

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

The Caddo Parish Natural Resources Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 10:00 a.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Burrell, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Johnson, Lazarus and Young (5). ABSENT: None (0).

Mr. Epperson gave the invocation, and Mr. Lazarus led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to expand the agenda and add Discussion and recommendations relative to the impact of oil and gas activities on residential activities in Caddo Parish* under New Business on the agenda. At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Lazarus, and Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenn Moore came before the Committee and gave the following comment:

Glenn Moore, zip code 71119. Correct. Glenn Moore, two n's. Two o's in Moore. And I just want to make a comment on the oil and gas in my community. And, you know, not having a voice as a citizen, as a tax payer, as a home owner in my community. It is called Western Hills in Yarborough subdivision. We're off of Jefferson Paige between I-220 and Pines Road. And to have them come into our community in a area that's populated by a lot of homes its-to me is unreasonable, that we can't get them to commit to things that we think are necessary. Like building a wall around their drilling. And, so far, they have been drilling, not drilling but, you know, clearing the land out even on Sundays, now. We have to hear that noise from 7:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon even on Sundays. And I just think its unfair that they're doing that. And also, I'm concerned about our property values. You know, if I was selling my house right now, who would buy it and they know that we're going to have this tremendous noise and dust and other things that come along with this drilling in an urban area? And I think they shuld to be more considerate of that. And I think that's what I need to say today.

NEW BUSINESS

• The Chair then moved to the next New Business item, *Discuss And Make Recommendation Regarding Resolution No. 72 Of 2021.*

Mr. Epperson expressed concerns of the oil and gas industries operating close to subdivisions and the lack of communication for citizens to reach out to companies for complaints. And that the oil and gas regulations need to be updated. He stated the disparity between opening an lemonade stand in a neighborhood faces more challenges than an oil and gas company can to start a business that disrupts noise and traffic in a neighborhood and destroying natural habitats. He also expressed that a citizen can fight for freedoms to place a commode as a flower pot in their yard at the State Legislature and that they should have freedom regarding the oil and gas drilling.

Mr. Burrell stated that he experienced trying to get regulations on oil and gas companies more than 20 years ago and wanted to know what the Commission's jurisdiction is in handling the issue. Mr. Bernstein acknowledged that this issue has to go to the state level.

Mr. Burrell wanted to know if they can draft a resolution. Mr. Bernstein confirmed that it is an option.

Mr. Atkins asked Mr. Bernstein if oil and gas companies send a notice before they operate. Mr. Bernstein acknowledged that a notice is sent out, but it may not go to non-lease holders, such as renters or property owners who do not own mineral rights of the property.

Mr. Atkins asked if the proposals provided by Mr. Epperson were to be voted on by the Committee at that time.

Point of information by Mr. Epperson that Mr. Atkins' questions and comments are relevant to the proposals at a later time.

Point of order by Mr. Burrell, that Mr. Epperson's plan is to vote on the resolutions on their agenda.

It was **moved by Mr. Lazarus**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to recommend to the full body the adoption of Resolution 72 of 2021, Resolution 73 of 2021, and Resolution 74 of 2021.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Lazarus, and Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- The Chair then moved onto the next New Business item, *Discussion and recommendations relative to the impact of oil and gas activities on residential activities in Caddo Parish.*

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to remand the consideration the proposals recommending to the governing authority of oil and gas drilling regulations to the legal department then returned to the Natural Resources Committee for review.*

Mr. Epperson commented that the proposal of regulation recommendations should be sent to their legal department for review instead of debating over the proposals. He added that the lease bonus has dramatically decreased and they must not waste time.

Mr. Lazarus agreed with Mr. Epperson to send to legal to review and then bring it back to the Committee.

Mr. Epperson read the following:

1. Well head to property lines shall be 3,000 feet.
2. All drilling pads shall baffled/sound suppression system installed.
3. All entrance roads to drilling sites shall be overlaid with mitigating products as needed to eliminate or minimize dust.
4. No Fracking or noise generating activities from 10:00PM until 7:00AM near residential areas Within 1-½ miles of drill site.
5. Drilling companies shall meet with residents within the communities surrounding the drilling site, prior to commencing drilling operations to inform the citizens as what to expect during the drilling activities. (The same process as to MPC zoning change regulations)
6. All transmission and distribution pipelines, compressor sites, relief valves located near and on residential neighborhoods shall be prominently identified, labeled with product content and known to residents.
7. Emergency phone numbers for drilling companies shall be highly visible and posted to at the entrance of drilling sites. Phone lines shall be staffed with personnel to monitor all calls in real time relative to concerns/complaints from citizens and emergency situations.
8. All trucks that are supplying resources to support the drilling operations, shall be properly placarded with the proper DOTD codes, or names of the items that they are transporting. This includes, solids, liquids, etc. (waste water, drilling fluids, machine and vehicle maintenance Fluids)
9. A restorative plan for the trees, shrubs, and natural habitat for animals, that have been Displaced because of clearing entrance roads, and drill pad sites should be put in place.
10. The Louisiana Office of Conservation-Department of Natural Resources or whomever is in charge of regulating Oil & Gas drilling in the state should immediately convene regional Citizens Advisory Committees to reevaluate regulations regarding drilling activities, for they are grossly outdated.

Point of Information by Mr. Burrell on whether Mr. Epperson is recommending right of way signage or in the newspaper for zoning changes regarding proposal number 5. Mr. Epperson said that it is not cumbersome to do so to inform his constituents.

Mr. Atkins voiced that he had a quick response to a noise complaint with the help of Mr. Weaver and contacting the well operator and that he does not agree with everything on Mr. Epperson's proposal. He explained that restricting their activity times could hinder their operations and delay their work.

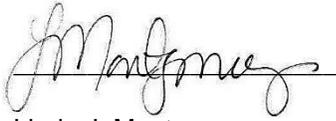
Point of Information Mr. Burrell that not all well sites have a local operator.

Mr. Epperson requested that they vote on the recommendations.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Lazarus, and Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Burrell, *that the Caddo Commission Administration would maintain the Caddo Parish Commission's website the following: Location of drilling sites in Caddo Parish, Name and contact information of drilling companies, contact information for Parish Officials to register complaints, and other pertinent information that would be a value to citizen in drilling area.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Lazarus, and Young (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned
10:57 a.m.



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