

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

**Thursday September 1, 2016**

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

## **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION**

Vice Chair Robin Haney called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Secretary Jake Janicek conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

## **EAB members in attendance:**

Ed Green	City of Rifle
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss	Rifle/North Rifle
Hank Kracht	Rulison
Tom VonDette	Taugenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas ( <b>Secretary</b> )
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Pat McCown	Williams Midstream
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Bryan Hotard	Terra Energy Partners

## **Invited guests in attendance:**

Steve Ficklin	BLM
Nita Smith	Community Counts Colorado
Ann Driggers	Garfield County

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

The board reviewed the August meeting minutes. After a minor edit requested by Brian Gardner, Tom VonDette made a motion to approve the August EAB Meeting Minutes, this motion was seconded by Brent Buss, and the board unanimously approved the amended August EAB Meeting Minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Robin Haney stated that at our last meeting we started some discussion about our educational presentation priorities and expressed some need for the subcommittee to meet again and talk about the issues identified earlier that were actionable and high priority Kirby agreed to give an update. Those that participated were, Robin Haney, Kirby Wynn, Bob Arrington, Cary Baird, Brian Gardner, Susan Alvillar, the group went through the original analysis from last year and came to a consensus that information and

presentations on economic impacts locally would be the next priority. Tonight's speaker will address the aspects of the local economic impacts and then next month we will try to have a speaker with a broader view of the economic impact from a state level. The subcommittee also recommends that further education on pipelines would be pursued with a three part education presentation to get greater detail.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Ann Driggers, Finance Director for Garfield County presents; After the Boom: The Economic Aftermath of Falling Natural Gas Prices – How the downturn has impacted the economy and finances of Garfield County.

**PowerPoint and video of the presentation are available from EAB web page: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>**

Ann Driggers presentation was followed by extensive Q & A.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marion Wells of Rulison states she has another pipe leak near the other leak she had in her gathering line on her property which is the second one in a matter of months. Ms. Wells was concerned about the article about the 2500 square mile methane cloud in the four corners region that are being attributed to oil and gas activity. Ms. Wells was also curious about the new Johns Hopkins study that is showing specific health issues for drilling and fracking operations. Ms. Wells expressed concern she had following our last EAB Meeting over how this board is doing business. Ms. Wells states that it is contrary to the purpose of this board to have the complaints and concerns of a citizen to be criticized by citizen representative living in another area that presiders on this board, it is an affront the mission statement of this board and yet no one said anything. Looking into this representative he does not live in the Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek area which is a requirement for him to represent what the specific impacts actually are in that area. How can this be? Others have been denied a position on this board for the reason of not living in the area they wish to represent.

Linda Dixon of the Wallace Creek/Spring Creek area shared details of the Spring Creek area fire that occurred. Ms. Dixon gave comments regarding the fire protection in their area. Ms. Dixon feels there is a deficit in the firefighting in their area. This fire brings up concerns about community boundaries as far as who represents what area. Ms. Dixon states that she would like the EAB members to address an inequity of time placed on comments from citizen's vs board members.

### **COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES**

**Community Counts Update – Nita Smith;** Community Counts Colorado is a broad-based non-profit organization established to facilitate open and direct dialogue between communities and the energy and extraction industries that encourages timely response and resolution to matters of mutual concern.

We currently have 75 members and operate in Garfield, Mesa and Rio Blanco Counties.

Good Neighbor Certified Company – Solvay Chemicals trained 95% of their personnel to become certified – Completed on 8/25/16

#### **June - July Concerns/Information/Information –**

1. No Concerns
2. 2 Rig Moves
3. High Volume Work Emails
4. Numerous Road Updates

**Current Rig Count – 3 Garfield County**

1. Terra Energy Partners – 1 Garfield County – RU 22-7
2. Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County – C23-697
3. Ursa Operating Company – 1 Garfield County – Tompkins Pad
4. Statewide - 20
- 5.

**Response Line: 866-442-9034**

**PRESS 1 TERRA ENERGY PARTNERS**

**PRESS 2 ENCANA**

**PRESS 3 URSA RESOURCES**

**PRESS 4 VANGUARD**

**PRESS 5 CHEVRON**

**PRESS 6 CAERUS**

**PRESS 7 SOLVAY CHEMICALS**

**PRESS 8 LARAMIE ENERGY**

**PRESS 9 GARFIELD COUNTY OIL & GAS LIAISON**

**PRESS 0 COMMUNITY COUNTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**PRESS # XTO ENERGY OR EXXONMOBIL IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

**PRESS \* NATURAL SODA IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY**

**CCC 2016 -2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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***ZACH JACOBSON– SUMMIT MIDSTREAM***

***DAVE MORLAN– RIO BLANCO ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR***

***KIRBY WYNN– GARFIELD OIL & GAS LIAISON***

***CHUCK HALL – BATTLEMENT MESA RESIDENT – (NEW BOD)***

***STEVE RIPPY – BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT (NEW BOD)***

**Community Counts Board Meetings are held every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Town of Parachute. Our next Board meeting will be September 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2016.**

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[susan.alvillar@wpenergy.com](mailto:susan.alvillar@wpenergy.com) (970.263.5315) (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President.

**Bureau of Land Management: – Steve Ficklin;** Our office is currently being audited, they are looking for ways to improve the program and speed up some of the processes. October 1<sup>st</sup> the Northwest District office will be officially in the Silt Office, the Grand Junction field office will be part of the southwest after that period.

Rifle White River Ranger District: – Sarah Hankins; In light of the economic and budget discussion the White River National Forest has also experienced impacts, similar to tonight's presentation our budget has decreased approximately 50% since 2009 as well as our leasable minerals budget dropping. With that we still staff two employees that are specialized in oil and gas, we work closely with the BLM office, and those employees focus on managing existing leases and infrastructure, as well as reviewing the back log of leasing nominations. We also continue to do air monitoring from remote locations.

## **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

### **Municipalities:**

**City of Rifle – Ed Green;** Nothing to report.

**Town of New Castle – Art Riddile;** Nothing to report.

### **COGCC:**

**COGCC – Marc Morton;** Morton Reported to the EAB that the COGCC is also facing budgetary shortfalls. The COGCC is not backfilling openings, currently 8 down from previous years. Two citizen backed initiatives both failed did not receive enough signatures, one would have increased the setbacks from wells the other was giving more local control but the discussions are expected to continue on these topics. We have three new commissioners on the COGCC, one from Glenwood Springs is Kent Jolley. Well starts are down inspections are at a record pace. We'll be offering training on Sept 14 regarding inspection form roll-out. Morton offered to provide follow up information after receiving a question from board member Arrington regarding COGCC involvement in well pad design to avoid storm water run-off with 4 violations noted by Arrington.

### **School Districts:**

**Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney;** Nothing to report.

### **Organizations:**

**Battlement Mesa Citizens – Bob Arrington;** Notes that photos have been taken at the Tompkins pad and there were previous storm water runoff and silting problems at WPX pads on Parachute Creek from Riley Gulch, and just beyond, down into the town of Parachute. The pad in town had weeds up to the burner units. The State Health Water quality division fined for at least 4 pads and the fine was over \$99,000. Arrington then asked Mark Morton of the COGCC where the dividing line of jurisdictions was, if he knew offhand. Morton offered to look it up and get back to Arrington, but Arrington replied, "No, I was just asking if you knew where pad approval of drainages was COGCC or just that belonged to CDPHE it was not that important to bother."

Arrington also recommended that anyone curious about the recent wildland fire contact David Blair for maps and additional information.

**Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma;** Nothing to Report

### **Citizen Representatives:**

**Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson;** Nothing to Report

**Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona;** Nothing to Report

**Rulison – Hank Kracht;** Commented that it looks like Ursa is done with their pipeline on 301 the culvert was improved for wildlife.

**Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek – Jason Metcalf;** Nothing to Report

**Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette;** Rig moves going on in our area, Spruce Creek road is a dustbowl, wonder if we can get some water or Mag on it. Wynn said he would ask GARCO Road and Bridge to check it out and address as needed.

**Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss;** Nothing to report.

**Operators:**

**Caerus Oil & Gas – Jake Janicek;** Our activity is primarily on the 8A-794 and the 17L-794, our completions just started at the 8A-794. We moved the rig from the 17L-794 to the C23 an old Marathon location we just acquired, this is a new location for us along with the 26A. We are still moving equipment up to the C23. A haul route map was provide to show the rig and equipment move to the C23 where they will remain for about a month fracking and conducting flow back operations.

**Summit Midstream - Brian Gardner;** As noted in the last meeting, we are going to construct two 12” pipelines on the south end of Flat Iron Mesa. Approximately 8,500’ total length. Going to construct a 12” pipeline from the east end of Flat Iron Mesa over to Grass Mesa, 3,000’ total. Going to construct a 20” line in Mamm Creek to loop the suction into 3 of our compressor stations. Approximately 6,000’ long. Finishing up a new deep well ground bed at our Orchard Compressor station.

**Chevron – Cary Baird via email to Kirby Wynn;** Nothing to report.

**Enterprise Products – Shawn Brennan via email to Kirby Wynn;** Standard operations, nothing new to report.

**Ursa Operating Co. – Don Simpson;** Ursa is currently producing 109 million cubic feet a day. As previously reported, the Tompkins pad rig will move on Sunday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> for about three weeks to the Watson Ranch B Pad, while we are completing on the Monument Ridge B, which will be completing until mid-September. The drilling rig will then move from Watson Ranch B Pad to Monument Ridge B Pad to drill remaining wells. As reported earlier our pipeline is complete other than the seeding and the grass planting. We used a new construction company, TLC Pipeline Company which did a phenomenal job. The proposed Lacy Park Pad meeting with the School Board has been deferred from Sept to Oct 18. On the community side, we spread our money so that several students could get the benefits from the Garfield County Fair sale. We provided a tour of several of our sites to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Logan School of Creative Learning, who had such great questions and showed what great future leaders they will be. In August, we sponsored the Veterans Service Dog Sporting Clay Shoot to provide funds to assist Veterans and their service dogs. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Ursa will again be a Platinum Sponsor of the Battlement Mesa Community Golf Classic, which benefits the Battlement Mesa Parks and Recreation Department. On October 14<sup>th</sup> we will again host our “adopt a highway” clean up on I-70, running 2 miles east and west of the Parachute exits.

**Williams Midstream – Pat McCown;** We just finished a 500 foot pipeline on private property up Piceance Creek and we have about a 3,000 foot pipeline expansion going in Mesa County.

**Terra Energy Partners – Bryan Hotard;** We have one rig operating in the Beaver Creek area, Pad RU227 drilling 13 wells, we're going to TDM the 6<sup>th</sup> and start the 7<sup>th</sup> tomorrow, after that we'll go to another pad on that same surface owner and drill 16 wells, that rig will stay up in that area till the end of next year.

**County:**

**Garfield County – Kirby Wynn;** Wynn introduced himself as the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison. PowerPoint and video of his update is available on the EAB website at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

There is an email sign up list available if any new attendees would like to be added to the mailing list for EAB and other notifications, or you can contact [npayne@garfield-county.com](mailto:npayne@garfield-county.com) or call 970-625-5915. (Provided as a PowerPoint presentation available online at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx> )

Resident calls to the office for August 2016 are; 1 Haul route, Numerous Information requests.

There are 3 rigs currently drilling in Garfield County. 289 drilling permits have been approved so far in Garfield County this year. Annual well starts in Garfield County 84.

Ursa Battlement Mesa Permit Applications;

- County permit application was approved for 2 well pads within Battlement Mesa PUD
- COGCC approved BMC-D well pad and expect to make decision on BMC-B pad in August
- Numerous County COA's were adopted or enhanced within the COGCC permit
- Community Outreach: Oil & Gas Liaison has standing agenda item at Battlement Mesa Service Association Board meetings and monthly column in their newsletter

Large Urban Mitigation Area Consultation

- New rule adopted by COGCC February 2016
- Fosters early discussions among industry and local government for "urban" well pads
- Garfield County is consulting on a proposed well pad near Grand Valley High School and have included the School District in the process
- To be discussed at September 20 School Board meeting

BLM Existing Leases EIS

- BLM released Final EIS for 65 leases in White River National Forest
- Proposes to cancel 25 leases on the Thompson Divide
- Adds 1993 ROD Lease Stipulations to leases already tied to production
- 30-day review period through September 4<sup>th</sup>

Again, to report an oil & gas related health concern to **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**, please fill out the web-based form <http://www.oghir.dphe.state.co.us> or call the HELP Line at 303-389-1687.

Kirby encourages citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly. If folks have questions about oil and gas topics or would like to report an issue please contact Kirby Wynn, Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison, office 970/625-5905 or cell 970/987-2557 or email at [kwynn@garfield-county.com](mailto:kwynn@garfield-county.com).

**General Information:**

Don Simpson brought 2 items for consideration, one; Simpson requests that the board clarify the current public comment time limits; what the current time limits mean and who that applies to. No one should take over 3 minutes but the question and answer time should not be included in that time limit. Second item; Citizen Reps should focus their comments on the area they represent.

After Don Simpson remarked to the effect Citizens reps should only be reporting on their citizen's problems and Arrington reminded Don that Battlement's water supply is dependent on the Colorado and Parachute Creek drains to the Colorado and irrigates sources of food; and, our kids go to school in Parachute, so our concerns go beyond Battlement boundaries. The air and water pollution don't respect boundaries.

Robin Haney added that while we are a Board of Garfield County the EAB is not the general complaints board for Garfield County, our time is limited to address items on our agenda it does not have much room for other non-oil and gas topics to be brought in, we would be happy to help pass it along to other entities as best we can.

Kirby Wynn added that we have addressed the concerns of time limits in the past with the county attorney and found that it is important to remain consistent in order to be fair to all contributors. Wynn clarified the EAB Chair runs the meeting and manages the time at their discretion. Wynn noted that the agenda time slots are merely guidelines and not meant to restrict an invited speaker delivering an educational presentation.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Robin Haney adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is here in the Rifle Library on October 6, 2016.

**MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING**

None.

**NEW ACTION ITEMS:**

None at this time.