

DORCHESTER MINERALS LP
Form DEF 14A
February 27, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Edgar Filing: DORCHESTER MINERALS LP - Form DEF 14A

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):

No fee required.

Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(4) and 0-11.

(1) Title of each class of securities to which the transaction applies:

(2) Aggregate number of securities to which the transaction applies:

(3) Per unit price or other underlying value of the transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):

(4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of the transaction:

(5) Total fee paid:

Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

Edgar Filing: DORCHESTER MINERALS LP - Form DEF 14A

Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

(1) Amount Previously Paid:

(2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:

(3) Filing Party:

(4) Date Filed:

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P

3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300

Dallas, Texas 75219-4541

April 3, 2009

To our fellow Unitholders:

We are pleased to report to you the results of our partnership for fiscal year 2008, during which we accomplished the following:

Recorded Total Net Income of \$66.8 million;

Distributed \$79.2 million to our limited partners;

Identified 423 new wells completed on our Royalty Properties in 10 states;

Identified 48 new wells completed on our Net Profits Interest Properties in five states; and

Consummated 62 leases of our mineral interest in undeveloped properties located in 24 counties and parishes in four states. Higher oil and gas prices, robust drilling activity and selected exploratory successes combined to result in higher production volumes from our royalty properties in 2008. Average daily gas production from our royalty properties during the fourth quarter was approximately 10% higher than the corresponding period of 2007. These factors contributed to revisions to our estimated proved reserves as of January 1, 2009 equal to 98% of actual production during 2008.

Drilling and completion activity on our lands located in the Fayetteville Shale trend of Northern Arkansas has increased steadily since the consummation of our leasing transaction in June, 2006. One hundred twenty-nine wells have been permitted to be drilled on these lands through December 31, 2008, in which we own a royalty interest, net profits interest or both. Eighty-five wells have been completed for production and twenty additional wells are in the drilling or completion stage. Sixty-three new wells were spud in 2008 and drilling activity during 2009 appears to be similar. Our estimated proved reserves as of January 1, 2009 include volumes attributable to our royalty interest in 70 wells. Additional information concerning these lands may be found in our Annual Report.

Our efforts to acquire complementary assets in non-taxable exchanges for our partnership units have been fruitless over the last four years. Historically high commodity prices, access to capital and market sentiment contributed to a challenging transaction environment. We remain committed to the pursuit of transactions that are accretive to our unitholders, both financially and strategically, and are hopeful recent changes in the factors that contributed to high expectations, if not valuations, in recent years may yield opportunities in 2009 and beyond.

The enclosed Annual Report on Form 10-K includes information about activity on our Royalty Properties and Net Profits Interests. We encourage you to read this information and to contact us with any questions about your investment. In addition, the enclosed Proxy Statement contains important information concerning matters to be voted upon at our 2009 Annual Meeting. Please read the Proxy Statement and submit your vote at your earliest convenience.

We thank you for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

William Casey McManemin

Chief Executive Officer

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.

3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300

Dallas, Texas 75219-4541

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LIMITED PARTNERS

To Be Held on May 13, 2009

To the Unitholders of Dorchester Minerals:

The Annual Meeting of the Limited Partners of Dorchester Minerals, L.P. will be held at 10:00 a.m. Central Time on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at The Dallas Petroleum Club, 2200 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three managers who will serve on the Board of Managers and be appointed to the Advisory Committee until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Limited Partners;
2. To consider any other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

Only holders of record of common units as of the close of business on March 20, 2009 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, WE URGE YOU TO VOTE USING ONE OF THE VOTING METHODS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED MATERIALS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

By Order of the Board of Managers of

Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC,

/s/ William Casey McManemin
William Casey McManemin

Chief Executive Officer

April 3, 2009

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual

Meeting of Limited Partners to be Held on May 13, 2009:

The Partnership's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of

Limited Partners and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal

year ended December 31, 2008 are available at www.dmlp.net/proxy.

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.

