

FEBRUARY 11, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
OF THE HEARING EXAMINER PUBLIC MEETING
FOR DOCKET NO. 2020-004 CAUSE NO. 475-01
BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

A public meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting was streamed live on the Department of Natural Resources YouTube channel. The link for the Hearing Examiner Meeting is <https://youtu.be/2qibdF4Z4ek>.

ATTENDEES:

Hearing Examiner

John C. Rogers, Environmental Manager, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Utah Attorney Generals's Office:

Gordon Rowe, AAG, attorney for the Hearing Examiner

Thomas Kessinger, AAG, attorney for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Lear & Lear P.L.L.C.

Mitchell S. Maio, Esq., Attorneys for XCL Resources, LLC

XCL Resources, LLC

Kevin Anonsen, Vice President of Business Development and Land, appearing via video conference

Josh Sigler, Vice President of Geology – Uinta Basin, appearing via video conference

Tom Kastens, Vice President of Drilling – Uinta Basin, appearing via video conference

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

John R. Baza, Director

Julie Ann Carter, Board Secretary

Tom Thompson, Senior GIS Analyst

Department of Natural Resources

Paul Gedge, Senior Business Analyst

Advanced Reporting Solutions

Michelle Mallonee, RPR

Members of the Public:

None present.

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (“Board”), State of Utah, pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R641-113-100, designated a hearing examiner to conduct the hearing. The Hearing Examiner, Mr. John C. Rogers, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. The following matter was heard:

Please note: Transcripts are available for review at the Division offices approximately fifteen business days after the hearing date. Copies of individual transcripts may be purchased from Advanced Reporting Solutions, 159 West Broadway, Broadway Lofts, Suite 100, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, ph.: 801-746-5080.

1. [Docket No. 2020-004 Cause No. 475-01](#) – In the matter of the Request for Agency Action of XCL RESOURCES, LLC for an order granting an exception location for the Butcher Butte #31-144h-21 Well located in Sections 30 and 31 of Township 2 South, Range 1 West, U.S.M., Uintah County, Utah.

(The Board will consider the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law generated by the hearing examiner at the February 26, 2020, Board Hearing.)

Time: 1:06 p.m. to 2:18 p.m.

Hearing Examiner: John C. Rogers, Hearing Examiner, Environmental Manager, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Counsel for the Hearing Examiner: Gordon Rowe, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Division.

Counsel for the Division: Thomas Kessinger, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Division.

Division Staff: John R. Baza, Director.

Counsel for the Petitioner: Mitchell S. Maio, Esq., Lear & Lear P.L.L.C., Attorneys for XCL Resources, LLC.

Witnesses: Kevin Anonsen, Josh Sigler, and Tom Kastens.

The Petitioner requested an exception location to drill the Butcher Butte #31-144h-21 well, located in Sections 30 and 31.

The Division supports the Petitioner’s request.

The Hearing Examiner, Mr. John C. Rogers, supports the Petitioner’s request.

Mr. Mitchell S. Maio will prepare a proposed order for the Board’s consideration at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 26, 2020.

The matter concluded at 2:18 p.m.