

A meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in the office of the Department of Finance, State Building, Los Angeles, at 11 a.m., September 1, 1938.

Present were:

A. E. Stockburger, Chairman  
Harry B. Riley, Member

Absent was:

George J. Hatfield, Member

The minutes of the meeting of August 23, 1938, were approved as presented. At the request of the Chairman, no action was taken upon the minutes of the meeting of August 9, 1938.

The Executive Officer reported to the Commission that three bids had been received at 10:15 a.m. of that date in response to "Notice of Intention" of State Lands Commission to enter into agreements for the extraction of oil and gas from certain tidelands at Huntington Beach by means of wells drilled from the uplands, as follows:

West Central Oil Co., Ltd.,  
Southwest Exploration Company,  
U. S. Refining Co., Ltd.

Upon motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Stockburger, and unanimously carried, it was decided to take a recess until 2 p.m., of the above date for the purpose of opening bids. Recess was taken at 12 M.

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At 2 p.m., of the above date, the State Lands Commission resumed its recessed session of the morning. Present were:

A. E. Stockburger, Chairman  
Harry B. Riley, Member

Upon advice of L. G. Campbell, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, that the service upon members of the Commission at the morning session of action entitled "Gordon Booth vs. The State Lands Commission, et al" No. 431702, in the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, could not curtail or impair the authority of the State Lands Commission to open bids received to extract oil and gas from the tidelands at Huntington Beach, Mr. Riley moved that the bids so received be opened. The motion was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously carried.

The Executive Officer opened the bids and reported to the Commission that offers had been received from the companies as follows:

U. S. Refining Co. Ltd. with a royalty factor of 1.056  
West Central Oil Co. Ltd. with a royalty factor of 1.005  
Southwest Exploration Co. with a royalty factor of 1.1

On motion of Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Stockburger, and unanimously carried, the Executive Officer was directed to obtain report of Dr. E. K. Soper and the Attorney General upon the engineering phases and legal form, respectively, of offers so received and opened, for consideration of the Commission at the next meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Stockburger, increases in salaries, effective July 1, 1938, for employees in the Division of State Lands were approved as follows:

T. L. Atherton - \$30  
B. I. Cropsey - \$10  
W. N. Cookerley - \$10  
Harold R. Newton - \$10  
M. O. Whittaker - \$10  
H. C. Wells - at the rate of \$10 per month  
(part time employee)

Upon motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Stockburger, and unanimously carried, payment of 58 items, totalling the sum of \$1621.68, was approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Stockburger, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.