DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2025

The Meeting of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, beginning at 9:07 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Andrew Young, Chairman of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee, called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

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

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

The following members were recorded as absent:

Benjamin C. Bienvenu

The Chairman announced that a quorum was established.

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

I. Oilfield Site Restoration Program

1. OSR monthly report for the Board

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

2. Information regarding priority list for P&A

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

3. Information regarding Financial Security coverage amount increase plan in response to Legislative Auditor report on OSR operations

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

4. State Contractor applications for OSR work

   A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd for the deferral of the State Contractor applications until the September 2025 meeting. His motion was seconded by Mr. Degan and unanimously adopted by the Committee. **(Resolution No. NRTA-25-08-001)**

II. LORA Program

1. Update on monthly monthly invoicing and collection amounts

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

2. List of operators delinquent for R4 operations

   Informational only, and no committee action required.

XI. Adjournment

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, beginning at 9:48 a.m. in the LaBelle Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, First Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

Sidney W. Degan, III, Chairman
J. Todd Hollenshead, Vice-Chairman
Andrew Young, Secretary Gray's Designee
Robert D. Watkins
Magnus J. "Jake" Arceneaux IV
Matthew G. Moncla
Charles W. "Wes" Shepherd Sr.

The following members were recorded as absent:

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

The Chairman announced that a quorum was established.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Approval of the July 9, 2025 Minutes

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the approval of the July 9, 2025 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hollenshead adopt the July 9, 2025 Minutes as submitted, and to waive reading said minutes in entirety. His motion was seconded by Mr. Watkins and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time.

V. Staff Reports

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

a) Lease Review Report – Presented by Jason Talbot, Petroleum Scientist Manager, Geology and Engineering Division

b) Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, Mineral Income Division

c) Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

d) Legal and Title Controversy Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

e) Docket Review Report – Presented by Greg Roberts, Energy Lands Director, Energy Lands Division

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

a) LEASE REVIEW REPORT
August 13, 2025
(Resolution Nos. 25-08-001 and 26-08-002)

I. GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING STAFF REVIEW

According to the SONRIS database, there are 941 active State Leases containing approximately 401,064 acres. Since the last Lease Review Report, the Geological and Engineering Division reviewed 73 leases covering approximately 27,061 acres for lease maintenance and development.

II. BOARD REVIEW

1. Mr. Jason Talbot with the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR Staff) gave a report to the Board on Henergy Caddo Pine Island LLC (Henergy), Lessee and Field Operator, State Lease 173, Caddo Pine Island Field, Caddo Parish

   At the July 9, 2025 meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board), the Staff informed the Board that an extension was granted to July 31, 2025 for Henergy to provide a written response of previously requested information.

   Henergy failed to submit a written response to the Staff by the deadline of July 31, 2025. However, Henergy did send a response by email to OMR Staff the morning of this meeting, and Mr. Young read Henergy's response to the Board during this report.

   After consideration and discussion of this matter, the Board deferred any action on this matter until the September 10, 2025 meeting and requested that Henergy appear before the Board and provide reporting on seismic data and plug and abandonment plans.

2. Mr. Jason Talbot with the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR Staff) gave a report to the Board on Cox Oil, LLC (Cox) Lessee and Field Operator, State Lease 195, Quarantine Bay Field; Plaquemines Parish.

   The Quarantine Bay portion of State Lease 195 (approx. 15,357 acres) was identified as being without production since December 2023. On April 21, 2025, the Staff sent a certified letter requiring Cox to restore production to the lease along with a development plans or release the entirety of the lease premises by June 5, 2025.

   On May 14, 2025, Cox responded to Staffs letter stating that a plan would be forthcoming. As of date, the Staff has not received Cox's plan or an offer to release the lease premises.

   Upon motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the Board voted unanimously to grant authorization to the Louisiana Attorney General's Office to place

Cox Oil, LLC on official demand to provide a plan to restore production along with lease development plans for State Lease No. 195 located in the Quarantine Bay Field, or alternatively, execute a release of the lease premises by a specified date.

III. FORCE MAJEURE

1. Mr. Jason Talbot with the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR Staff) gave a report to the Board on Texas Petroleum Investment (TPIC).

   At the July 9, 2025 meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board), TPIC sought approval to continue to make shut-in payments for their Rigolets Field state leasehold – State Lease Nos. 6646 & 6647 & Operating Agreement A0322. The Board deferred the approval until the August 13, 2025 meeting to allow for discussion between OMR Staff and TPIC on a possible relief due to ongoing pipeline issues. Since that time, TPIC paid shut-in payments on the two state leases but after much consideration, TPIC decided to allow the operating agreement to terminate by not making a shut-in payment on A0322

   Upon motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hollenshead, the Board voted unanimously to accept TPIC's eighth (8th) semi-annual shut-in payments for the period of 8/17/2025 to 2/17/2026 for State Lease Nos. 6646 & 6647 and authorize TPIC to make a ninth (9th) semi-annual shut-in payment for said leases for the period of 2/18/2026 to 8/17/2026.

b) AUDIT REPORT

August 13, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-08-003)

The Board heard the report of Ms. Taletha Shorter, Audit Director, on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, relative to the following:

I. MINERAL INCOME MONTHLY STATISTICS REVIEW

As of July 31, 2025, field audit collections totaled $7,647.53 in royalty exceptions. In the month of July, 1 audit was engaged. The current number of open royalty audits is 33.

Royalties collected in July 2025 and Fiscal Year to Date totaled $11,255,625.48, as compared to last year's Fiscal Year to Date Royalties of $12,413,057.44 as of July 31, 2024.

Monthly state royalty reports submitted in July totaled 233, which includes 81 SR1s for oil, 132 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. Staff report to the Board that the election for August 2025 gas royalty is to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement.

   Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and approve the election of the August 2025 gas royalty to be paid on a processed basis at the Discovery Plant at Larose and the Sea Robin Plant at Henry per the terms of the State Texaco Global Settlement Agreement. **(Resolution No. 25-08-003)**

c) NOMINATION AND TRACT REPORT
August 13, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-08-004)

The Board heard the report of Mr. Greg Roberts on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, relative to nominations received in the Office of Mineral Resources for the October 8th, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale and other matters.

I. PRESENT LEASE SALE

A. Approval by the State Mineral and Energy Board (Board) was previously granted to the Staff of the Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) to process and advertise the six (6) tracts that were nominated for the August 13, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR received ten (10) nominations for advertisement concerning the August 14, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

II. FUTURE LEASE SALE

A. Ten (10) nominations for advertisement were received by OMR for the October 8, 2025 Mineral Lease Sale.

By comparison, OMR advertised five (5) nominations associated with the October 9, 2024 Mineral Lease Sale.

Based on Staff's recommendation, and on motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, and by unanimous vote of the Board, the Board granted authority to advertise all such tracts that have been received by OMR as well as any tracts that have been previously nominated and rolled over, and to otherwise approve the Nomination and Tract Report **(Resolution No. 25-08-004)**.

d) LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT

August 13, 2025
(Resolution No. 25-08-005)

1. A request by Sportsman Solar Energy LLC, an affiliate of Invenergy, LLC ("Sportsman") to enter into a Surface Use, Waiver, and Accommodation Agreement ("Accommodation Agreement") covering state owned mineral servitudes in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

   The State of Louisiana owns mineral servitudes comprising approximately 119 acres. The surface estate covering these mineral servitudes are owned by private individuals. Sportsman currently holds the rights to construct, operate and maintain a utility scale solar facility on such lands, along with much of the adjoining acreage. In order to proceed with certainty that any surface facilities constructed by Sportsman will not be disturbed for future mineral development, Sportsman is seeking an Accommodation Agreement from the State of Louisiana. In the Accommodation Agreement, the State would be contractually agreeing that any mineral development of the mineral servitudes will be by directional drilled no less than 500 feet below the surface and/or by unitization from a surface location off of the mineral servitudes. Most importantly, the parties would be agreeing that the State and its mineral lessees or grantees will not conduct operations on the surface or within the 500 feet below the surface of the mineral servitudes.

   Upon motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the Board voted unanimously to authorize OMR Staff to enter into discussions and negotiations with Sportsman Solar Energy LLC regarding for an Accommodation Agreement.

   A presentation was given to the Board by Chris Peyton of Sportsman. There were no other comments from the public on this matter. **(Resolution No. 25-08-005)**

2. An update on development of the process for submitting and evaluating proposals for wind energy production on state-owned land.

