

News from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission

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COMMISSIONERS SAY “GOODBYE” TO OIL AND GAS DIVISION DIRECTOR, WELCOME INTERIM

(Oklahoma City) Larry Fiddler, the director of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission’s Oil and Gas Conservation Division, is resigning to accept a position in the private sector. Tim Baker, currently the division’s head of the Pollution Abatement/Underground Injection Control department, has been named interim director effective March 8.

“This decision is one of the most difficult I’ve ever had to make,” said Fiddler. “It has been a privilege to serve this agency and the people of Oklahoma. I am truly proud of the work this division has done, and will continue to do, for Oklahoma’s vital energy industry and for the state as a whole.”

Commission Chairman Denise Bode said Fiddler “will be sorely missed.”

“Larry’s dedication and professionalism set a very high standard,” said Bode. “I am truly thankful for the great work he has done for Oklahoma, and very sorry to see him go.”

Commissioner Jeff Cloud said Fiddler’s departure “leaves some big shoes to fill.”

“There’s an old saying in business that ‘no one is irreplaceable,’ said Cloud. “ I think we should add to that, ‘but there are a few who come darn close.’ Larry is certainly one of those few.”

Vice-Chairman Bob Anthony agreed, adding that the Commission is fortunate to be able to turn to Tim Baker.

“Larry’s knowledge and expertise were invaluable resources to the Commission,” said Anthony. “His ability and willingness to tackle complex issues and problems made our jobs as Commissioners much easier. I am extremely pleased that we have Tim, who will bring the same attributes to this difficult job.”

Commissioners Bode and Cloud also praised the naming of Tim Baker as interim division director, citing his vast experience and proven reputation. Baker has been with the Oil and Gas division for more than 20 years.

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