

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Alabama Surface Mining Commission
July 18, 2019

The Alabama Surface Mining Commission (ASMC) met in regular session on July 18, 2019, in the Commission Hearing Room, 1811 2nd Avenue Jasper, Alabama. Prior notice of this meeting was posted to the Alabama Open Meetings Act website on July 10, 2019. Chairman Humphrey declared the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call revealed all Commissioners were present with a roll call vote as follows:

Bobby Humphrey, Chairman	-	Jefferson County
Ken Russell, Vice-Chairman	-	Walker County
Jack Bergsieker, Commissioner	-	Jefferson County
Jim Jeter, Commissioner	-	Pickens County
John Stevens, Commissioner	-	Tuscaloosa County
Steve Thomas, Commissioner	-	Walker County
Ed White, Commissioner	-	Walker County

Chairman Humphrey declared a quorum present.

Chairman Humphrey called for announcements and Director Love introduced two faces new to the Commissioners: Inspection and Enforcement Supervisor, Bruce Busby and SMCR Chief, Stephen Miles, and also that Robert Armes would be present at some meetings in the future to report on bond forfeitures.

Chairman Humphrey called for approval or changes to the minutes of the June 20, 2019, meeting which were e-mailed to the Commissioners on July 8, 2019.

19-29 Motion by Commissioner Stevens and seconded by Commissioner Jeter to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019, meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Bergsieker	-	yes
Commissioner Humphrey	-	yes
Commissioner Jeter	-	yes
Commissioner Russell	-	yes
Commissioner Stevens	-	yes
Commissioner Thomas	-	yes
Commissioner White	-	abstain

Chairman Humphrey called for consideration of the advisory agenda. Director Love stated there were no new license applications to be presented to the Commission today.

Chairman Humphrey called for staff reports and Sr. Accountant Sabrina King presented reports from the Administrative Division followed by SMCR Chief, Stephen Miles, presenting reports from the Permitting and Bonding Section. Deputy Attorney General Milton McCarthy presented the reports from the Inspection and Enforcement Division, Legal Division, Division of Hearings and Appeals and Assessment Officer.

Chairman Humphrey called for any unfinished business, whereupon Director Love gave progress reports on personnel changes as well as the lease.

Chairman Humphrey called for any new business.

Director Love reported the Administrative Committee had met immediately prior to the Commission meeting and Commissioner Stevens gave a brief synopsis and advised the Commissioners that the Committee had recommended approval of the FY-2020 Operating Budget. Following a brief discussion of the finer points of the proposed budget, Chairman Humphrey called for a motion.

19-30 Motion by Commissioner Bergsieker and seconded by Commissioner Jeter to approve the FY20 Operating Budget, as presented, carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Bergsieker	-	yes
Commissioner Humphrey	-	yes
Commissioner Jeter	-	yes
Commissioner Russell	-	yes
Commissioner Stevens	-	yes
Commissioner Thomas	-	yes
Commissioner White	-	yes

Chairman Humphrey named Commissioners Stevens, Thomas, and White to serve on the Nominating Committee for FY2020.

Director Love reported that FY2019 third quarter Performance Report on Department Operations Plan will be submitted to the State Executive Budget Office before the end of the month and FY2020 A&E Grant will be filed with OSM-Mid-Continent Regional Office before the end of this month as well.

Chairman Humphrey stated the next Commission meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019.

19-31 Motion by Commissioner Stevens and seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing are the minutes of the July 18, 2019, meeting of the Commission.

Vice-Chairman Ken Russell
Recording Secretary Kamela Stupel
Approved Date August 8, 2019