

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING

Thursday, March 5th, 2009

Minutes (FINAL)

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

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Betsy Suerth called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Suerth, Betsy
Braaten, Mike
Jordan, Judy
Russi, Greg
Mumma, Don
Wizer, Joyce
Hamilton, Theresa
Wells, Marion
Bedell, Kathryn
Brynildson, Scott
Gross, Michael
Vazquez, Maria
Simonson, Jeff
Donato, Scot
DeBerry, Michael
Long, Sher
Bankert, Wayne
Groffy, Bill
Kohn, Judi
Padilla, Daniel
Alvillar, Susan

EAB Chair – Town of Silt
EAB Secretary – City of Rifle
Garfield County
Town of New Castle
Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA)
Garfield School District RE-2
Rulison/Taughenbaugh Mesa/Morrisania Mesa
Roan Creek
Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Silt Mesa/Peach Valley
Parachute/Battlement Mesa
Divide Creek/Dry Hollow
Bill Barrett Corporation
Chevron
EnCana
Laramie Energy II
Marathon Oil
Noble Energy, Inc.
OXY Oil & Gas Corporation
Williams Production

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Betsy Suerth entertained a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting. Michael DeBerry moved to accept the minutes as presented and Scot Donato seconded. The board then voted unanimously to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Linda Dixon, a resident of the Wallace Creek/Spring Creek area, stated that there is road damage on county road 306 and Garfield County turned the road repair responsibility over to the operators and now nobody is fixing the road. Encana, Williams and Noble are operating in the area. Sher Long with Encana said she would follow up with Williams and Noble and give an update at next EAB meeting.
- James Julian gave information on the Rifle Rendezvous event on May 15-17, 2009 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds. Call him at 970-675-6320 for additional details or visit the website at www.riflerendezvous.org
- Teri Kinkade, the CEO of Colorado Mountain College – West Garfield Rifle Campus, discussed some new job training classes added to their curriculum. For more information call 625-1871.
- Mary Ellen Denomy stated that she would like an update at the next EAB meeting on details of truck accident on Highway 13 – North Rifle that just happened on the 3/5/09 day of EAB meeting. Sher Long said she would try and get the details to report back at next EAB meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Chris Canfield, the Lead Investigator for the COGCC Northwest Field Office in Rifle, gave an update on the COGCC NOAV (Notice of Alleged Violation) process. Three triggers to issue an NOAV are a complaint from a citizen, an operator report or a discovery on a COGCC routine inspection.
- Jimmy Smith with Wagon Wheel Consulting gave an update on the ETC Compressor Station on Holmes Mesa. The required Garfield County Building & Planning permit has gone through the administration process and was approved on February 26, 2009. Construction plans to start on March 9, 2009.
- Judy Jordan explained the recent process on advertising and recruiting for more citizen representatives. Marion Wells made a motion to have the Grass Mesa Homeowner's Association added as an EAB Organization Member and Sher Long seconded the motion with a recommendation to have Michael Meskin, a member of the Grass Mesa Homeowner's Association as the representative. The board voted unanimously to approve and the motion carried.
- Betsy Suerth led a discussion on the EAB draft memo to the BOCC on "recommendations regarding mission and duties of the EAB". Betsy went over each bullet point on draft memo for comments and discussion from EAB members.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Town of Silt – Betsy Suerth reported that they are working on a growth challenge project and will have an open meeting for discussion on Saturday, March 14 at 1:00pm at the Silt Fire Station.

City of Rifle – Mike Braaten reported that Council met with the GarCo library district and will likely submit a joint DOLA grant to redevelop the library area for the large civic plaza.

Town of New Castle – Greg Russi reported that they are finishing their plan revision.

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma reported that they had an incident in the PUD about one week prior to EAB meeting. A semi truck ran a stop sign at the Morrisania Road stop sign. The resident who reported the incident had received all pertinent information on the truck including the license plate number. Don referred the resident to community counts and the truck driver is no longer working for the company.

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Joyce Wizer had nothing new to report.

Garfield School District RE-2 – Theresa Hamilton reported that there are no changes from her update at the last EAB meeting.

Rulison/Taughenbaugh Mesa/Morrisania Mesa - Marion Wells related general complaints of traffic, speed, dust, odor, jake brakes, roads, weeds and ineffectiveness of EAB.

Roan Creek – Kathryn Bedell reported that the road construction delays on CR 204 are better now.

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson said he hopes to see the EAB grow with more citizen representatives joining the board and a bigger meeting room to hold the meetings.

Silt Mesa/Peach Valley – Michael Gross had nothing new to report.

Parachute/Battlement Mesa – Maria Vazquez introduced herself as the new citizen representative.

Divide Creek/Dry Hollow – Jeff Simonson introduced himself as the new citizen representative and said he looks forward to serving on the EAB.

Bill Barrett Corporation – Scot Donato reported that there are no changes from his update at the last EAB meeting.

Chevron – Michael DeBerry reported that they are currently operating 2 rigs and will drop to 1 rig in April. The county road 204 reconstruction is in progress and is slated for completion by November 2009.

Encana – Sher Long reported that they will have an average of 5 rigs running and plan to drill 123 wells for 2009, but those plans could change.

Laramie Energy II – Wayne Bankert reported that they have 1 rig running in Beaver Creek area and will be moving to Battlement Mesa to drill 7 wells.

Marathon Oil – Bill Groffy reported that they have 1 rig running and 24 wells in service.

Noble Energy – Judi Kohn reported that they currently have 2 rigs operating.

OXY – Daniel Padilla reported that there are no changes from his update at the last EAB meeting.

Williams Production – Susan Alvillar reported that they will have an average of 8 to 9 rigs running for 2009.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –None given

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Linda Dixon questioned the distinction between a citizen representative and a municipality representative and the balance of members on the EAB.
- Mary Ellen Denomy stated that Joan Savage has missed three EAB meetings in a row including March.

ADJOURN

Betsy Suerth adjourned at 8:50 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- Marion Wells made a motion to have the Grass Mesa Homeowner's Association added as an EAB Organization Member and Sher Long seconded the motion with a recommendation to have Michael Meskin, a member of the Grass Mesa Homeowner's Association, as the representative. The board voted unanimously to approve and the motion carried.

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

Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on

Date

Mike Braaten, Secretary of the Board