

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING  
MINUTES AUGUST 19, 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, August 19, 2025. Location: Virginia Energy Big Stone Gap office, 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219. Those who wish to call-in to the meeting may do so by dialing 1-434-230 -0065, Conference ID: 847072378#. If you wish to join virtually online, please contact the Division of Gas and Oil at 276-523-8137 for the meeting link.

Board members present were Bill Harris (Public Representative), Gus W. Janson (Public Representative), Lawton Mullins (Oil and Gas 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 the remote attendance resolution(s) for board member(s) that attended the meeting remotely.

There were no board members that attended the meeting remotely. All board members were present.

2. The Board received public comments.

Mr. Paul Cole spoke regarding why his royalty payments are being paid into escrow instead of direct pay. A representative from Diversified Production was present and spoke with Mr. Cole to assist him with his inquiry.

Mr. Mark Stookey spoke to the board regarding his concerns with the increase of the AFE on the docket for the Keyrock Energy unit Honey Camp # 1 in which he is interested in participating.

3. Keyrock Energy, LLC, reported to the Board revisions made to the AFE regarding unit Honey Camp # 1, Docket Number VGOB 23-1219-4279-01. The docket item was previously approved at the July 2025 meeting.

The Board denied Keyrock's request to revise the AFE.

4. A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for re-pooling under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field. Unit VC-504365. Docket Number VGOB 23-0418-4261-01.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

5. 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."

A petition from Diversified Production to transfer the right to operate all units listed in the petition that were established by Board Order from Summit Appalachia Operating, LLC, to Diversified Production. Docket Number VGOB 25-0819-4319.

The docket item was continued to November, 2025. The Board continued the docket item to allow Diversified Production to properly notice each owner having an interest underlying the tracts of each unit as per Virginia Code § 45.2-1618.

6. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for re-pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field II. Unit G39. Docket Number VGOB 06-0221-1577-02. Continued from July 2025.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

7. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field II. Unit G38. Docket Number VGOB 25-0617-4308. Continued from July 2025.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

8. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field II. Unit G37. Docket Number VGOB 25-0617-4309. Continued from July 2025.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

9. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Field II. Unit F37. Docket Number VGOB 25-0715-4312. Continued from July 2025.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

10. A petition from Diversified Production, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Fields I & II. Unit F37. Docket Number VGOB 25-0819-4320.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

11. A petition from Pocahontas Gas, LLC, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field II. Unit F38. Docket Number VGOB 25-0715-4311. Continued from July 2025.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

12. A petition from Diversified Production, for pooling under Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Fields I & II. Unit F38. Docket Number VGOB 25-0819-4321.

The docket item was continued to October, 2025. The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the issues underlying this petition. The Board voted to have a formal hearing to hear the issues regarding this item on September 16, 2025.

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

Mr. Skorupa announced at the beginning of the meeting, that the September 16, 2025, formal hearing will be held at Mountain Empire Community College in room P214/215 on the 2nd floor of Phillips-Taylor Hall. He also announced that Gus Janson has now been appointed "Chairman" of the Gas and Oil Board as per Governor Younkin's appointment.

14. The Board reviewed the July 2025 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 3:43 p.m.