

**GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING FINAL MINUTES**

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Jeff Simonson called the meeting to order at: 6:05 pm. Jeff Simonson recognized County Commissioners, Tom Jankovsky and Mike Sampson and Jim Rada with Environmental Health. The EAB dinner was catered by The Red Brick, Silt, Colorado.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Michael Meskin (MM)	Grass Mesa HOA
Joyce Wizer (JW)	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA)
Susan Alvillar (SA)	Williams Production
Eric Brynildson (EB)	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Jeff Simonson (JS) (EAB Chair)	Divide Creek
Mike Braaten (MB)	City of Rifle
Kirby Wynn (KW)	Garfield County
Heather Hoffmeister (HH)	Rulison/Holmes Mesa
Kelly Lyon (KL)	Town of Silt
Art Riddle (AR)	Town of New Castle
Howard Orona (HO)	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss (BB)	North Rifle
Cary Baird (CB)	Chevron
Sher Long (SL)	Encana
Bob Arrington (BA)	Battlement Mesa
Mike Gross (MG)	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt
Don Mumma (DM)	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board reviewed the minutes from October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeff Simonson entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kirby Wynn moved to accept the minutes; Susan Alvillar seconded. The board then voted unanimously to approve.

**COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE**

SA shared that Community Counts (CC) was continuing in its efforts this month, getting the “public watch” announcements on the radio and T.V. Spots. Currently signs are going up across Garfield County. Many more signs will be posted.

Mary Lou Wilson with CC gave an updated on their complaint activity. The average complaint has had about a 24 hour turn-a-round to resolution. SA demonstrated how the CC hotline works by calling SL, Encana’s CC contact, during the meeting to show how the system operates, including the speed with which calls are routed to energy operators.

Mary Lou and CC gave their first “Kudo Award” to acknowledge H&K Trucking for their acts of courtesy on the roads in Garfield County. They were given a “Good Neighbor Award” plaque.

SL gave status updates regarding Thomas Thompson issues with Encana.

Acall came into the County and CC on 10-31-11 regarding air quality concerns and noise from fracking operations in Battlement Mesa. Encana is working with the County and COGCC, which has visited the site twice, to address concerns and did verify the fracking operations are within COGCC guidelines/regulations.

The most likely culprits for the haze in the air are:

- Heat inversion causing steam coming up from the produced water from the fracking operations; and/or
- Diesel emissions from trucks warming up in the morning.

SL discussed with COGCC possible solutions are:

- When the operations are “flowing-back” they will keep the tank lids closed to keep the steam from rising to reduce the “steam cloud”;
- Gas venting will be kept to a minimum;
- Wells will be “shut in” if they cannot introduce the gas into the pipeline; and
- Operators will also try warming up vehicles just before daylight to minimize haze caused by the trucks.

SL stated that there are about 22 days left on this fracking job at this site. She will report back next month. She will continue to work with the County and COGCC on any issues related to this site.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments.

Commissioner Mike Sampson wanted to thank the EAB board members on behalf of the Garfield County Commissioners for the efforts and time commitment of the members. Commissioner Sampson believes that the EAB is a work in progress and everyone that attends the meeting is there for the betterment of Garfield County.

Commissioner Mike Sampson also noted that Community Counts is being implemented in other parts of the country using Garfield County Community Counts as a model.

### **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

#### **Town of New Castle – (AR)**

AR handed out a letter from the Town of New Castle with their review comments on the proposed the Comprehensive Drilling Plan for the Antero South Gravel Trend Planning Area, located south of I-70 between Silt and Rifle..

#### **Town of Parachute – Juanita Williams (JW)**

The bypass is complete. They are “on track” for the west interchange. Drove by where Williams pad had been and it looked like they were never there “almost”.

#### **City of Rifle - Mike Braaten (MB)**

MB stated that Encana has invested in the City of Rifle to convert two vehicles to CNG.

The City of Rifle also submitted has also submitted comments to the Antero Comprehensive Drilling Plan for the South Gravel Trend Planning Area located southwest of the Town of New Castle.

**Town of Silt** – Kelly Lyon (KL)

No complaints. KL is in the process of applying for a grant (\$1.85 million) for improvements for updating water lines in the oldest part of Silt.

**Battlement Mesa O&G Committee**

Their next scheduled meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at the Battlement Mesa Activity Center. Kirby Wynn is on their agenda. SL offered to put the meeting on the Community Counts website.

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

Nothing to report.

**Grass Mesa HOA** – Mike Meskin (MM)

Nothing to report.

**Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa** – Eric Brynildson (EB)

Nothing to report.

**Rifle/North Rifle** – Brent Buss (BB)

Nothing to report.

**Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt** - Mike Gross (MG)

Nothing to report.

**Divide Creek** – Jeff Simonson (JS)

Nothing new to report. Had an issue with Jake Brakes and the issue has been resolved.

**Battlement Mesa** – Bob Arrington (BA)

BA had complaint from residents at Tamarisk Village regarding noise and haze issues. All agencies were notified by residents and responded. Thanks to Jim Rada, of County Health, who also came down and took photos. Encana has reported taking steps to address problems. BA was happy with response from Encana and all other agencies involved.

**Rulison/Holmes Mesa** - Heather Hoffmeister (HH)

Nothing to report

**Parachute/Parachute Creek** – Howard Orona (HO)

Nothing new to report.

**Chevron – Cary Baird (CB)**

CB reports that Chevron has had a minor safety incident. No rigs are running at this time. They are currently working on infrastructure completion.

Official update emailed:

Safety: We had a first aid incident with a contractor since the last meeting. No other issues.

Environment: No spills or other problems since the last meeting.

Operations: We continue to work on infrastructure and well completions.

Community Engagement: Recently we helped sponsor the inaugural event for the new Water Center at Colorado Mesa University. The Upper Colorado River Basin Water Forum was held on Monday, Oct. 31, and featured numerous speakers on various topics related to water quality, water quantity, endangered species and other issues. The spotlight was on many competing uses for the Colorado River and the challenges to making its watershed healthy and sustainable.

Several other operators in the Piceance Basin and Grand Valley – like Williams and Bill Barrett they have also been part of the Water Center and contributed to its creation over the past several months. Its mission is to broaden public understanding and knowledge of water issues in the West and provide a space for water professionals and scientists to collaborate, share data and contribute solutions to challenging problems.

**Williams Production – Susan Alvillar (SA)**

SA stated Williams will be split into two companies, Donna Gray will represent Williams and Susan Alvillar will represent WPX Energy. The split will take place by the end of the year.

SA considers the pad area that JW discussed earlier a “success story”. The project started in January and will be finished by November.

Moved two rigs, the split rig up to Porcupine Creek for half a day and after a change of plans it was instead moved to Beaver Creek. Williams also moved 278 (along interstate) to the other side of the river. No issues were reported with either move.

Running 11 Rigs (including two north Parachute, two in Wheeler Gulch, one north of I-70).

SA requested that residents please try Community Counts hotline (866) 442-9034 if you have an issue.

**Oxy USA Inc. - Sean Norris (SN)**

Oxy continues to operate 2 rigs in the Cascade Creek area and expects to continue that pace through the winter.

**Encana – Sher Long (SL)**

Sandy Kent with Encana (Community Investment) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011 in Garfield County:

- \$13,500 livestock sale;
- \$13,500 local non-profits;
- \$27,500 scholarships to 11 local students;
- \$30,000 rebates for natural gas boilers;
- \$30,000 to local health organizations; and
- \$61,000 to National Energy educational development workshops in public schools.

Encana has eight rigs running (three north of parachute, one in the Rulison area, one in Plateau Valley area, two parachute area and one in the Mamm Creek area). Encana has three dual fuel Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) rigs running. This rig count should stay the same for 2012.

SL stated that Encana has been having some issues with gates being closed or left open and wanted to pass along that they are continuously working on this issue.

### **Garfield County – Kirby Wynn (KW)**

KW handed out a copy of the Garfield County Road & Highway Index so that residents can better understand which roads are being referred to when traffic notices go out regarding energy operations.

Looking to update the EAB contact lists and get complete contact information for our distribution lists.

WE are still having a hard time estimating the head count for the dinner that precedes EAB meeting. Please RSVP to Denice Brown, 625-5915 for each EAB meeting if you want to participate in the dinner/social time.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION (2 presentations)**

Lisa Dawson – Garfield County Director of Administrative Services  
**Economic Impacts of Oil and Gas on Garfield County**

Craig Meis – Mesa County Commissioner  
**Economic Impacts of Oil and Gas Western Region**

(For a copy of the Powerpoint slides, please visit the EAB website at <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>. Scroll down to EAB minutes and presentation table and double-click on link for each presentation.)

### **ADJOURN**

- JS adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

### **MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING**

- A motion was passed as this meeting to approve last month minutes.

*Prepared by Denice Brown, Garfield County Oil and Gas Assistant*

*Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on*

*Date: December 1, 2011*

*Cary Baird, Secretary of the Board*