

MINUTES OF THE  
NEW MEXICO MINING COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 23, 1994

The New Mexico Mining Commission meeting was conducted at 1:00 p.m. May 23, 1994 in Room 326 of the State Capitol Building. The following members were present:

H.E. Whitacre	Public Representative
Bob McCaslin	Agriculture Experiment Station
Bob Langenskamp	Deputy State Land Commissioner
Dick McKleskey	Game and Fish Department
H.M. Conger	Alternate
Art Montana	Public Representative
Judith Espinosa	Chairwoman, Environment Department
Val Green	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Jeanie Cragin	Alternate
Eluid Martinez	State Engineer

Chairwoman Espinosa had each Commission member state their name.

Chairwoman Espinosa asked Mr. Doug Bland to state for the record the notice requirements for a special meeting and how the requirements were met.

Mr. Doug Bland said a three day special meeting notice was given, and last Thursday morning (May 19, 1994), in accordance with the Open Meetings Resolution notices of the meeting were faxed to all the state agencies represented on the Commission. In addition to that, notices were passed out to all the Commissioners that were present during the hearing at that day, in addition to that, there was a pile of notices that has been available since that time.

Chairwoman Espinosa said the Commission had decided on certain scheduling times for the adoption of the regulations. She said they are working on a June 18, 1994 legislative deadline. The Commissioners decided that after the hearings they would have until June 3rd for post hearing submittals. No new evidence, but arguments on evidence that has been presented to the Commission at that time may be submitted.

Chairwoman Espinosa also said that they had decided that they would begin deliberations on Monday, June 13, 1994 in order to be able to meet the deadline of June 18th. She said that they are running behind with their schedule. She said the Commission decided to hold a special meeting to discuss openly and hear from the Commission as well as any comments from the audience on whether the schedule for post-hearing submittals and deliberation should be changed.

Mr. H.M. Conger asked Mr. Bland what the situation is with the court reporter. Mr. Bland said that the contract is a commitment for ten days. However, the court reporter said she is hopeful of getting the transcript to them considerably sooner than that.

Mr. Bland said that the only provision that they've made is that the Mining and Minerals Division will provide copies to all members of the Commission as soon as they possibly can. Said it is not the Mining and Minerals Division responsibility to provide copies of the transcript to other parties.

Chairwoman Espinosa said that Doug Bland and EMNRD have been asked to compile a notebook of the submitted amendments for the Commission members. She asked the Commission members if they still want that to occur.

After discussion of different deadlines, Chairwoman Espinosa suggested working on May 27th completion for the hearing. That post hearing submittals at the close of the working day of Wednesday, June 8, 1994 and that the Commission continue to keep it's date to start deliberations on adoption of the regs June 13, 1994. That all parties who have made amendments to the proposed regulations need to have those in to MMD by the close of business day, June 6, which is a Monday. Each amendment is to be on a separate page.

Mr. Hal Whitacre moved to approve the dates set forth by Chairwoman Espinosa. Mr. Montana seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairwoman Espinosa said that MMD should have a notebook to the Commission members by late the 8th, or early the 9th. And MMD will attempt to get the post hearing submittals to the Commission members by the 10th of June.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Minutes by:

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Frances Garcia  
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