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

e) DOCKET REVIEW REPORT

August 13, 2025

(Resolution No(s). 25-08-006 through 25-08-020)

The Board heard the report from Greg Roberts on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, relative to the following:

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

Category B: State Lease Transfers
Docket Item Nos. 1 through 13

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

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

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

Category B: State Lease Transfers
Approve Docket Item Nos. 1 through 13
(Resolution Nos. 25-08-006 through 25-08-018)

Category D: Advertised Proposals
Approve Docket Items Nos. 1 and 2
(Resolution Nos. 25-08-019 and 25-08-020)

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

Mr. Shiroda presented the report for the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Hollenshead to accept the recommendations of the NRTA Committee. His motion was seconded by Mr. Watkins and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time. **(Resolution No 25-08-021)**

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 11:15 a.m.

Upon a roll call vote of the Board Members, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:52 a.m. for consideration of the following matters discussed in Executive Session:

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

   Item was information only, and no Board action was taken.

b. Technical Briefing on Bids

VIII. Awarding of Leases

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

Mr. Talbot reported that six (6) tracts were up for bid at today's lease sale with a total of four (4) bids received.

The following was Staff's recommendations on the one (1) tract Mr. Talbot discussed in detail:

Upon review of the competitive bids received on Tract No. 45950, Staff recommended accepting the bid of Mark A. O'Neal & Associates Inc.

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

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

Tract 45946
(Entire: 19.178 acres)

Bidder:	Stamper, LLC
Primary Term:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment:	$67,123.00
Annual Rental:	$33,561.50
Royalties:	25.1% on oil and gas 25.1% on other minerals
Additional Consideration:	None

Tract 45950(1)
(Entire: 240.000 acres)

Bidder:	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates Inc.
Primary Term:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment:	$240,480.00
Annual Rental:	$12,240.00
Royalties:	22.5% on oil and gas 22.5% on other minerals
Additional Consideration:	None

Tract 45951
(Entire: 6.838 acres)

Bidder:	Chesapeake Louisiana, L.P.
Primary Term:	Three (3) years
Cash Payment:	$21,197.80
Annual Rental:	$10,598.90
Royalties:	25% on oil and gas 25% on other minerals
Additional Consideration:	None

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

This concluded the awarding of the leases.

IX. New Business

b. Discussion of Executive Order JML 25-72 – State Lease Royalty Reduction Initiative

A motion was made by Mr. Hollenshead to acknowledge the directives of Executive order JML 25-72 and express support for development of a meaningful royalty reduction program, including collaboration with the LSU Center for Energy Studies. His motion was seconded by Mr. Watkins and unanimously adopted by the Board. No public comments were made at this time. **(Resolution No 25-08-022)**

X. Announcements

Mr. Young stated that the total cash payments received for the August 13, 2025 Lease Sale totaled $328,800.80, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to $354,703.30.

XI. Adjournment

The Chairman then stated that there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Moncla, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. NRTA-25-08-001
[NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY]

WHEREAS, John Shiroda, Executive Director of the Natural Resources Trust Authority (NRTA), and Roby Fulkerson, Executive Director of the Oil Field Site Restoration Program (OSR), advised the Board of multiple candidates with pending applications for admission onto the OSR approved State Contractor list;

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NRTA Committee does hereby defer consideration of the the State Contractor applications for OSR work until the September 10, 2025 meeting.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 13th day of August, 2025 of the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-021
[NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST AUTHORITY]

WHEREAS, John Shiroda, Executive Director of the Natural Resources Trust Authority (NRTA), and Roby Fulkerson, Executive Director of the Oil Field Site Restoration Program (OSR), presented the August 13, 2025 NRTA Report to the NRTA Committee of the Board regarding updates on the OSR Program and the Louisiana Oilfield Restoration Association Program; and

WHEREAS, the NRTA Report included a request for approval of multiple candidates with pending applications for admission onto the OSR approved State Contractor list; and

WHEREAS, the NRTA Committee voted to defer consideration of the State Contractor applications for OSR work to the September 10, 2025 meeting; and

WHEREAS, in open meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board following the meeting of its NRTA Committee, the State Mineral and Energy Board received an overview of the information presented to the Natural Resources Trust Authority Committee and was advised of its decision to defer consideration of the State Contractor applications for OSR work until the September 10, 2025 meeting;

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Mineral and Energy Board acknowledged and approved the August 13, 2025 NRTA Report and affirmed the NRTA Committee's vote to defer consideration of the State Contractor applications for OSR work until the September 10, 2025 meeting.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 13th day of August, 2025 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.

ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY
STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD