

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**July 29, 1918**

**For the confidential information**  
**of the Board of Trustee**

Pursuant to call, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming was held in Glenrock, Wyoming, on Monday, July 29th, 1918. Owing to the fact that Dr. Allen, Chief of the Bureau of Experiment Stations was present in Laramie, to make an inspection of the Hatch-Adams Fund, the Secretary was unable to be present. Mrs. David, the President, therefore appointed Mr. Ingham to act as Secretary pro tempore and Mr. Ingham took the minutes of the meeting, which follow:-

Pursuant to a special call by the President, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met in special session at Glenrock, Wyoming, on the morning of July 29th, 1918.

Mrs. David	Judge Carey
Mrs. Brooks	Dr. Hamilton
Mr. Spalding	Mr. W. S. Ingham
President Nelson	Miss Edith K. O. Clark,
	Hon. Ray E. Lee, Land Commissioner.

The Board proceeded first to inspect the plant of the <sup>Midwest</sup> Glenrock Refining Company in the course of construction, being accompanied by officials of the Company.

The Board accepted the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fenex to take luncheon at their home in Glenrock.

At 1:30 o'clock the Board was called to order at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higgins of Glenrock, the parlors having been kindly lent for a meeting.

The matter taken under consideration was the title of the University to the disputed acres known as the Hjorth holding. A letter, setting forth the views of Attorney Corthell, was read. There present to discuss the matter with the Board, Mr. Brimmer of Rawlins, representing the holders of a lease upon the property, Mr. Wilson representing the original locators, Mr. Blackmore and State Senator O'Connor. The gentlemen were asked into the meeting. Mr. Wilson addressed the Board and was followed by Mr. Brimmer, Mr. Blackmore and Senator O'Connor. A general discussion followed. Mr. Brimmer stated that the lessees were drilling upon the land and asked that if no agreement as to ownership was reached, the royalty upon any oil discovered should be impounded for the present. The meeting was then adjourned to meet at the Midwest Hotel at Casper that evening.

The Board then proceeded to inspect the holdings of the University in the Muddy Field. They were accompanied by Mr. Paulhamus, the University's representative in the Field.

The Board was called to order in the dining room of the Midwest Hotel at Casper at 9 o'clock the same evening.

Mr. Ponsford of The Producers and Refiners Corporation, addressed the Board, asking for the royalty oil of the University for his Company's refining plant, or that no decision as to the disposal of the oil be made for the present. Mr. Ponsford then retired.

Mr. Lee, Commissioner of Public Lands, informed the Board that the State had agreed to give its oil to the Mutual Refining Company of Glenrock, upon a ten year contract on the same terms as offered to the University.

Dr. Hamilton moved "That it is the sense of this board that no action be taken at this time in regard to the disposition of the University oil." The motion was seconded by Mr. Spalding. Ayes 4, Noes 2. The motion was declared carried.

Dr. Hamilton moved that the occupants of the Hjorth 40 acres be notified to at once vacate. The motion was seconded by Judge Carey and carried.

Mr. Lee then explained the terms of his proposed bill to be brought before the next legislature, providing for a state gauger of oil and inspector of State oil property. He was assured that the Board would stand behind the bill.

Dr. Hamilton was made a committee of one to ascertain what buildings the Midwest Refining Company considered necessary for their work upon University land in the oil field.

The matter of the election of a Secretary to fill the place of Mr. Burrage during his year of absence then came up for discussion. The following motion prevailed: "That the election of a substitute Secretary be left in the hands of the Executive Committee, the salary to be not more than \$2100. per year. Adjournment was then taken until the next day.

*Secretary*  
Monday Morning, July 30th, 1918.

The Board proceeded to the inspection of the refining plants of the Midwest Refining Company and the Standard Oil Company.

The Board was called to order at twelve o'clock in the parlor of the Midwest Hotel. There were present, Mr. Mullen and Mr. Foland of the Mutual Refining Company of Glenrock. These gentlemen were informed by the President of the decision reached by the Board to make no disposition of the University oil for the present.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee, together with the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, were empowered to ask for propositions for the purchase of the oil from the various refining companies. Adjournment was then taken.

In the afternoon the Board again proceeded to the Big Muddy Field for the inspection of the University holdings. They were accompanied by Mr. Paulhamus and officials of the Midwest Company.

Dr. Hamilton reported that Mr. Penn and Mr. Paulhamus were to go over the ground and that all settlers not actually in the employ of the Midwest Refining Company, were to be instructed to pay a ground rent.