

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING

Thursday, March 4th, 2010

Minutes (FINAL)

Location: Garfield County Health & Human Services Building in Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Jeff Simonson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Simonson, Jeff	EAB Chair – Divide Creek Citizen Representative
Braaten, Mike	EAB Vice Chair – City of Rifle
Alvillar, Susan	EAB Secretary – Williams
Jordan, Judy	Garfield County
Suerth, Betsy	Town of Silt
Williams, Juanita	Town of Parachute
Riddile, Art	Town of New Castle
Rothman, Artie	Town of Carbondale
Mumma, Don	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Robinson, Leslie	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA)
Meskin, Michael	Grass Mesa Homeowners Association
Hamilton, Theresa	Garfield School District RE-2
Gross, Michael	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt Citizen Representative
Brynildson, Scott	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa Citizen Representative
Buss, Brent	Rifle/North Rifle
Orona, Howard	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Edwards, Cole	Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Black, Jon	Antero Resources
Dennison, Doug	Bill Barrett Corporation
Baird, Cary	Chevron
Long, Sher	EnCana
Bankert, Wayne	Laramie Energy II
Suek, Mike	Marathon Oil
Kohn, Judi	Noble Energy
Padilla, Daniel	OXY

- An addition to the agenda was made after roll call. Garfield County Commissioner, Mike Samson, asked to speak to the EAB on behalf of the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners. Mike said he had spoken with the other two commissioners and had their permission to speak on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Mike said the BOCC feels the EAB is a very important part of the community and it is the BOCC's wish that the EAB continue to function and not disband. They believe the EAB has accomplished many good things in the past and will continue to do so. On behalf of the BOCC, Mike thanked the EAB members for their volunteer time and asked the members to continue on with their mission.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Jeff Simonson entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jon Black asked for a correction to the 1/7/10 minutes in the Mamm Creek update and to strike Antero's name from the update as they were not involved. Leslie Robinson moved to accept the minutes with the change and Mike Braaten seconded. The board then voted unanimously to approve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jeff Simonson welcomed new members to board: Citizen Representatives Brent Buss, Howard Orona and Cole Edwards and new Town of Parachute Representative Juanita Williams.
- Jeff Simonson read the response from the EAB public comment follow up report to a complaint made by Rulison citizen, Marion Wells, at the 1/7/10 meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Matt Cott with Noise Solutions gave a Power Point presentation on “The Nature of Noise and its Control”.

- Please visit the EAB website at <http://www.garfield-county.com/Index.aspx?page=768> and click in the table for the 3/4/10 EAB meeting to view the power point presentation titled “The Nature of Noise and its Control”.

NEW BUSINESS

- Judy Jordan addressed the board, stating that the BOCC directed her, in response to the letter from the eight industry representatives, to ask the entire Energy Advisory Board to consider whether it should continue or disband. Jeff Simonson read the letter to the Board for background. Jeff then opened up the agenda item for discussion. Almost all of the members gave comment on their opinion regarding the future of the EAB and the majority opinion was that the EAB should continue, with many suggestions given regarding changes that could be made to the EAB forum. Betsy Suerth moved to continue the EAB and create a smaller sub-committee of members to meet and bring issues and suggestions for change to the board. Michael Gross and Cary Baird seconded the motion. The majority of the board voted in favor of the motion. Mike Braaten, Cary Baird, Leslie Robinson, Doug Dennison, Juanita Williams, Art Riddile, Brent Buss, Jeff Simonson and Theresa Hamilton volunteered to work as a subcommittee to consider changes to EAB operations. Theresa Hamilton and Leslie Robinson agreed to help organize the sub-committee meetings. Judy Jordan asked the board if they wanted to take a break to give the sub-committee time to meet. Susan Alvillar moved to cancel the April 1st EAB meeting and pick back up in May. Betsy Suerth seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Brent Buss suggested that the sub-committee meet during the break and bring back suggestions to improve the EAB to the May 6th meeting. Sher Long suggested to have no educational presentation at the May meeting to allow for extra time to discuss how to improve the EAB. Betsy Suerth moved to have the sub-committee decide how to proceed and how to interact with the BOCC. Theresa Hamilton seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

- Judy Jordan moved to skip the member updates due to agenda time constraints. Scott Brynildson seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marion Wells said she is a Rulison/Garfield County citizen, an impacted land owner and a royalty owner who has reported many issues to the EAB without receiving timely responses or resolutions. She said she has also called Community Counts with issues and left messages with no return phone calls. She feels the issues she has brought to the EAB are addressed behind closed doors without any additional input from herself as the complainant. She said she did start out by trying to deal with the operators directly on issues, but had difficulty getting return phone calls from them. Jeff Simonson

said that the EAB does need to find a better way to effectively deal with the public comments and it will be a main topic of discussion with the newly formed sub-committee.

ADJOURN

- At 9:01pm, Wayne Bankert moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Suek seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Jeff Simonson adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- The 1/7/10 minutes were approved by motion with amendments.
- A motion was passed to continue EAB and form a subcommittee to consider operational changes.
- A motion was passed to forego member updates this month.
- A motion was passed to cancel the April 1st EAB meeting and pick back up in May.
- A motion was passed to have the sub-committee decide how to proceed and how to interact with the BOCC.

Prepared by Wendy Swan, Garfield County Oil and Gas Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on

Date

Susan Alvillar, Secretary of the Board