

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING  
MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2025

Pursuant to Sections 45.2-1609.C and 45.2-1624.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held its scheduled monthly hearing commencing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Those who wish to join the meeting online, please contact the Gas and Oil office at 276-393-5507, prior to the day of the hearing. If you wish to call-in to the meeting, you may do so by dialing 1-434-230-0065, Conference ID: 847072378#.

Board members present were Bill Harris (Public Representative), Bruce A. Prather (Oil and Gas Industry Representative), Donald Lewis Ratliff (Coal Industry Representative), Gus W. Janson (Public Representative), Mary Gibson (Public Representative), Patrick Owens (Public Representative) and Willart Cochran (Virginia Energy Representative).

Also present were Bradley Boyd (Gas and Oil Manager of Safety and Permitting), Eric M. Lansing (Assistant Attorney General), Jessica Cooper (Assistant Attorney General), Lydia Sinemus (Program Administration Manager II), Phil Skorupa (Director, Division of Gas and Oil) and Sarah Gilmer (Division of Gas and Oil).

1. The Board reviewed/approved the remote attendance resolution for any board member(s) that attended the meeting remotely.

The docket item was approved.

The Board met in closed session. The Board members agreed to the following question during the exit poll: "To the best of your knowledge, did the Board restrict its hearing, discussion, and consideration in closed session to: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened?" All Board Members responded "yes."

2. The Board received public comments.

There were no public comments.

3. The First Bank and Trust Company, Escrow Agent for the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, appeared to address the Board on the Quarterly/End of Year Report.

The Quarterly/End of Year (2024) Report was presented to the Board by Jody Maney with First Bank and Trust Company. The Board voted to escheat to the Virginia Department of Treasury the "Outstanding Checks" that have not been cashed after funds have been held in the account for one year.

4. A petition from Keyrock Energy LLC, for modification of pooling order M-26-1, Docket No. VGOB 24-0220-4280, Paragraph 9.2. Unit: Keyrock M-26-1. Docket Number VGOB 24-0220-4280-01.

The docket item was continued to February, 2025.

5. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 1B, 1C, and 5B, as depicted upon the annexed table; (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to McGuire Hurt Heirs Trust, Jamie Cantrell, Cathleen Arrington and Penny Falck. Unit W37. Docket Number VGOB 98-0324-0632-07.

The docket item was approved. The account continues.

6. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for pooling under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field II. Unit Y34. Docket Number VGOB 24-1217-4298. Continued from December 2024.

The docket item was continued to February, 2025.

7. The Board received an update of Board and Division activities from the staff.

Mr. Skorupa updated the board that the division is continuing to process coal dismissal and treasury disbursement petitions as they are submitted by the operators.

8. The Board reviewed the December 2024 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 11:53 a.m.