

Upon motion of Governor Houser, seconded by Mr. Riley, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted directing the transfer from the State Lands Act Fund in accordance with the suggestion of the State Controller.

6. Upon motion duly made and carried, a resolution was adopted whereby the Commission accepted the resignation of R. G. Nadey, Junior Petroleum Engineering Aid, from the staff of the State Lands Commission, effective May 31, 1943.

7. Upon motion duly made and carried, a resolution was adopted whereby the Executive Officer was instructed to inform the Attorney General's office that the finding for the State of a \$16,000.00 judgment which was indicated by Judge Brand in the matter of People vs. Ocean Front Oil Company would be satisfactory to the Commission provided such judgment is rendered.

8. Pursuant to the advertisement of March 29-April 2, 1943, inclusive, the matter of the bid received for an oil and gas lease at Huntington Beach was opened for discussion. Mr. H. R. Hamilton, and his Counsel, Mr. Eugene Overton, appeared upon behalf of H. R. Hamilton, Operator, the high bidder. The Commission requested an explanation of the financial status submitted with the H. R. Hamilton, Operator, bid, together with an explanation of the interest and responsibility of Freeman E. Fairfield, whose financial statement was also submitted with the bid. Mr. Hamilton explained that the term "H. R. Hamilton, Operator" was a fictitious term under which a partnership, consisting of H. R. Hamilton and Freeman E. Fairfield, existed. Mr. Hamilton further explained that both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Fairfield would be partners under the executed lease if it should be issued.

The joint bid of Wilshire Oil Company and the Beloil Company was next discussed, and Messrs. Don Weaver, Vice-President of Wilshire Oil Company, Paul Lower, Counsel for Wilshire Oil Company, and M. E. Frazier, President of Beloil Company, Ltd., outlined for the benefit of the Commission their position of reliability and financial stability, together with a presentation of data in support of their statements. It was pointed out by Mr. Lower, Counsel for Wilshire Oil Company, that, although they recognized they were not the high bidder, they had requested an opportunity of appearing before the Commission for the purpose of presenting data which would convince the Commission of their joint financial soundness in the event the Commission should care to consider them in connection with the award. Chairman Hassler inquired as to whether there were any representatives of other bidders present who might desire to be heard. On being informed that no other representatives were present, and in consideration of the H. R. Hamilton, Operator, "bid factor" 1.63 being the highest received; upon motion of Mr. Hassler, seconded by Mr. Riley, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted awarding the bid to H. R. Hamilton, Operator (a fictitious name consisting of H. R. Hamilton and Freeman E. Fairfield as partners).

9. Upon motion duly made and carried, a resolution was adopted whereby confirmation was given for the appointment from the civil service eligible list for Associate Civil Engineer, of H. L. George, a registered civil engineer, as a replacement for T. L. Atherton, for the duration. Mr. George is to report for work on June 1, 1943, at a salary of \$260.00, plus \$25.00 emergency increase per month.