

MINUTE ITEM

15. CONSULTING SERVICES, KEPLINGER AND WANENMACHER, HERMAN H. KAVELER -
W.O. 3671, P & C.

After consideration of Calendar Item 14 attached, and upon motion duly
made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SERVICE AGREEMENTS TO KEPLINGER
AND WANENMACHER, AND TO DR. HERMAN H. KAVELER, PROVIDING FOR CONSULTING SER-
VICES DURING THE 1960-61 FISCAL YEAR. THE AGREEMENTS ARE TO PROVIDE FOR
ADVICE RESPECTING OIL AND GAS LEASING, LEASING POLICIES, EVALUATION OF LEASE
BIDS AND REPORTS ON PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ECONOMICS. PROVISIONS ARE TO BE MADE
IN THESE AGREEMENTS FOR PROGRESS PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTORS. THE TOTAL
AMOUNT PAYABLE TO EACH OF THE CONTRACTORS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS IS NOT TO
EXCEED \$4,000 WITHOUT FURTHER AUTHORIZATION.

Attachment

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CALENDAR ITEM

14.

CONSULTING SERVICES, KEPLINGER AND WANENMACHER, HERMAN H. KAVELER -
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On September 13, 1957, the Commission authorized the employment of Keplinger and Wanenmacher, and of Dr. Herman H. Kaveler, petroleum engineers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to advise it on oil and gas leasing policies. These men were selected for this work after an extensive review (1) because of their outstanding reputations in the petroleum engineering field, and (2) because the Commission felt that the use of disinterested experts would result in the furnishing of unbiased opinions in connection with the evaluation and consulting services to be performed.

The major purpose for which the consultants were employed, i.e., advice as to leasing policies under the provisions of the Cunningham-Shell Tidelands Act, Chapter 1724/55, has been accomplished; however, their services were retained, though not used, during the 1959-60 Fiscal Year.

Current developments with respect to leasing policies and possible further offerings of tide and submerged lands for lease for oil and gas extraction indicate that it might be well again to retain the services of these consultants for the current year. Possible needs would include consulting advice respecting current oil and gas leasing policies and the evaluation of lease bids. Funds are available in the State Lands Division's Support Budget to provide for these services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SERVICE AGREEMENTS TO KEPLINGER AND WANENMACHER, AND TO DR. HERMAN H. KAVELER, PROVIDING FOR CONSULTING SERVICES DURING THE 1960-61 FISCAL YEAR. THE AGREEMENTS ARE TO PROVIDE FOR ADVICE RESPECTING OIL AND GAS LEASING, LEASING POLICIES, EVALUATION OF LEASE BIDS AND REPORTS ON PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ECONOMICS. PROVISIONS ARE TO BE MADE IN THESE AGREEMENTS FOR PROGRESS PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTORS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO EACH OF THE CONTRACTORS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS IS NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000 WITHOUT FURTHER AUTHORIZATION.