

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING
Thursday, August 5, 2010
Minutes (DRAFT)
Location: Conference Room DHHS in Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Jeff Simonson called the meeting to order at: 6:06 pm.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Jeff Simonson (JS)
Braaten, Mike (MB)
Jordan, Judy (JJ)
Riddle, Art (AR)
Mumma, Don (DM)
Robinson, Leslie (LR)
Gross, Michael (MG)
Baird, Cary (CB)
Jon Black (JB)
Eric Brynildson (EB)
Artie Rothman (AHR)

EAB Chair – Divide Creek
EAB Vice Chair – City of Rifle
Garfield County
Town of New Castle
Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA)
Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt Citizen Representative
Chevron
Antero
Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Carbondale

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the minutes from June 3rd meeting. JS entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. MB moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jon Black seconded. The board then voted unanimously to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report on work session with BOCC-Judy reported on the work session with the BOCC on July 13. The meeting was attended by board members and the public. They discussed the three elements of the EAB's mission, including public education, conflict resolution and advising the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). JS perspective was that the BOCC expects us to listen, and potentially offer recommendations, but not necessarily take action to resolve conflicts. CB thought that the BOCC expects citizen reps to gather input from their communities AR thought the BOCC was unanimously supportive of continuing the EAB. The BOCC did not direct any changes to the mission of the EAB.

A discussion ensued about the lack of attendance at tonight's EAB meeting by the industry. JJ said that at the operators meeting earlier that afternoon, a number of operators stated that they did not intend to participate in the EAB in the foreseeable future. Some members expressed dismay at the operators' absence and it was suggested that perhaps the EAB should take positions on issues and if those are counter to industry interests then they will return.

MG suggested rotating the meetings to different locations in the county. Members recommended using county public information person to coordinate notices of the meeting locations. It was also suggested that the location be coordinated with the topic of educational presentation that month. Potential venues are:

- New Castle -Community Center
- Silt and Battlement Mesa –Town Halls/Fire Station meeting rooms

MG thought that one of the greatest values of the EAB meetings is the industry updates. Is there any other way to collect this information? JJ will ask the operators if they would provide this information separately to her so that she could relay those reports at EAB.

The Board concluded that the BOCC had directed the EAB chair to report on the previous Thursday's EAB meetings at the following Monday's BOCC meetings, and to bring any controversies that cannot be solved by EAB to the BOCC.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed educational presentations and agreed they should be given at each EAB meeting. JJ has a list of topics requested by EAB members from previous meetings. The board wanted the following to be added to list:

- Disposal of the wastewater/injection wells
- Seismic exploration by "Aguilla "
- Blow out preventers/control

There was a discussion about the need to recruit additional citizen representatives.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Town of New Castle – Art Riddle

No news.

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA) – Leslie Robinson

No news.

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma

No update

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt – Citizen Representative Michael Gross

No news.

Chevron – Cary Baird stated that Piceance Basin had an "erosional event" (sluffing off shale due to heavy rains) that shut down private roads and closed access to well pads. Chevron decided to close the wells "remotely" until they can clear roads and assess damages if any. They hope to be up and running on by August 6th.

CB said that they donated \$20,000 to the Western Colorado Conservation Core based in Grand Junction. CB asked Michael DeBerry to explain Chevron's "Stop Work Order" program in which

any worker has the authority to stop operations if they observe a situation they believe is unsafe. Hand-outs were provided and are also available on the Chevron website.

Antero – Jon Black

Antero has one rig operating south of New Castle near Jolley Mesa and two workover rigs. They recently met with Silt and New Castle regarding their truck routes. They are drilling two exploratory wells north of HWY 6. Antero donated to the Silt Hey Day, bought livestock to donate to Silt Fire Station, and donated to the “Kiss and Squeal” program. Antero recently held a community meeting in Silt to communicate their development plans north of HWY 6. Antero has been meeting with COGCC, CDPHE and others regarding odor complaints by Battlement Mesa residents.

Garfield County Oil & Gas – Judy Jordan

JJ shared a copy of the “Environmentally Friendly Practices Scorecard,” which was published by the Houston Advanced Research Center. It will be placed on the GarCo Website for public viewing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- NONE

ADJOURN

- JS adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- No motions were passed at this meeting

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

Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on

Date

Cary Baird, Secretary of the Board