3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300

Dallas, Texas 75219-4541

PROXY STATEMENT

For

ANNUAL MEETING OF LIMITED PARTNERS

To Be Held on May 13, 2009

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to holders of common units in connection with the solicitation of proxies by our Board of Managers for use at the Dorchester Minerals, L.P. 2009 Annual Meeting. Our general partner is Dorchester Minerals Management LP, and its general partner is Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC. As a result, the Board of Managers of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC exercises effective control of us. Dorchester Minerals Management LP is referred to herein as our general partner, and Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC is referred to herein as the general partner of our general partner. The approximate date on which definitive copies of this proxy statement and form of proxy are intended to be released to Unitholders is April 3, 2009.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING?

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Central Time on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at The Dallas Petroleum Club, 2200 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201.

WHAT IS THE BOARD OF MANAGERS PROPOSAL?

To elect three managers who will serve on the Board of Managers and be appointed to the Advisory Committee.

HOW DOES THE BOARD OF MANAGERS RECOMMEND I VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL?

The Board of Managers recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees to serve on the Board of Managers and Advisory Committee.

HOW WILL VOTING ON ANY OTHER BUSINESS BE CONDUCTED?

The Board of Managers does not know of any business to be considered at the 2009 Annual Meeting other than the proposal described in this Proxy Statement. However, if any other business is properly presented, your signed proxy card gives authority to the persons named in the proxy to vote on these matters at their discretion.

WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE?

Each Unitholder as of the close of business on March 20, 2009, the record date, is entitled to vote at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

HOW MANY UNITS MAY BE VOTED?

As of the record date, 28,240,431 units were outstanding. Each unit entitles its holder to one vote.

WHAT IS A QUORUM ?

A quorum is a majority of the outstanding units represented in person or by proxy at the 2009 Annual Meeting. There must be a quorum for the 2009 Annual Meeting to be held. If you submit a properly executed proxy card, you will be considered part of the quorum.

WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL?

The affirmative vote of holders of a plurality of the outstanding units is required to elect each manager to the Board of Managers. Thus, any abstentions, broker non-votes (units held by brokers or nominees as to which they have no discretionary authority to vote on a particular matter and have received no instructions from the beneficial owner or person entitled to vote thereon) or other limited proxies will have no effect on the outcome for the proposal.

HOW DO I VOTE?

You may vote by any one of three different methods:

- (a) In Writing. You can vote by marking, signing and dating the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the enclosed envelope. If you return your signed proxy card but do not give instructions as to how you wish to vote, your units will be voted FOR the proposal.
- (b) By Telephone. You can vote by calling the telephone number on the proxy card and following the instructions. Please have the proxy card in hand when calling.
- (c) In Person. You can vote by attending the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Units represented by properly executed proxies that are not revoked will be voted in accordance with the instructions shown on the proxy card. You have the right to revoke your proxy at any time before the 2009 Annual Meeting by:

- (a) Delivering to Dorchester Minerals, L.P., Attn: 2009 Annual Meeting, 3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas, 75219-4541, a written revocation;
- (b) Voting in person at the 2009 Annual Meeting; or
- (c) Returning a later-dated proxy card.

Attendance at the 2009 Annual Meeting will not, without further action by you, revoke your proxy.

Unitholders have no dissenters' rights or rights of appraisal under Delaware law or our Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF I RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE PROXY CARD?

If your units are registered differently and/or are in more than one account, you will receive more than one proxy card. Please mark, sign, date and return all of the proxy cards you receive to ensure that all of your units are voted. We encourage you to have all accounts registered in the same name and address (whenever possible). You can accomplish this by contacting our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, at (800) 937-5449.

HOW CAN I VOTE IF MY UNITS ARE HELD IN STREET NAME ?

If your units are held in the name of your broker, a bank, or other nominee, that party will give you instructions about how to vote your units.

WHO WILL COUNT THE VOTES?

Representatives of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, our transfer agent and an independent tabulator, will count the votes and act as the inspector of election.

Edgar Filing: DORCHESTER MINERALS LP - Form DEF 14A

WHERE AND WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF VOTING?

In addition to announcing the results at the 2009 Annual Meeting, you will also be able to find the results in our Form 10-Q for the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

WHO IS BEARING THE COST OF THIS PROXY SOLICITATION?

