

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE TAYLOR 14-23 #2H, TAYLOR 14-23 #3H, TAYLOR 14-23 #4H, AND TAYLOR 14-23 #5H WELLS.

ORDER 14-2021

Docket No. 9-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 468-2011. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 41-2019. Applicant has completed the Taylor 14-23 #2H, Taylor 14-23 #3H, Taylor 14-23 #4H, and Taylor 14-23 #5H wells as producing wells.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 14 and 23, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Taylor 14-23 #2H, Taylor 14-23 #3H, Taylor 14-23 #4H, and Taylor 14-23 #5H wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 14-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE TAYLOR 14-23 #2H, TAYLOR 14-23 #3H, TAYLOR 14-23 #4H, AND TAYLOR 14-23 #5H WELLS.

ORDER 15-2021

Docket No. 10-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 14-2021. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.

3. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202.

4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14 and 23, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Taylor 14-23 #2H, Taylor 14-23 #3H, Taylor 14-23 #4H, and Taylor 14-23 #5H wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 15-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 15, 22, AND 23, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE TAYLOR LW 14-23 #1H WELL.

ORDER 16-2021

Docket No. 11-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 85-2019. Applicant has completed the Taylor LW 14-23 #1H well as a producing well.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Taylor LW 14-23 #1H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 16-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 15, 22, AND 23, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE TAYLOR LW 14-23 #1H WELL.

ORDER 17-2021

Docket No. 12-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 16-2021. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.

3. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202.

4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Taylor LW 14-23 #1H well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 17-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 21, 28, AND 33, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE DAGNEY 33-21 #2H, DAGNEY 33-21 #3H, AND DAGNEY 33-21 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 18-2021

Docket No. 13-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 20-2020. Additional wells were authorized within the overlapping temporary spacing unit by Board Order 21-2020. Applicant has completed the, Dagney 33-21 #3H, and Dagney 33-21 #4H wells as producing wells.
3. At the time of hearing, the Dagney 33-21 #2H well had not been drilled.
4. Dori Lentz submitted a protest letter but was not present at the hearing. This letter was submitted on behalf of the estates of several mineral interest owners in the proposed spacing unit and claimed these estates "should have received offers for leases from the applicant."
5. While the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation has the duty to consider private rights, such as oil and gas leases, it does not have the authority to adjudicate disputes involving those private rights.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 18-2021

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 21, 28, and 33, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Dagney 33-21 #3H and Dagney 33-21 #4H wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 21, 28, AND 33, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE DAGNEY 33-21 #2H, DAGNEY 33-21 #3H, AND DAGNEY 33-21 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 19-2021

Docket No. 14-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 18-2021. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.
3. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202.
4. At the time of hearing, the Dagney 33-21 #2H well had not been drilled.
5. Dori Lentz submitted a protest letter but was not present at the hearing. This letter was submitted on behalf of the estates of several mineral interest owners in the proposed spacing unit and claimed these estates "should have received offers for leases from the applicant."
6. Counsel for Kraken Oil and Gas represented on the record that the owners identified in the objection letter held leased mineral interests and that Kraken Oil and Gas was not seeking risk penalties against those interests.
7. While the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation has the duty to consider private rights, such as oil and gas leases, it does not have the authority to adjudicate disputes involving those private rights.
8. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 19-2021

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 21, 28, and 33, T26N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Dagney 33-21 #3H and Dagney 33-21 #4H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ROWIN 17-5 #2H, ROWIN 17-5 #3H, AND ROWIN 17-5 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 20-2021

Docket No. 15-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 16-2020. Additional wells were authorized within the overlapping temporary spacing unit by Board Order 17-2020. Applicant has completed the Rowin 17-5 #2H, Rowin 17-5 #3H, and Rowin 17-5 #4H wells as producing wells.

3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation from the Rowin 17-5 #2H, Rowin 17-5 #3H, and Rowin 17-5 #4H wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 20-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE ROWIN 17-5 #2H, ROWIN 17-5 #3H, AND ROWIN 17-5 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 21-2021

Docket No. 16-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 20-2021. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.
3. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202.
4. Zack Winfield with the Trust Land Minerals Management Bureau stated for the record that the acreage of the Missouri riverbed minerals is still being determined and is subject to change.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 21-2021

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-R59E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Rowin 17-5 #2H, Rowin 17-5 #3H, and Rowin 17-5 #4H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 105-2019 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31 T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SUCH WELLS MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2022.

ORDER 22-2021

Docket No. 17-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 105-2019 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than April 5, 2022.

BOARD ORDER NO. 22-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 107-2019 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32 T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SUCH WELLS MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2022.

ORDER 23-2021

Docket No. 18-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 107-2019 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than April 5, 2022.

