



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD PUBLIC MEETING AND LEASE SALE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

May 13, 2026

The State Mineral and Energy Board will meet in the LaBelle Room, First Floor, LaSalle Office Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the following:

8:30 a.m. OPENING OF THE BIDS

- I. Letter of Notification
- II. Letter(s) of Protest
- III. Notification of Tracts Recommended for Withdrawal
- IV. Opening of Bids

9:30 a.m. BOARD MEETING AND LEASE SALE

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of the April 8, 2026 Minutes
- V. WhiteHawk Carbon Royalties, LLC – Presented by Jamie Manuel
- VI. Northwest Louisiana Seismicity Investigation – Presented by Laura Sorey, Policy and Rules Manager, Office of Energy
- VII. Director & Staff Reports:
 - a. Oilfield Site Restoration Program (OSR) Report – Presented by Jody Broussard, Director of the OSR Program
 - b. Natural Resources Trust Authority (NRTA) Report– Presented by Tanner Magee, Director of the NRTA
 - c. Audit Report – Presented by Taletha Shorter

- d. Lease Review Report – Presented by Jason Talbot
- e. Nomination and Tract Report – Presented by Greg Roberts
- f. Legal and Title Controversy Report – Presented by Greg Roberts
- g. Docket Report – Presented by Greg Roberts

VIII. Executive Session:

- a. Ethics Discussion – Chairman Sidney Degan
- b. Technical Briefing on Bids
- c. A discussion concerning ongoing litigation related to the matter entitled *Hilcorp Energy Co., et. al. v. State of Louisiana, et al.*, consolidated Docket Nos. 65759 and 65760, 25th Judicial District Court, Plaquemines Parish involving title conflicts in two separate units - Tract 2B of 17 MKR- 5 RA SU Order 1308-D-5 (Docket No. 65759) and Tract 6 of 5A-7 RA SUA Order No. 227-TT (Docket No. 65760)
- d. A request for authority to begin settlement negotiations with Arkoma Louisiana, LLC, et al concerning an ownership dispute related to certain water bottoms identified as Tracts 25-17B and 36-02B of the HA RA SUZZ defined in Order No. 287-F-32 and located in Webster Parish, Louisiana
- e. A status update on past demands issued to Cox Oil LLC relating to State Lease 195 at Quarantine Bay

IX. Awarding of Leases – Presented by Jason Talbot

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjourn

The Board may discuss other matters as it desires pursuant to R.S. 42:19A(1)(b)(ii)(cc), including matters that may validly be held in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:17A(2) and R.S. 42:17A(6).

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