We are bearing the cost of soliciting proxies for the 2009 Annual Meeting. In addition to using the mail, managers, officers and employees may solicit proxies by telephone, personal interview or otherwise. They will not receive additional compensation for this activity but may be reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. We will reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy and solicitation materials to Unitholders.

WILL THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ATTEND THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING?

Representatives of Grant Thornton LLP, our independent accountants for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, will attend the 2009 Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K?

A copy of our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the consolidated financial statements filed therewith is included with this proxy statement. We will provide an additional copy of our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the consolidated financial statements, upon written request to Dorchester Minerals, L.P., Attn: 2009 Annual Meeting, 3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75219-4541. We will furnish a requesting Unitholder with any exhibit not contained therein upon payment of a reasonable fee.

WHEN ARE THE UNITHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF LIMITED PARTNERS DUE?

We presently expect that our next Annual Meeting of Limited Partners will be held on May 12, 2010. Unitholder proposals for inclusion in the proxy materials relating to the 2010 Annual Meeting must be received at our principal executive office at 3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75219-4541, addressed to our general partner no later than December 4, 2009. In accordance with our Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, Unitholders who intend to present a proposal at the 2010 Annual Meeting without inclusion of such proposal in our proxy materials are required to provide notice of such proposal to us no later than March 13, 2010, and Unitholders who intend to nominate a manager for election to the Board of Managers and Advisory Committee are required to provide notice of such proposal to us no later than February 11, 2010. If the date of the 2010 Annual Meeting is changed to a different month, we will advise our Unitholders of the new date for the submission of Unitholder proposals in one of our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common units as of February 27, 2009. The information is set forth for (i) each nominee and current manager and named executive officer of the general partner of our general partner, (ii) all executive officers and managers of the general partner of our general partner as a group, and (iii) all those known by us to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of our common units.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Beneficial Ownership(1) Number of Units	Percentage
Named Executive Officers and Managers (2)		
William Casey McManemin (3)	1,212,427	4.3%
James E. Raley (4)	29,706	*
H.C. Allen, Jr. (5)	219,975	*
Preston A. Peak (6)	860,444	3.0%
Robert C. Vaughn (7)	503,471	1.8%
Buford P. Berry (8)	0	N/A
C.W. (Bill) Russell (9)	4,000	*
Ronald P. Trout (10)	13,555	*
All executive officers and managers and nominees to be managers as a group (eight persons)(11)	2,784,823	9.9%
Holders of 5% or More Not Named Above		
Energy Trust LLC (12)	5,507,685	19.5%

* Less than one percent (1%)

(1) As of record date, there were 28,240,431 common units outstanding.

(2) Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each manager and executive officer of the general partner of our general partner is c/o Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC, 3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75219-4541.

(3) Includes 660,570 units held by Mr. McManemin, 209,457 units held by 1307, Ltd., 5,531 units held by SAM Partners Management, Inc., 283,645 units held by Ptarmigan Royalty Partners, and 53,224 units held by Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. Mr. McManemin disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by 1307, Ltd., SAM Partners Management, Inc., Ptarmigan Royalty Partners, and Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. in which he does not have an economic interest but which he may be deemed to beneficially own based on shared voting and investment power. Mr. McManemin is individually a general partner, is the President of the other general partner and is a limited partner of 1307, Ltd. All of the remaining limited partner interest of 1307, Ltd. is owned by Mr. McManemin's wife and minor children. Mr. McManemin is the Vice President and a shareholder of SAM Partners Management, Inc. and Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. Mr. McManemin is the managing partner of Ptarmigan Royalty Partners.

(4) All of the units beneficially owned by Mr. Raley are held by the Linda S. Raley Residuary Trust of which he is the trustee.

(5) Includes 135,280 units held by Mr. Allen, 25,940 units held by Mr. Allen and his spouse, 5,531 units held by SAM Partners Management, Inc. and 53,224 units held by Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. Mr. Allen disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by SAM Partners Management, Inc. and Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. in which he does not have an economic interest but which he may be deemed to beneficially own based on shared voting and investment power. Mr. Allen is the Secretary and a shareholder of SAM Partners Management, Inc. and Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc.

(6) Includes 358,554 units held by the Mary Lee Peak Trust, 12,179 units held by 4MP Corp, 488,711 units held by the Peak Revocable Living Trust and 1,000 units held by Hugoton Nominee, Inc. Mr. Peak disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by the Mary Lee Peak Trust, 4MP Corp, the Peak Revocable Living Trust and Hugoton Nominee, Inc. in which he does not have an economic interest but which he may be deemed to beneficially own based on shared voting and investment power. Mr. Peak is the trustee of the Mary Lee Peak Trust. Mr. Peak and his spouse are the beneficiaries of the Peak Revocable

- Living Trust, and Mr. Peak is a Co-Trustee of the Peak Revocable Living Trust. The Peak Revocable Living Trust is the shareholder of 4MP Corp. The Peak Revocable Living Trust is also the shareholder of Hugoton Nominee, Inc.
- (7) Includes 446,300 units held by RCV, Ltd., 17,723 units held by Empire Partners, Ltd., 9,861 units held by the Jack C. Vaughn, Jr. Trust, 9,862 units held by the Robert C. Vaughn Trust, 9,863 units held by the Sharon E. Vaughn Trust and 9,862 units held by the David C. Vaughn Trust. Mr. Vaughn disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by Empire Partners, Ltd., the Jack C. Vaughn, Jr. Trust, the Robert C. Vaughn Trust, the Sharon E. Vaughn Trust, and the David C. Vaughn Trust, in which he does not have an economic interest but which he may be deemed to own based on shared voting and investment power. Mr. Vaughn and his wife are the only partners of the general partnership that owns all the partnership interests in RCV, Ltd. Mr. Vaughn is the President of Empire (GP), Inc. the general partner of Empire Partners, Ltd. Mr. Vaughn and his spouse are the shareholders of Empire (GP), Inc. Mr. Vaughn is a co-trustee of the Jack C. Vaughn, Jr. Trust, the Robert C. Vaughn Trust, the Sharon E. Vaughn Trust and the David C. Vaughn Trust.
 - (8) The business address for Mr. Berry is 1722 Routh Street, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75201.
 - (9) The business address for Mr. Russell is 4695 N FM 2869, Winnsboro, Texas 75494. Includes 4,000 common units held in an Individual Retirement Account for the benefit of Mr. Russell.
 - (10) Includes 2,250 units held individually by Mr. Trout, 8,000 units held by Mr. Trout and his spouse, 655 units held in an Individual Retirement Account for the benefit of Mr. Trout, 2,250 units held by the Benjamin R. Trout Trust and 400 units held by the Gabriel G. Trout Trust. Mr. Trout disclaims beneficial ownership of those common units owned by the Benjamin R. Trout Trust and the Gabriel G. Trout Trust in which he does not have an economic interest but which he may be deemed to own based on voting and investment power. Mr. Trout is the Trustee for the Benjamin R. Trout Trust and the Gabriel G. Trout Trust. The business address for Mr. Trout is 1241 Mohawk Trail, Richardson, Texas 75080.
 - (11) Pursuant to Instruction 5 to Item 403 of Regulation S-K, the 5,531 units owned by SAM Partners Management, Inc. and the 53,224 units owned by Smith Allen Oil & Gas, Inc. included in the beneficial ownership of both Mr. McManemin and Mr. Allen are only included once in this total.
 - (12) The business address of Energy Trust LLC is 551 Fifth Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, New York 10176. Energy Trust LLC reported on its Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13-G filed on January 28, 2009 that it is the investment advisor to various pension funds that beneficially own the securities, and Energy Trust LLC has sole voting and dispositive power over such securities. Energy Trust LLC exercises its voting and dispositive powers on behalf of each pension fund separately pursuant to its fiduciary duties to such pension fund as its investment advisor. Energy Trust LLC exercises voting and dispositive power over 5,507,685 of our common units, in the aggregate, on behalf of the pension funds, which represents 19.5% of our outstanding common units. Each pension fund has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the securities it beneficially owns. The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee for the Lucent Technologies Inc. Master Pension Trust has an interest that relates to more than five percent of the common units. In November 2008, each of the various pension funds notified the Securities and Exchange Commission of its intent to sell in aggregate up to 280,000 common units in accordance with Rule 144. Although each of the various pension funds is required to notify the Securities and Exchange Commission of its intention to sell, none of the pension funds is required to report on Form 4 the sales that have taken place.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our managers, officers and persons who own more than 10% of our common units to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common units. Managers, officers and 10% holders of the common units are required by Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and representations that no other reports were required, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our managers, officers and 10% holders were met, except that two Form 4 s for Robert C. Vaughn and a Form 4 for H.C. Allen, Jr. were inadvertently filed late.

PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE

Our business and affairs are managed by and under the direction of the Board of Managers, which exercises all of our corporate powers and establishes broad corporate policies. The Board of Managers consists of five managers appointed by the five members of the general partner of our general partner and three additional managers nominated by these members and elected annually by our limited partners. The elected managers, as a group, must meet the requirements of our Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership and the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and NASDAQ Global Select Market (NASDAQ) regarding members of an audit committee.

Messrs. Allen, McManemin, Peak, Raley and Vaughn are the five managers appointed by the members of the general partner of our general partner and will hold office until the earlier of their death, resignation or removal from office. In the event of any vacancy on the Board of Managers left by an appointed manager, the member who holds the right to appoint the appointed manager will designate the replacement appointed manager, unless the member who otherwise holds the right to appoint the replacement appointed manager has lost his appointment right.

Messrs. Berry, Russell and Trout are the three managers who were elected at our 2008 Annual Meeting and are the three managers nominated by the members of the general partner of our general partner to stand for election to the Board of Managers at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

In the opinion of the Board of Managers, and as independent currently is required by NASDAQ, and assuming the three nominated managers are elected by the limited partners at the 2009 Annual Meeting, a majority of the Board of Managers after the 2009 Annual Meeting are and will be independent of management and free of any relationship that would interfere with their exercise of independent judgment. The Board of Managers has affirmatively determined that Messrs. Berry, Peak, Russell, Trout and Vaughn are independent. In addition to the NASDAQ independent requirements, the Board of Managers has also affirmatively determined that Messrs. Berry, Russell and Trout also satisfy the definition of independent prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission for members of an audit committee.

The Board of Managers held eight meetings in fiscal 2008. Each Manager attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board of Managers and of the committees of the Board of Managers on which such Manager served.

The Board of Managers strongly recommends each manager attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of our limited partners. All of the managers currently serving attended the 2008 Annual Meeting.

The Board of Managers has an Advisory Committee that consists of Messrs. Berry, Russell and Trout. The Advisory Committee functions as the audit committee and as the compensation committee. In addition the Advisory Committee addresses all matters concerning conflicts of interest and the application of the Business Opportunities Agreement. The Advisory Committee met four times during 2008.

The Board of Managers does not have a nominating committee or committee performing similar functions and has not adopted a resolution addressing the nominations process. This arrangement is appropriate as the nominations for all managers are made by the members of the general partner of our general partner. Messrs. McManemin, Raley, Allen, Vaughn and Peak all participate in the consideration of nominees for the Board of Managers in their capacities as officers and/or managers of the members of the general partner of our general partner. The Board of Managers has not adopted a resolution addressing the nominations process as the general partner of our general partner is legally required to provide its members with the ability to nominate managers.

The Board of Managers does provide a process for Unitholders to send communications to it. Unitholders may contact each member of the Board of Managers in writing at their respective business addresses. See Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

Our partnership adopted our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on July 17, 2003. The Board of Managers reviewed the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics in 2008 for adequacy and was satisfied therewith. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to all officers, managers, advisors and employees of our partnership and its affiliates. Upon written request, we will provide any person, without charge, a copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. Written requests should be sent to Dorchester Minerals, L.P., Attn: Annual Report, 3838 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75219-4541.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In their service as the Audit Committee, the members of the Advisory Committee assist the Board of Managers in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to our consolidated financial statements and other financial information; compliance with applicable laws, regulations and our code of conduct; independence and qualifications of the independent auditor; management's establishment of and adherence to a system of internal accounting and disclosure controls; and the performance of the internal audit function and independent auditors. The Advisory Committee is empowered to investigate any matter brought to its attention with full access to all our books, records, facilities and personnel and may retain outside counsel, auditors or other experts to assist it. Our Board of Managers has adopted a written charter for the Advisory Committee in its service as the Audit Committee specifying its purpose of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes, a copy of which was attached as Exhibit A to our Proxy Statement for our 2007 Annual Meeting. The charter is reviewed periodically to ensure that it meets all applicable legal and NASDAQ listing requirements. As interpreted in the Board of Managers' business judgment, assuming the three nominated managers are elected by the limited partners at the 2009 Annual Meeting, each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate and two members, including C.W. (Bill) Russell, of the Advisory Committee possess accounting or related financial management expertise. None of the members of the Advisory Committee has participated in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements in the previous three years.

In their service as the Compensation Committee, the members of the Advisory Committee exercise the power of the Board of Managers in connection with all matters relating to compensation of executive officers. All determinations concerning executive compensation for our officers are made by the Advisory Committee as provided in our agreements of the general partner and the general partner of our general partner. Advisor compensation is approved by the Board of Managers. Because of the simple remuneration for the services of our officers and managers, the Advisory Committee does not delegate or use consultants in determining and considering amounts or form of compensation and has not adopted a Compensation Committee charter.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our executive officers are not paid any compensation for their services as officers of our Partnership, however, they generally serve in the same capacities for our general partner, the general partner of our general partner and for the operating partnership of our general partner and are compensated by the operating partnership for their service in those capacities. Such compensation is borne indirectly by us as a result of our obligation to reimburse our general partner and the operating partnership for management expenses, subject to the limitation on reimbursement.

Each of our Appointed Managers is associated with one or more of the five members of our general partner. Each owner of our general partner receives a portion of the cash flow generated by our activities and those of the operating partnership as set forth in the agreement of the general partner of our general partner. Three of our Appointed Managers also serve as officers. The incentives to each of our Appointed Managers come solely from a portion of the cash flow generated and their individual holdings of publicly traded units in our partnership. The additional amount paid to each of the officers by the operating partnership as compensation is in recognition of their service provided in managing the day-to-day affairs necessary to our partnership and the operating partnership. This arrangement has been in place since we began operations on January 31, 2003, and each officer has received the same \$96,000 annual salary from our operating partnership since then. At this time, there are no other objectives, designs or elements of our compensation program, except recognition of management services provided. In the event we have new officers that are not also associated with the owners of our general partner or otherwise not holders of significant amounts of our units, our compensation may then require such programs.

The compensation policy occasionally contemplates performance-based cash bonuses, the amount of which will be determined based on the contribution of the executive officer and the benefit to the Partnership of the contribution of the executive officer.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	All Other Compensation ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Total (\$)
William Casey McManemin Chief Executive Officer	2008	\$ 96,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 115,200
	2007	\$ 96,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 115,200
	2006	\$ 96,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 110,400
H.C. Allen, Jr. Chief Financial Officer	2008	\$ 96,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 115,200
	2007	\$ 96,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 115,200
	2006	\$ 96,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 110,400
James E. Raley Chief Operating Officer	2008	\$ 96,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 115,200
	2007	\$ 96,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 115,200
	2006	\$ 96,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 110,400

⁽¹⁾ Compensation for SEP-IRA contributions. Applies equal percentage to all operating subsidiary employees.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Advisory Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management and based on that review and discussion recommends to the Board of Managers its inclusion in the Proxy Statement.

February 26, 2009

C.W. (Bill) Russell

Buford P. Berry

Ronald P. Trout

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

As members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Managers, we are responsible for helping to ensure the reliability of the Partnership's consolidated financial statements. In keeping with this goal, the Board of Managers has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee to follow. The Audit Committee reviewed and reassessed the charter's adequacy on February 26, 2009.

Independence of Audit Committee Members. All of the members of the Audit Committee are independent in accordance with the listing requirements of the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

Review and Discussions. The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Partnership's audited consolidated financial statements with management. It has also discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) standards. Additionally, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent accountants at Grant Thornton LLP, as required by PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526 (Communication With Audit Committees Concerning Independence), and has discussed with the independent accountants their independence.

Recommendation to Include Audited Consolidated Financial Statements in Annual Report. Based on the Audit Committee's discussions with management and the independent accountants and its review of the representation of management and the report of the independent accountants to the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board of Managers include the audited consolidated financial statements in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

February 26, 2009

Buford P. Berry

C.W. (Bill) Russell

Ronald P. Trout

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Appointed Managers receive no remuneration for serving on the Board of Managers, but each member of the Advisory Committee received an annual retainer fee of \$35,000 during 2008 and will receive \$35,000 during 2009. In addition, members of the Advisory Committee receive \$1,500 for each meeting of any special committees. In 2008, no special committee meetings were held.

Name	2008 Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	2008 Total (\$)
Buford P. Berry	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Rawles Fulgham (1)	\$ 5,833	\$ 5,833
C.W. (Bill) Russell	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Ronald P. Trout (1)	\$ 29,167	\$ 29,167

- (1) On February 22, 2008 Mr. Fulgham died as a result of illness and Mr. Trout was appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Fulgham's term as a manager. Mr. Trout was subsequently elected to the Board of Managers at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT FEES OF ACCOUNTANTS

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to us for the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 by Grant Thornton LLP, our independent auditors.

	2007	2008
AUDIT FEES	\$ 241,000	\$ 244,000
AUDIT-RELATED FEES		
TAX FEES		
ALL OTHER FEES		

The Advisory Committee has adopted procedures for pre-approving all audit and permitted non-audit services provided by our independent auditor. Part of this approval process includes making a determination on whether non-audit services are consistent with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules on auditor independence. The Advisory Committee periodically monitors the services rendered and actual fees paid to the independent auditors to ensure such services are within the parameters approved.

SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Audit Committee has not selected and appointed independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Discussions with Grant Thornton LLP, our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, will be initiated in the near future regarding our selection of independent auditors for 2009.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

William Casey McManemin, age 48, has served as Chief Executive Officer and as a manager of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC and as Chief Executive Officer of Dorchester Minerals Operating GP LLC and Dorchester Minerals, L.P. since 2001. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1984.

H.C. Allen, Jr., age 70, has served as Chief Financial Officer and as a manager of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC and as Chief Financial Officer of Dorchester Minerals Operating GP LLC and Dorchester Minerals, L.P. since 2001. He co-founded SASI Minerals Company, Republic Royalty Company, Spinnaker Royalty Company, L.P. and CERES Resource Partners, LP with Mr. McManemin in 1988, 1993, 1996 and 1998, respectively. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas in 1962 and his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Texas in 1963.

James E. Raley, age 69, has served as Chief Operating Officer and as a manager of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC and as Chief Operating Officer of Dorchester Minerals Operating GP LLC and Dorchester Minerals, L.P. since 2001. He had served as a general partner of Dorchester Hugoton since 1990. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1962.

Preston A. Peak, age 86, has served as a manager of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC since 2001. Mr. Peak co-founded Dorchester Hugoton and was a general partner since 1982. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. From 1954 until 1984, he served Dorchester Gas Corporation in various financial capacities, including Vice Chairman. Mr. Peak previously served on the boards of directors of each of Kaneb Services, Inc. and Kaneb Pipe Line Partners, L.P.

Robert C. Vaughn, age 53, has served as a manager of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC since 2001. Mr. Vaughn has served in various capacities with Vaughn Petroleum, LLC and affiliated entities since 1979, including as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. He co-founded Republic Royalty Company in 1993 and Dorchester Minerals, L.P. in 2003. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Culver Educational Foundation, the Development Board of The University of Texas at Austin and the Board of Visitors of the McDonald Observatory and Department of Astronomy of the University of Texas at Austin.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

WHO WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(PROPOSAL NO. 1 ON THE PROXY CARD)

Unitholders are entitled to elect three managers to the Board of Managers who will also be appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee. Nominations for the election of these managers listed below were made by the members of the general partner of our general partner and approved by its Board of Managers. If elected, all nominees are expected to serve until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Limited Partners or until their successors are duly elected.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

Buford P. Berry, age 73, has served as a manager and an Advisory Committee Member of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC since February 2003. He is currently of counsel to Thompson & Knight LLP, a Texas based law firm. Mr. Berry has been an attorney with Thompson & Knight LLP, serving in various capacities since 1963, including as Managing Partner from 1986 to 1998. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors of Holly Corporation. Mr. Berry previously served as a Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Energy Law of the Center for American and International Law (formerly Southwestern Legal Foundation). He is a past Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee of the Taxation Section of the American Bar Association and past Chairman of the Southwestern Legal Foundation Oil and Gas Tax Institute. From 1958 to 1960, Mr. Berry served as a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1958 and his Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1963, both from the University of Texas.

C. W. Bill Russell, age 67, has served as a manager and an Advisory Committee Member of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC since May 2004. Mr. Russell was employed by KPMG, LLP and predecessor firms from 1967 until his retirement in 1995. Elected as a partner in 1974, Mr. Russell concentrated in the field of energy taxation and served in various capacities at KPMG including as National Director, technical tax services energy and chairman of the KPMG International Petroleum Group. He co-authored *Income Taxation of Natural Resources*, from 1986 to 2000. He currently performs tax services and related accounting functions for independent oil and gas producers and individuals. Mr. Russell is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and is a certified public accountant.

Ronald P. Trout, age 69, currently serves on the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of The Cushing MLP Total Return Fund, a New York Stock Exchange listed closed-end investment company. Mr. Trout previously served as an Advisor and Audit Committee member of Dorchester Hugoton, Ltd., one of our predecessors, from 2001 through 2003. He was a Senior Vice President and one of the founding partners of Hourglass Capital Management Corp., a Texas-based investment management company until his retirement in April 2001. Prior to the formation of Hourglass, he was a Senior Vice President of Mercantile Securities Corp., the trust investment arm of Mercantile Bank. Mr. Trout has been a Chartered Financial Analyst since 1974 and is a current member of the Dallas Association of Investment Analysts and past President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Analysts Society. Mr. Trout received a B.S. and M.S. in Business Administration with a major in Finance from the University of Missouri.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS RECOMMENDS THAT UNITHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS NOMINEES.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Managers does not intend to present any other matters at the 2009 Annual Meeting and knows of no other matters that will be presented. However, if any other matters come before the 2009 Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

By Order of the Board of Managers of Dorchester Minerals Management GP LLC,

/s/ William Casey McManemin

William Casey McManemin

Chief Executive Officer

April 3, 2009

PROXY

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.

PROXY FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF LIMITED PARTNERS

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The undersigned hereby appoints each of William Casey McManemin and Preston A. Peak proxy and attorney in-fact with full power of substitution, on behalf and in the name of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned and to vote as specified on the reverse side all common units of Dorchester Minerals, L.P., which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Limited Partners on May 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at The Dallas Petroleum Club, 2200 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201 or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Continued and to be marked, dated and signed on the reverse side

and returned in the enclosed envelope or voted telephonically

2009 Annual Meeting of Limited Partners of

DORCHESTER MINERALS, L.P.

May 13, 2009

10:00 a.m. Central Time

The Dallas Petroleum Club

2200 Ross Avenue, 39th Floor

Dallas, Texas 75201

PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

MAIL - Date, sign and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

-or-

TELEPHONE - Call toll-free 1-800-PROXIES

(1-800-776-9437) from any touch-tone telephone

and follow the instructions. Have your proxy card

available when you call.

You may enter your voting instructions at 1-800-PROXIES up until 11:59 PM Eastern Time the day before the meeting date.

Company Number _____

Account Number _____

Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided **IF** you are not voting by telephone.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE X

1. Election of the nominees listed below as independent managers to the Board of Managers with subsequent appointment to the Advisory Committee.

2. The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

NOMINEES:

FOR ALL NOMINEES

Buford P. Berry

C.W. (Bill) Russell

Ronald P. Trout

THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO DIRECTION IS INDICATED, WILL BE VOTED FOR THE PROPOSAL LISTED AND IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PROXIES ON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION MADE FOR ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING.

Edgar Filing: DORCHESTER MINERALS LP - Form DEF 14A

.. WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES

.. FOR ALL EXCEPT

(See instructions below)

INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark **FOR ALL EXCEPT** and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here:

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

..

Signature of

Signature of

L.P. _____ Date: _____ L.P. _____ Date: _____

Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When units are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.