

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING

Thursday, October 7, 2010

Minutes (Final)

Location: Conference Room DHHS in Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Jeff Simonson called the meeting to order at: 6:00 pm. JS and JJ wanted to thank Williams for the tour of the wastewater facility. JS counted 16 attendees and thought the tour was very informative.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Jeff Simonson (JS)	EAB Chair – Divide Creek
Judy Jordan (JJ)	Garfield County
Don Mumma (DM)	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Joyce Wizer (JW)	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA)
Michael Gross (MG)	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt Citizen Representative
Cary Baird (CB)	Chevron
Jon Black (JB)	Antero
Daniel Padilla (DP)	Oxy USA Inc.
Kelly Lyon (KL)	Town of Silt
Heather Hoffmeister (HH)	Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa/Rulison
Ron Galterio (RG)	Battlement Mesa (Alternate in audience)
Juanita Williams (JW)	Town of Parachute
Michael Meskin (MM)	Grass Mesa Homeowners Association
Art Riddle (AR)	Town of New Castle
Artie Rothman (AHR)	Town of Carbondale
Mike Suek (MS)	Marathon Oil Company

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the minutes from August 5th meeting. JS entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. DP moved to accept the minutes after Oxy update added. JW seconded. The board then voted unanimously to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marion Wells (MW) received notice that “residents” were not able to attend the Williams tour at 4pm. The EAB had said at the last meeting that the tour was open to the public and she thought that residents (public) should be able to attend. Stating that the EAB is a county board therefore a public board and by not letting residents attend denies public access and education which is the purpose and mission of the EAB board. MW feels that it eliminates the public involvement that the EAB has said is so important to its purpose. MW felt although tour was educational to the EAB board members the public was left out. She wanted the EAB members to know it “bothers her greatly”. JS apologized and stated that the EAB had been misinformed. Again he apologized for the confusion. MW stated that it was not a matter of confusion but the board “misbehaving”. “A promise was made (to attend tour) and a promise was broken (not being able to attend)” by the EAB Board. JS understands what MW means and point has been well taken.

NEW BUSINESS

JS introduced David Grisso (Encana) and David Andrews (COGCC) to the EAB meeting.

INDUSTRY DRILL RIG COUNTS

Working Rigs *										
Antero	BBC	Chevron	Encana	Exxon	Laramie	Noble	PDC	OXY	Williams	Marathon
*1	**DNR	0	0	**DNR	**DNR	**DNR	**DNR	3	**DNR	0

*One drill rig + two (2) work over rigs. ** DNR – Did not report

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

David Grisso (Encana) and David Andrews (COGCC) gave educational presentation on wastewater and underground injection.

Please visit the EAB website at <http://www.garfield-county.com> and click in the Oil & Gas page. Go to the EAB minutes and presentation table and double-click on link.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Town of Parachute – Juanita Williams (JW)

TOP is still working on the West Parachute Interchange. JS stated the West Interchange is up for bid for design. A new dentist office has opened in Parachute.

Town of Silt – Kelly Lyons (KL)

TOS has opened a new recycling center in the Silt Trade Center.

Town of Carbondale – Artie Rothman (AHR)

No report.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddle (AR)

No report.

Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa – Heather Hoffmeister (HH)

MW had reported to HH that there had been a trespass on her property. HH said trucks are to use another way around but going through MW property is shorter. Industry trucks squealing their brakes; meaning they are going too fast on 309 Road (the back corner of MW property). JS clarified that the trespass occurred MW property. JJ asked if it had been reported to the sheriff. MW indicated that the sheriffs “noted” the trespass and the SO would not take the complaint any further. JS clarified that there is nothing the EAB can do at this time. MW agreed.

JS asked MW if water trucks were oil and gas related or private haulers. MW said there were a few water trucks, but were mostly industry pick-ups.

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson, (EAB Chair)

No Report.

Grass Mesa Homeowners Association – Mike Meskin

MM said that GMHA had the opportunity to tour the Hunter Mesa Facility (Encana). MM said the upside was that the tour was highly informative. Encana uses duck calls and sounds that keep wildlife from landing in the area. They also showed a sample of the produced water to the group. Although it was clear, it had a smell to it. MM said a property owner said “that was the smell he has been smelling for the past 10 years.”

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA) – Joyce Wizer (JW)

JW wanted to express her gratitude for the Williams tour and her appreciation for the calendar for the upcoming events to be held.

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma

No update.

Marathon - Mike Suek (MS)

No drill rigs running at this time. Marathon operates north of Parachute (Parachute Creek). Marathon is most of the way through their 2010 drilling program, and about 35 wells still to complete. At the end of the year, Marathon should have 80 active wells, producing 35 to 40 mcf/d by year end.

Oxy USA Inc. - Daniel Padilla (DP)

DP said they were planning on three drill rigs running north of DeBeque, There are two drill rigs operating in the Cascade Creek area through the end of the year.

Chevron – Cary Baird (CB)

No rigs running are at this time. Chevron is in a mode of completing things and waiting for better prices. Chevron sponsors Community Cinema in Grand Junction and handed out invitations. They show independent films to the public free of charge. After the films are shown a panel has a discussion about the topic shown. Community Cinema is being brought to the Rifle area. Three films will be shown at Colorado Mountain College starting October 22 @ 7pm. No RSVP is necessary.

Antero Resources – Jon Black (JB)

JB said they have one drill rig operating in the Castle Springs area. They will move it to a new location north of Silt next week. Two workover rigs are also operating in the area. JB stated that after the last meeting Michael Gross made comments about the conditions of the roads in Silt Mesa/Peach Valley. Antero in their effort to be a good neighbor has been working on them.

JB read a response to a September 26 Post Independent letter to the editor. Prior to drilling, Antero samples ground water from wells within ½ mile of the drilling site. They sample again after fracking. These baseline samples around Silt Mesa from July and September 2010 contained no volatile organic compounds (VOCs). JJ asked JB about a call she had received from a Silt resident that had told her that Antero’s sample of their water had come back with hydrocarbons in it. JB understood which resident JJ was discussing and said that they had been referred to Antero’s Environmental Manager. It was a miscommunication that has been resolved.

JJ asked if they test for methane. JB stated that residents needed clarification on “biogenic” and “thermogenic”. The answer was yes, they analyzed for methane and found none.

Garfield County Oil & Gas – Judy Jordan
No update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Galterio (RG) read a statement regarding the HIA (Health Impact Study). He said that this study validated the Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek residents' concerns. The HIA gives residents some reassurance that the health, safety and welfare of the community will be protected in the midst of oil and gas development. RG is hopeful that Garfield County will choose to act on recommendations and take additional measures to address concerns or issues brought up in the future.

RG said that 12 volunteers in GVCA have signed up for the "bucket brigade," a program in which they were trained on how to collect air samples and monitor odors. Normally BCC only collects air samples in the Battlement Mesa area, but they are willing to travel if their assistance is needed (up to 30 miles). All the monitoring the "bucket brigade" collects are methods approved by the EPA.

RG said there have been several complaints around the Saddleback area at the west end of Battlement Mesa. These complaints are in regard to large plumes of dust from the new well pad under construction by Encana. RG would like better dust mitigation in that area.

Linda Dixon (LD) lives in Peach Valley a mile up the road from 6 & 24 on Slaughter Gulch. Kip Costanzo has kept her well informed. LD wanted to let the board know that Antero has been very proactive, letting people on the haul route know when Antero would be moving equipment in and out of the area. A truck had taken out a corner post on her property and it was immediately repaired. LD appreciates that Kip has taken care of the problem. JS said he also that he has had the same positive experience with Antero.

ADJOURN

- JS adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- No motions were passed at this meeting

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Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on

Date 11-4-10

Cary Baird, Secretary of the Board