BOARD ORDER NO. 23-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 14-2020 WHICH CREATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, AND 16, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2022. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 24-2021

Docket No. 19-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 14-2020 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than April 30, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 24-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BISON OIL AND GAS III, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 224-2012 TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS FROM A COMMON PAD ANYWHERE WITHIN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 25-2021

Docket No. 24-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. The lands described in the caption were designated a permanent spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 224-2012.
3. Slawson Exploration Company Inc. (Slawson) currently operates the only well in the spacing unit. Slawson, stated that it does not object to the proposed well density; however, it wants to clarify that granting this application does not give the applicant the exclusive right to drill the wells in the spacing unit.
4. The applicant currently has two applications for permit to drill filed with board staff that are dependent on approval of this docket. Both permits have been protested and will be docketed to be heard at the June 10, 2021, hearing.
5. Staff recommended continuing this docket to June when the protested drilling permits will be heard.
6. The evidence indicates that postponing adjudication of the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 25-2021

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Docket 24-2021 is continued until the June 10, 2021, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF BISON OIL AND GAS III, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 10-2020 WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, AND 13, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2021. APPLICANT SEEKS AN EXTENSION OF THIS ORDER.

ORDER 26-2021

Docket No. 25-2021

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PRIMA EXPLORATION, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 10-2020 WHICH CREATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, AND 13, T26N-R59E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2021. APPLICANT SEEKS AN EXTENSION OF THIS ORDER TO APRIL 30, 2022.

Docket 26-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Dockets 25-2021 and 26-2021 were combined for hearing since both dockets pertained to the extension request of Board Order 10-2020.
3. Staff recommended that the expiration date in Order 10-2020 be removed since the temporary spacing unit is appropriate and prevents tracts from being excluded from development. Granting the request would also allow the drilling of an additional well as authorized under Board Order 11-2020.

BOARD ORDER NO. 26-2021

4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 10-2020 is hereby amended to remove the expiration date of the temporary spacing unit.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF DENBURY ONSHORE, LLC TO
CONVERT THE CORAL CREEK 24-33 WELL (API #25-025-05164)
LOCATED IN THE SE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 33, T7N-R60E, FALLON
COUNTY, MONTANA (LOOKOUT BUTTE FIELD) TO AN
ENHANCED RECOVERY INJECTION WELL IN THE RED RIVER
FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 8,658-8,930 FT.

ORDER 27-2021

Docket No. 28-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of Denbury Onshore, LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 27-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF DENBURY ONSHORE LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE CHARLES FORMATION / MADISON GROUP WITH RESPECT TO THE SOUTH PINE 43-22AR WELL AT A LOCATION OF 2,005' FSL AND 850' FEL IN THE STATEWIDE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SE¼ OF SECTION 22, T11N-R57E, WIBAUX COUNTY, MONTANA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

ORDER 28-2021

Docket No. 61-2020

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Denbury Onshore LLC is authorized to produce oil and associated natural gas from the Charles Formation / Madison Group with respect to the South Pine 43-22AR well located 2,005' FSL and 850' FEL of Section 22, T11N-R57E, Wibaux County, Montana as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

BOARD ORDER NO. 28-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ONE WELLS IN LIBERTY COUNTY AND 142 WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA, IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICATION FROM CROFT PETROLEUM CO. TO A.B. ENERGY, LLC, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ORPHANED STATE 1-32 WELL, API # 25-101-23264, LOCATED IN THE SE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 32, T32N-3E, TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA BY A.B. ENERGY, LLC, AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

ORDER 29-2021

Docket No. 30-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Bo Woods, managing member, appeared on behalf of A.B Energy, LLC (A.B. Energy).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed A. B. Energy's change of operator request from Croft Petroleum Co.
4. A.B Energy requested that these wells be placed on its current \$50,000 multiple well bond and be granted at least six months to further evaluate the wells in the transfer before the board considers an increased bond.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 29-2021

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that A.B Energy appear at the October 14, 2021, public hearing to review A.B. Energy's plugging and reclamation bonds.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FIVE WELLS IN LIBERTY COUNTY AND 11 WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA, IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICATION FROM CROFT PETROLEUM CO. TO THREE FORKS RESOURCES, LLC AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

ORDER 30-2021

Docket No. 49-2020

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Don Lee, attorney, appeared on behalf of Three Forks Resources, LLC (Three Forks).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Three Forks' change of operator request from Croft Petroleum Co.
4. The Board determined that Three Forks' existing plugging and reclamation bond of \$50,000 to cover its multiple producing wells was adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3).
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

BOARD ORDER NO. 30-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 149 WELLS IN GLACIER COUNTY AND 51 WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA, IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICATION FROM OMIMEX CANADA, LTD. TO MONTALBAN OIL & GAS OPERATIONS, INC. AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

ORDER 31-2021

Docket No. 1-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Darin Johnson, attorney, and Patrick Montalban, president and geologist, appeared on behalf of Montalban Oil & Gas Operations, Inc. (Montalban).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Montalban's pending change of operator request from Omimex Canada, LTD.
4. Montalban proposed a \$200,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond that would cover 199 wells, which includes 166 producing wells and 33 shut-in wells.
5. The Board determined that Montalban's proposed plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3).
6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 31-2021

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the applicant's proposed \$200,000 plugging and reclamation bond is accepted and staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request when bonding is established.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE ANG HOLDING (USA) CORP. TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF ITS WELLS IN BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 32-2021

Docket No. 31-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. No one appeared on behalf of ANG Holding (USA) Corp. (ANG).
3. At the February 3, 2021, business meeting, ANG stated it was unable to raise funds for the operations of its wells. As a result, the wells have been shut-in and the company can no longer file the required production reports.
4. ANG filed production reports through February 2021.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that ANG must show cause at the June 10, 2021, public hearing for why it should not immediately plug and abandon its wells in Blaine County, Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 32-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE FORWARD ENERGY, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF ITS WELLS IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 33-2021

Docket No. 32-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Tim Beeman, owner, and Charles Colburn, investor, appeared by telephone as witnesses for Forward Energy, LLC (Forward).
3. Forward's witnesses requested additional time to get the wells operational.
4. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Forward Energy must submit a detailed operations plan to staff by May 10, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 32-2021 is continued until the August 12, 2021, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 33-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE YOUNG SANDERS E&P, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PLUG AND ABANDON ITS STATE 16-16 WELL, API # 25-101-24084, LOCATED IN THE SE¼SE¼ OF SECTION 16, T35N-R1E, TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 34-2021

Docket No. 33-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Young Sanders E&P, LLC (Young Sanders).
3. Young Sanders was required to submit a plugging plan and timeline by March 4, 2021, but no plan was received.
4. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Young Sanders is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the April 8, 2021, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Young Sanders must begin to plug and abandon its State 16-16 well, API # 25-101-24084, located in the SE¼SE¼ of Section 16, T35N-R1E, Toole County, Montana prior to the June 10, 2021, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon the State 16-16 well may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

BOARD ORDER NO. 34-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE KYKUIT RESOURCES, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE DELINQUENT PRODUCTION REPORTS, FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT REPORTING, AND FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE \$1,000 FINE ASSESSED FOR NOT APPEARING AT THE FEBRUARY 4, 2021, PUBLIC HEARING

ORDER 35-2021

Docket No. 36-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Kykuit Resources, LLC (Kykuit).
3. Kykuit filed some of the delinquent production reports but remains delinquent on several leases. Kykuit has not paid the outstanding fine of \$1,940.
4. In the last five years, Kykuit has been fined four separate times for delinquent production reporting, all of which were docketed for show cause, and fined three times for failure to appear at a public hearing.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kykuit is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the April 8, 2021, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 36-2021 is continued until the June 10, 2021, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 35-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE ROLAND OIL
AND GAS TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY
THEY SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PLAN AND
TIMELINE FOR THE PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF ITS
WELLS IN GLACIER AND PONDERA COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ORDER 36-2021

Docket No. 37-2021

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.

2. Curtis Harper appeared by telephone as a witness for Roland Oil and Gas (Roland).

3. Mr. Harper requested additional time to come into compliance. He stated he will file the delinquent production reports next week.

4. Roland remains delinquent on production reports from September 2020 to current.

5. Staff recommended that the docket be continued and defer payment of the outstanding fine in the amount of \$2,400 to the next hearing.

6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Roland must file delinquent production reports prior to May 6, 2021, hearing deadline. If the necessary reports are received prior to the June hearing deadline, Docket 37-2021 will be continued until the August 12, 2021, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 36-2021

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-A-2020 ISSUED AT THE JUNE 24, 2020, BUSINESS MEETING SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE VELMA SWD 1-10H WELL, API # 25-083-22531, LOCATED IN THE NW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 10, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA. IT WAS ORDERED THAT SHADWELL RESOURCES GROUP, LLC MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE OPERATIONS AT THE VELMA SWD 1-10H WELL AND THAT NO ADDITIONAL FLUIDS BE TRANSPORTED TO THE LOCATION UNTIL VIOLATIONS ARE REMEDIED, COMPLIANCE IS CONFIRMED BY INSPECTION, AND THIS ORDER IS LIFTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. SHADWELL IS SUBJECT TO A \$250 FINE FOR EACH DAY AFTER AUGUST 24, 2020, THAT THE VIOLATIONS REMAIN UNRESOLVED.

ORDER 37-2021

Docket No. 41-2020

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 8, 2021, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. Member Mac McDermott was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing. All parties, their attorneys, and interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present testimony and evidence at the hearing either in person or, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, via teleconference.
2. Kevin Leland appeared by telephone as a witness for Shadwell Resources Group, LLC (Shadwell).
3. Prior to the hearing, the remaining fine balance of \$2,937.50 was paid.
4. Staff recommended the docket be dismissed.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 37-2021

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Docket 41-2020 is dismissed.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 8th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Paul Gatzemeier, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member (absent)

Joseph Michael Weber, Board Member

Corey Welter, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist