

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING  
 Thursday, September 2, 2010  
 Minutes (Final)  
 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)	<b>EAB Chair</b> – Divide Creek
Jordan, Judy (JJ)	Garfield County
Mumma, Don (DM)	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Robinson, Leslie (LR)	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA)
Gross, Michael (MG)	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt Citizen Representative
Baird, Cary (CB)	Chevron
Scott Brynildson (SB)	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Daniel Padilla (DP)	Oxy USA Inc.
Kelly Lyon (KL)	Town of Silt

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board reviewed the minutes from August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. JS entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. LR moved to accept the minutes as presented, MG seconded. The board then voted unanimously to approve.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

JS expressed appreciation that DP is in attendance to represent Oxy. DP stated that he had never intended to leave the EAB board. He was absent last month due to family reasons.

JJ handed out 2010 and 2011 tentative educational presentations and the locations of meetings being held. JS thought that this was a good start in bringing the educational piece to the EAB.

**NEW BUSINESS**

JS welcomed new board member Kelly Lyon (Silt Representative).

**INDUSTRY DRILL RIG COUNTS**

Working Rigs **										
Antero	BBC	Chevron	Encana	Exxon	Laramie	Noble	PDC	OXY	Williams	Marathon
*1	2	0	6	5	***DNR	***DNR	***DNR	2	12	0

\*One drill rig + two (2) work over rigs.

\*\* Piceance Basin, including Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties and Beaver Creek.

\*\*\* DNR – Did not report

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

BLM (Vanessa Bull) gave a presentation on pad reclamation. This presentation will be added to the Garfield County Website.

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**

### **Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson**

No update

### **Grand Valley Citizens Alliance (GVCA) – Leslie Robinson**

Leslie 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. LR would like Garfield County to consider purchasing an infra-red camera to document fumes coming off of well pad sites.

### **Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma**

No update

### **Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt –Michael Gross**

MG stated that roads are already showing wear and tear from heavy truck use, now that Antero has begun drilling operations in his area. One of the new pads is located near the Roseman (sp?) ditch, and the ditch company is concerned about maintenance costs increasing and the problems if there is a spill at the “toe” of the pad. JJ spoke with MG to make sure that there is communication with Antero about concerns. MG said this is a process that has just started and will let JJ know if she can be of assistance.

### **Chevron – Cary Baird**

No update

**Oxy USA Inc.** - DP said they were planning on two drill rigs running in the Cascade Creek north of Debeque, Colorado. On the social responsibility side Oxy employees helped to raise \$14,500 for the American Cancer Society (Relay for life in Mesa County). Last month Oxy hosted rig and employee housing camp for three (3) county planners and one (1) code enforcement officer. DP looks forward to having another one in the future.

**Garfield County Oil & Gas** – JJ said that members of the EAB have said that they found operator reports of activity levels to be very important. Since representatives from the industry have not been at the EAB meetings, the Oil and Gas Department will plan to take notes from the Northwest Oil and Gas Forum and report to the EAB the numbers of rigs in operation.

JJ said that natural gas filling stations are being constructed along I-70, including in Rifle. Garfield County has started adding natural gas vehicles (4) to its fleet. The hope is that the infrastructure will allow for fueling future natural gas vehicles between Denver and Los Angeles.

JJ also noted that 2 horizontal permit applications have been received by Garco. These will tap into the Mancos Formation. Current expectations of tight sand well life spans are around 30 years, but if shales like the Mancos prove up, oil and gas resources may be under development for a much longer period of time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marion Wells requested a report from the EAB subcommittee that investigated her stormwater complaint. She appreciated the BLM presentation but felt that she is the “poster-child” for the 12 ways not to do pad reclamation (see BLM power point for the list of 12 pad reclamation recommendations). She stated that none of these 12 things has been done at her property for 3 years. She said she was still concerned about the Community Counts report and the oil spill that happened over a year ago: whose oil was spilled?

JS responded and that he was waiting on a report from Colorado State Patrol (CSP); JJ or JS will follow-up with CSP and the Rifle police department. MW said that the reports from CSP & Rifle will not include whose oil it was; the reports indicate who the trucking company was but not who they were hauling for, where it was being hauled to and from; or which oil & gas company were they working for. MW felt that this information should be known since it affects the royalty owners. CB questioned why the EAB should be trying to answer these questions. Marion expressed that there is no other way for the royalty owners to get information on the oil spill except through the operators. The spill was substantial and prices were high at the time. She felt that the issue was brought up the night of the spill and then “just dropped.” She said she understood that the spill material may have come from another county, but still wanted answers to those questions. JS said he would take the issue to the BOCC.

In reference to the “bucket brigade” Marion told Leslie that the Holmes Compressor station had two “significant releases” in the last month. She has concerns about the releases because she could see and smell it.

## **ADJOURN**

- JS adjourned the meeting at 8:00 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*