 at the next meeting, the number of wells associated  
8 with each operator that is orphaned and the size of  
9 the companies and the history on the orphaned  
10 operators.  
11 MR. LYONS:  
12 And you might pull -- if you could, just look at  
13 some of the other states, look at what the IOGCC has.  
14 They probably have some studies, and then look at  
15 Oklahoma, Texas, and see what some of the other  
16 producing states around us have done, and let's just  
17 take a look at those, those types of -- anything you  
18 think that would address the issue. If you have some  
19 suggestions, then that would be good, too.  
20 MR. WELSH:  
21 Prepare a little handout for next time.  
22 MS. WAGNER:  
23 Yes, sir.  
24 MR. WELSH:  
25 Thank you.

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1 MS. WAGNER: 33  
2 Okay. Moving on down the agenda, Item No. V on  
3 the agenda is the OSR projects. If you would turn to  
4 Page 8 in your handout, Line Item No. 1 under "Active  
5 Oilfield Projects" is the emergency bid for a  
6 contractor to provide and install U.S. Coast Guard  
7 approved navigational aids on 164 identified orphan  
8 well sites. This emergency bid proposal was issued  
9 April 6, 2011, in order to accomplish the installation  
10 of navigational aids on the 1A, 1, 2, and 3  
11 priority-ranked sites from the C.H. Fenstermaker  
12 emergency investigation. Currently, 150 are complete  
13 with the appropriate U.S. Coast Guard-approved  
14 navigational aid installed. Seven sites were removed  
15 from the project with a change-order credit because of  
16 safety concerns in accessing the unstable platforms,  
17 and one well was reported leaking and referred to the  
18 U.S. Coast Guard for removal. This reduced the  
19 contract amount to \$611,793.98, and 157 total sites.  
20 We have seven sites remaining for installation, and we  
21 hope to conclude this project by August.  
22 The next Line Item No. 2 lists the 13-well  
23 Lafourche Parish project that was not awarded due to  
24 issues with the bids that were received, and we plan  
25 to rebid this project in fiscal year '13.

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1 Line Item No. 3 details the ten-well, 34  
2 one-facility project located in Caddo-Pine Island  
3 Field, Caddo Parish. The project included one  
4 high-priority scored site and swept nine additional  
5 orphan wells of lower priority score that are in the  
6 area. The project was awarded to Elm Springs. They  
7 completed the well P&A portion and remains active for  
8 site remediation.  
9 Line Item No. 4 details West White Lake Field,  
10 Vermilion Parish, eight-well urgent and high-priority  
11 scored water project. The project was awarded to  
12 Estis Well Service in the amount of \$719,900. The  
13 project will commence work upon receipt of the Coastal  
14 Use Permit. Representative photos from that project  
15 are located on Page 9 in your handout.  
16 Line Item No. 5 details the 17-well, Big Creek  
17 and Monroe Fields, Richland and Morehouse Parishes bid  
18 project that contains one urgent-scored well, two  
19 high-priority scored wells, four moderate-priority  
20 scored wells, and the remaining are low-priority wells  
21 that are in the nearby area. This project was awarded  
22 to Elm Springs for \$351,400, and is currently active  
23 with two wells plugged and abandoned in fiscal year  
24 '12. Representative site photos are provided on  
25 Page 10 of your handout for that project.

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1 Do we have any questions on those active projects? 35  
2 MR. MALEY:  
3 I have a question about the nav-aid project. You  
4 said one of the wells was turned over to Coast Guard  
5 authority?  
6 MS. WAGNER:  
7 We are going to discuss that further.  
8 MR. MALEY:  
9 Okay.  
10 MR. LYONS:  
11 I wonder if -- do you know the publicity issue?  
12 If we could ask Phyllis to -- and I don't know where  
13 to put it, but like this nav-aid thing, if we could  
14 put a little thing in Wildlife and Fisheries that, you  
15 know, the industry and the Fund and the Department  
16 have taken this project on, and we've put navigational  
17 aids on these sites, you know, those kind of things,  
18 just to let people know what we do and we're spending  
19 a lot of money. I don't know what the total amount  
20 was on the navigational aids, but --  
21 MS. WAGNER:  
22 \$611,000.  
23 MR. LYONS:  
24 That was for all of them?  
25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 Yes. 36  
2 MR. LYONS:  
3 Well, I mean, you know, we spent \$600,000 putting  
4 in navigational aids to protect --  
5 MR. WELSH:  
6 I think we had a -- did Phyllis not do a release  
7 on that?  
8 MS. WAGNER:  
9 I am not aware of it.  
10 MR. LYONS:  
11 I know she has done a lot of releases. I just  
12 don't know if she's done one since we've begun that  
13 project.  
14 MR. WELSH:  
15 -- Wildlife and Fisheries book.  
16 MS. GAUTREAUX:  
17 I'm wondering, would it be appropriate at some  
18 point to -- I don't know if this would be -- take too  
19 much energy, but get on the Wildlife and Fisheries  
20 Commission calendar or agenda to just give a brief  
21 overview of the Program and what is going on in the  
22 coastal zone, including this.  
23 MR. WELSH:  
24 I think we probably should work with Phyllis for  
25 that.

