

Executive Session

Montgomery, Alabama
January 30, 1950

At the conclusion of the hearing of evidence, the Board met in executive session.

Mr. Boney made a motion that the Board have a regular schedule for meetings to be held at same specified time.

Dr. Jones asked how often he had in mind.

Mr. Boney stated that he thought the meetings should be held in the county where the wells were located.

Dr. Jones stated that he did not much like the idea of having regular meetings unless there was something specific to discuss.

Dr. Fies asked how often?

Mr. Boney asked for suggestions.

Dr. Jones stated that in his opinion they should have a meeting sometime and hear everybody who wants to be heard.

Mr. Boney said he thought the Board should set a certain time, as the first Monday in each month.

Dr. Jones: How about quarterly?

Mr. Blount stated that was agreeable to him.

Dr. Fies: We can change it, if we find more frequent meetings necessary.

Mr. Blount made a motion that meetings be held quarterly.

Dr. Fies seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Fies suggested that the Secretary work out the date with the Board members, and that the next meeting be held in April.

Mr. Boney stated he wanted to ask a question for his information. The requirement of one well to 40 acres, and that the well be within 200' of the center - I notice some of the wells have been drilled that do not comply.

Dr. Jones stated they were drilled before the law went into effect, that the Gilbertown field would remain as established. All other wells will have to be 150' from the center - an exception is made for a swamp or an exceptionally high well. That is set forth in the law.

Mr. Boney stated he did not think the Board should go into spacing until it was presented.

Dr. Jones: If these wells are not now making money, certainly 4 wells on a 40 would not make money. The 4 would take out practically the same amount as one well.

Mr. Boney stated he lived in vicinity of both E. and W. Gilberttown fields, and that the W. Gilberttown field is pumping twice as fast as the East field.

Dr. Jones: We would almost classify the W. Gilberttown as stripping.

Mr. Boney stated that Mr. Houser was fortunate, or unfortunate, to have but one well. He said he had reason to believe that Carter's wells were pumping more than 100 barrels per well.

Dr. Jones stated they were watching that.

Mr. Blount: Don't you think that some of these wells of Carter's that are producing 25-50 bbls. per day are producing their limit?

Dr. Jones: Yes, they are getting to the stripping stage.

Mr. Boney: Didn't Carter ask for 100 bbl. allowable?

Dr. Jones: They were trying to get the maximum of oil.

Mr. Boney stated that immediately after Houser brought in his well, Carter brought in two wells.

Dr. Jones stated the public interests must be watched.

Dr. Fies moved the allowable not be changed. There was no second.

Mr. Blount made a motion that allowable of 200 bbls. per day be permitted in E. Gilberttown Field; and that Paragraph 1 of Sec. 2 of Order #2 be amended to read as follows:

"The daily allowable per well shall be two hundred (200) barrels of oil per day until changed by order of this Board".

Mr. Blount seconded the motion; Dr. Fies opposed. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Walter B. Jones
Secretary