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1 MS. GAUTREAUX: 37  
2 Oh, definitely work with Phyllis. Would that be  
3 an opportunity that anybody would think would require  
4 too much time?  
5 MR. WELSH:  
6 I think it would be a good agenda item for the  
7 Commission.  
8 MR. VICKERS:  
9 Be careful if you go to Wildlife and Fisheries  
10 and talking to the hunters. If hunters are walking  
11 through the swamps, they might find more orphaned  
12 wells.  
13 MR. MALEY:  
14 Is there an operating budget that is going to  
15 keep the nav aids maintained? I mean, whose  
16 responsibility is that?  
17 MS. WAGNER:  
18 The wells are being inspected on an annual basis  
19 to check that the nav aid is still active and working  
20 properly, and we're also going to have to -- when this  
21 project is completed, we will have to go out with one  
22 additional project to maintain the nav aids that we  
23 bought that were taken off of projects that we've  
24 plugged, maintain those, make sure they are in working  
25 order, install ones on additional sites as they become

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1 orphaned, so there will be an additional project, and 38  
2 I'm not sure that those funds will be necessary to  
3 maintain this.  
4 MR. MALEY:  
5 I'm not sure that annually is sufficient  
6 frequency to maintain those things in a working order  
7 because lights go out and batteries run dry and a lot  
8 of stuff out in the marsh grows legs and walks away on  
9 its own, that is a problem that most operators  
10 experience.  
11 The other question I've got is about liability.  
12 Has anyone talked about the assumption of liability to  
13 keep them lit once they are lit? Because there is a  
14 lot of things that are kind of in gray area, but once  
15 the step is taken to put a light on it, there is an  
16 ongoing obligation to keep it lit, and then if there  
17 is an accident, you know, you'll have a lot of  
18 questions about why wasn't it operating.  
19 MR. LYONS:  
20 I think we talked about that, and it was -- I  
21 mean, that's an issue.  
22 MR. WELSH:  
23 We were talking about spending money for those  
24 lights, about the liability you incur and the  
25 maintenance of that and what happens if something --

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1 you know, unfortunately, Blake is not here today. He 39  
2 is upstairs on a conference call, but he is very  
3 familiar with that part of the discussion.  
4 MS. WAGNER:  
5 And we can provide Mr. Maley with the transcript  
6 from the Commission meeting where the contractor came  
7 and talked about -- and he gave that great  
8 presentation on the type of nav aids that were  
9 installed, you know, the self-enclosed nav aids that  
10 we installed on all these, solar lights, that might be  
11 helpful as well to answer some of those questions, and  
12 he talked about some of the liability issues, as well.  
13 MR. LYONS:  
14 And one of the -- a suggestion, we're inspecting  
15 wells all the time in State waters, and if the  
16 inspectors could -- if we could identify the locations  
17 where these navigational aids have been installed and  
18 ask them when they're going to locations just to check  
19 them out, check a box and say, yes, it's working, no,  
20 it's not working.  
21 MR. WELSH:  
22 I think that is included -- Chris, is that not on  
23 the inspector's --  
24 MR. SANDOZ:  
25 (Nods head.)

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1 MR. LYONS: 40  
2 I don't mean inspecting that facility. I mean,  
3 if he's in the area, he can just take a look, you  
4 know, there is this facility there with a State  
5 installed nav aid, and would you just check a box or  
6 something that it's working, because he's going to go  
7 right by it. He's going to be within eyesight of it,  
8 and that would give us something.  
9 MS. WAGNER:  
10 And we also installed placards on all of the  
11 sites that we installed the navigational aids, so that  
12 if anyone in the area notices a leak associated with  
13 it or anything about the nav aid not working to  
14 contact the number on the sign.  
15 MR. LYONS:  
16 What is the bag limit on those things, you think?  
17 MS. WAGNER:  
18 Okay. Now if we'd move on to the projects  
19 completed section since we last met. On Page 8, the  
20 first project on the list is the four-well, two-pits,  
21 and one-site remediation project located in Redoak  
22 Lake, Red River-Bull Bayou, and Wildcat Fields in Red  
23 River Parish, and it was completed at a final cost of  
24 \$347,275.  
25 The second project that was completed since our

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1 April Commission meeting is the nine urgent and 41  
2 high-priority scored well project in Point Chicot and  
3 Wildcat Fields, Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes, and  
4 that was completed at a cost of \$809,300.  
5 If you'd turn to Page 11 in your handout, this  
6 page outlines one of the main projects for fiscal year  
7 '13. The U.S. Coast Guard identified this Bay  
8 Marchand Block 2 site as an area of concern due to its  
9 location at the edge of a heavily-traveled channel,  
10 Belle Pass, which is off the coast of Lafourche  
11 Parish. Since a navigational aid was not installed at  
12 this location due to the concern regarding structural  
13 integrity of the well jacket, it was determined this  
14 removal should be top priority in fiscal year '13.  
15 Additionally, the nearby Lake Raccourci well may be  
16 included into the project to help defray the  
17 mobilization and demobilization costs associated with  
18 a one-well project.  
19 Page 12 illustrates the next proposed project for  
20 fiscal year '13, located in Wildcat and Caddo-Pine  
21 Island Field, Bossier and Caddo Parishes. It contains  
22 12 orphaned wells for plug and abandonment to be  
23 released for bid in the first quarter of fiscal year  
24 '13. This project contains one urgent-scored well.  
25 Depending on available funds, the Program plans

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1 on reissuing the Coffee Bay, Kings Ridge, and Lake 42  
2 Enfermer Fields project located in Lafourche Parish  
3 that was not awarded in fiscal year '12 due to the  
4 issues with the bids that were received.  
5 Item VI on the agenda is Federal and third-party  
6 activity. We continue to refer orphan wells on land  
7 that we believe might meet the OPA-90 Federal removal  
8 qualifications to the EPA for removal action. The EPA  
9 recently completed a removal action in Starks Field,  
10 Calcasieu Parish, at no cost to the Program, that  
11 resulted in a leaking well plugged and abandoned.  
12 The U.S. Coast Guard Port Arthur Sector is  
13 currently evaluating plug and abandonment of an orphan  
14 well located in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of  
15 Cameron Parish, and that is illustrated on Page 13 in  
16 your handout, and this is the well that was part of  
17 the navigational project that was discovered leaking.  
18 The well is periodically spraying condensate. If the  
19 Coast Guard decides not to plug and abandon this well,  
20 this abandonment project would supersede the  
21 previously discussed fiscal year '13 projects, and I  
22 should know by the first of the week whether or not  
23 the U.S. Coast Guard is going to move forward with  
24 P&A'ing. If the Program does plug and abandon this  
25 well, it would take a significant portion of the

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1 Program's fiscal year '13 budget, because the well, 43  
2 you can see, is leaning and the wellhead has  
3 deteriorated in such a condition that it is just kind  
4 of hanging by the tubing.  
5 Item VII on the agenda concerns old business.  
6 The revised priority score system was discussed in  
7 detail at the April Commission meeting, and a  
8 conference call with a few of the Commission members  
9 was suggested to address Commission Member Paul Frey's  
10 concern regarding the low score attributed to wells  
11 located on farm land. Mr. Frey was contacted to  
12 schedule the conference call and indicated that a  
13 conference call was no longer necessary, and that his  
14 concerns are addressed in the new potential economic  
15 development category which agriculture and timber use  
16 of the land would apply to increase the associated  
17 wells' priority score. The revised priority system is  
18 included in your handout on Page 14, and staff began  
19 using this system to prioritize our orphan inspections  
20 on July 1st, the beginning of the new fiscal year.  
21 Item No. VII(B) on the agenda addresses the  
22 policy for removal of contractors from the approved  
23 contractor's list. This has been discussed at several  
24 Commission meetings. Page 15 in your handout contains  
25 the policy that was provided in May to the current

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1 list of approved Oilfield Site Restoration contractors 44  
2 detailing the removal policy.  
3 OSR staff is currently recommending the removal  
4 of one approved contractor, Roger Hebert Enterprises.  
5 Staff has been unable to make contact with the company  
6 or find a valid mailing address online. All  
7 correspondence has been returned as undeliverable, and  
8 the contractor's license number is no longer active.  
9 So we recommend a vote from the Commission on removal.  
10 MR. WELSH:  
11 This is going to take a vote to do this, to  
12 remove them?  
13 MS. WAGNER:  
14 Yes.  
15 MR. WELSH:  
16 Okay.  
17 MS. WAGNER:  
18 And the reason that we have to have the  
19 Commission vote to remove is because the Commission  
20 votes to put them on the list.  
21 If the Commission would like to defer on having  
22 to vote on removal and just, as long as the  
23 contractors fall within the policy, then they -- you  
24 know, they are in violation and not providing us the  
25 information that we need or we cannot contact them,

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1 then they can be removed that way. 45  
2 MR. WELSH:  
3 Does that take a motion? I mean, I think --  
4 MR. VICKERS:  
5 I make a motion we remove them.  
6 MR. LYONS:  
7 I'll second.  
8 MR. WELSH:  
9 Okay. Motion made and seconded that it be done  
10 administratively, I guess.  
11 MR. LYONS:  
12 Oh, yes. They would do it. We're just going to  
13 ask --  
14 MS. WAGNER:  
15 Does the Commission want to vote each time we  
16 want to remove a contractor from the list?  
17 MR. LYONS:  
18 I think we probably have to. I mean, if we vote  
19 to approve them, then I assume we have to vote to take  
20 them off.  
21 MR. WELSH:  
22 Okay. Is there any objection to removing that  
23 contractor from the list?  
24 (No response.)  
25 MR. WELSH:

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1 Seeing none, these are off the list. 46  
2 MS. WAGNER:  
3 Thank you.  
4 Item VIII on the agenda is new business. We have  
5 one contractor --  
6 MR. VICKERS:  
7 You are going to notify them that they are off  
8 the list, right?  
9 MS. WAGNER:  
10 That notification will be returned to us.  
11 MR. MALEY:  
12 I would -- the name of the individual is listed  
13 as Herbert in the database and Hebert is the name of  
14 the company, so it would probably be worth  
15 double-checking to make sure that that typo wasn't --  
16 MR. WELSH:  
17 It's either Hebert or Herbert. We don't know.  
18 MR. MALEY:  
19 It's probably Hebert, I would imagine, since that  
20 is the name of the company, but -- in looking for  
21 somebody in Google and -- it's not going to find  
22 Hebert if you're looking for Herbert.  
23 MR. LYONS:  
24 And if she sent it to Herbert, it probably won't  
25 go to Hebert in Broussard or wherever he is.

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1 MR. MALEY: 47  
2 I'm comfortable that all the steps have been  
3 taken to communicate. I just don't know, you know --  
4 MR. VICKERS:  
5 If they no longer have a contractor's license,  
6 they can't work.  
7 MS. WAGNER:  
8 That's correct. They wouldn't be able to bid  
9 anyway.  
10 MR. VICKERS:  
11 They won't be able to bid anyway, so it's a moot  
12 point.  
13 MS. WAGNER:  
14 Item No. VIII on the agenda is new business. We  
15 have one contractor to consider for approval to the  
16 Oilfield Site Restoration contractor's list, Acadian  
17 Engineers and Environmental Consultants, Incorporated,  
18 has submitted a complete application reviewed by staff.  
19 They are interested in bidding on plug and abandonment  
20 projects comprising of wells statewide that are less  
21 than 5,000' deep, as well as site restoration and  
22 performing assessments.  
23 The current list of contractors is provided on  
24 the last page of your handout. If the Commission  
25 approved Acadian Engineers, and with the removal of

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1 Roger Hebert Enterprises, the approved contractor's 48  
2 list would remain at 68.  
3 MR. WELSH:  
4 So you're looking for a vote on that?  
5 MS. WAGNER:  
6 On adding Acadian Engineers and Environmental  
7 Consultants.  
8 MR. WELSH:  
9 Is there any discussion on Acadian Engineers?  
10 (No response.)  
11 MR. WELSH:  
12 Do I hear a motion they be approved?  
13 MR. VICKERS:  
14 I'll make the motion.  
15 MR. WELSH:  
16 Motion made.  
17 MR. LYONS:  
18 Second.  
19 MR. WELSH:  
20 Seconded.  
21 Any discussion?  
22 (No response.)  
23 MR. WELSH:  
24 You can add Acadian Engineers.  
25 MS. WAGNER:

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1 Thank you very much. 49  
2 MR. LYONS:  
3 I just have a quick question. I assume we're  
4 happy with all of these people. Do we ever run into  
5 people that we -- who we would like to take off the  
6 list? I mean, you all work with them every day. I am  
7 assuming that you all would recommend to us something  
8 if you were not satisfied with the work you've seen  
9 done. I mean, we just put these people on, and have  
10 no idea, other than your recommendation that they be  
11 added on, and you're limited to the qualifications,  
12 you know -- if they meet those qualifications on a  
13 piece of paper, then you certify them, but then you  
14 work with them and you get a little better information  
15 about what kind of service they provide, and I'm  
16 assuming -- I don't ever remember taking anybody off  
17 the list for --  
18 MS. WAGNER:  
19 The only time that a contractor has been removed  
20 from the list, other than just the one that we just  
21 removed, was for inability to obtain financial  
22 assurance as part of the bid specifications and unable  
23 to meet their contractual obligations.  
24 MR. LYONS:  
25 But you are happy with -- you would recommend to

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1 us if you ran into a problem with some people on this 50  
2 list; would you not?  
3 MS. WAGNER:  
4 Yes.  
5 MR. LYONS:  
6 Okay.  
7 MR. WELSH:  
8 So you've scrutinized the applicant, and then you  
9 make a recommendation?  
10 MS. WAGNER:  
11 When we make a recommendation for a contractor to  
12 be added to the approved list, all we're looking at is  
13 that they have a Louisiana contractor's license and  
14 that they've submitted all the requested documents and  
15 that they can obtain the insurance that is required  
16 for them to do work.  
17 MR. VICKERS:  
18 I think what Mike is asking, have any of our guys  
19 that are out there watching these guys work ever had  
20 to run any of them off the job?  
21 MS. WAGNER:  
22 Okay. Could you repeat that? I'm sorry.  
23 MR. VICKERS:  
24 In the oilfield, it's a common practice, if  
25 you're not doing your job, you're off the job, pack

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1 your stuff and go home. 51  
2 Have our guys out there that are watching these  
3 guys do this work, have they ever been in a situation  
4 where these guys are not performing well, they're not  
5 doing what we asked them to do, and it's time for them  
6 to pack their stuff and go home?  
7 MS. WAGNER:  
8 That has not been brought to my attention, as of  
9 yet, but we do -- we have pre-project spec meetings  
10 before a contractor goes out on location to begin any  
11 of these projects, and we give our agents instructions  
12 that are unsafe practices or unfair -- or are not  
13 following the bid specifications, that they are to let  
14 us know so that we can take the appropriate action.  
15 MR. VICKERS:  
16 Okay. Thank you.  
17 MS. WAGNER:  
18 Okay. If there are no other topics of discussion  
19 from the Commission members, that is all I have  
20 prepared to present today.  
21 MR. WELSH:  
22 Okay. We've got some suggested dates for the  
23 next meeting, and we'll go with those, and if that's  
24 okay, we'll put that on the agenda.  
25 Is there any further discussion about anything?

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1 (No response.) 52  
2 MR. WELSH:  
3 Okay. I appreciate everyone coming. We do  
4 appreciate it, making a quorum. We've got a good  
5 Program, and we thank Sarah and her staff for doing a  
6 good job.  
7 The meeting is adjourned.  
8 MS. WAGNER:  
9 Thank you.  
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I, MICHELLE S. ABADIE, Certified Court Reporter,  
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July 19, 2012, in the Department of Conservation  
Hearing Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; that I did report  
the proceedings thereof; that the foregoing pages,  
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CERTIFICATE

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I, MICHELLE S. ABADIE, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing Oilfield Site Restoration Commission meeting was conducted before James Welsh, Commissioner of Conservation, on July 19, 2012, in the Department of Conservation Hearing Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; that I did report the proceedings thereof; that the foregoing pages, numbered 1 through 52, inclusive, constitute a true and correct transcript of the proceedings thereof.



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