

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

**Thursday October 1, 2015**

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

### **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION**

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

### **EAB members in attendance:**

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Ed Green	City of Rifle
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Robin Haney	<b>(Secretary)</b> Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Howard Orona	<b>(Chair)</b> Citizen Rep Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss	Citizen Rep Rifle/North Rifle
Scott Stewart	<b>(Vice Chair)</b> Citizen Rep Roan Creek
Tom VonDette	Citizen Rep Taughenbaugh Mesa
Michael Brygger	Oxy Oil & Gas Corporation
Cary Baird	Chevron
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
Jeffrey Kirtland	WPX Energy
Enterprise Products	Shawn Brennan

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 3, 2015 meeting. The motion to approve last meeting minutes was made by Leslie Robinson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom VonDette. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Traffic Notification Process* - Tom VonDette stated concerns regarding traffic sub-committees effectiveness, specifically regarding traffic notification.

Kirby Wynn encouraged all to remain positive and help one another learn how to better implement notification.

Scott Stewart recommended using this slower time with the industry to contact Community Counts and Industry to report issues.

Brent Buss noted a lack of specific guidelines related to reporting.

Kirby Wynn stated this is new and different process, he has reached out to operators and Community Counts sent out an email about what we are looking at. Kirby will go back to all operators and remind them of what we are looking at and will cc; everyone on the board and will also request Nita Smith, Community Counts to do the same.

Tom, Kirby and Scott agreed that reminders to industry was the next step to be taken. Kirby as a member of the traffic committee volunteered to review the wording to clarify with operators and their contractors what advance notification should look like.

Robin Haney added "If you don't believe something is going to happen, it isn't going to happen, so Tom I would like you to use your energy in a positive direction, and *believe* that we can make a difference." Tom replied; "I believe it."

Leslie Robinson – *Education*; Leslie addressed the earlier request for an Educational Committee to come up with ideas.

Kirby – We decided we no longer are looking at forming a committee, prefers to use Leslie’s suggestion that every person on the board send Kirby a couple of ideas on valuable educational topics and who you think that speaker might be.

Howard suggested that if there are numerous suggestions they could be brought to the board for review, board members asked if reminder could be sent out on this, Kirby agreed to email reminders for folks to send in their ideas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kirby Wynn – *Issues Committee*: We will try to get the committee to convene before our next meeting in November. Road and bridge still working on changes to haul route issues, no time table but moving forward, more updates to come. Issues Committee to look at traffic, noise, lights and detail what that looks like and mitigation specific to those items. Also, who wants to volunteer to work on the next new topic and participate in the new committee?

Leslie Robinson requested help on guest speakers and topics for the EAB.

Howard suggested reviewing some of the calls the GARCO Oil & Gas receives to consider as topics to consider.

Robin added once the next issue is decided this could drive the educational aspect and we can bring speaker in to talk on the subject.

Kirby reminded all that we have to get something going on the issues to have something for the November meeting.

Issues Committee has been: Leslie, Kirby, Robin, Jeff S, Brent, and Howard.

New Board Member, Ed Green of Rifle City Council was introduced.

New Staff Member, Nancy Payne working with Kirby was welcomed to the EAB.

New Alternate Member, John Doose with URSA was introduced.

Michael Meskin and his wife (alternate) have resigned as EAB Representatives for Grass Mesa, EAB Members may want to consider who we may recruit to fill this vacancy. Michael did reach out through the Grass Mesa HOA Facebook page to see if anyone was interested, no response at this time. Mr. Meskin stated that he resigned because he did not feel the HOA had any concerns to bring to the board.

Una Bridge/Spring Creek is also currently vacant in need of representation.

Howard reminded all that nominations for new EAB Officers for 2016 is coming up quickly. Kirby added that the bi-laws provide that the Chair is to put together a Nominations Committee. The Nomination Committee nominates to fill vacant chairs, as well as a proposed officers for the board, it has to include the current officers. Kirby volunteered to be on the nominations committee, Howard volunteered to be the Officer on the nominations committee, Brent volunteered to be the third member of the nominations committee. The nominations committee shall be appointed annually by the Chair with the approval of the members to be approved by the County Commissioners per the bi-laws. After review of the bi-laws

Howard asked for a motion to approve his appointment of himself, Kirby and Brent as the new Nominations Committee, Brent made the motion to approve, Robin seconded the motion, all were in favor, no opposition.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

No educational presentation was given

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE:** Power Point presentation made by Kirby Wynn on behalf of Nita Smith, Community Counts. See attached.

**Community Counts** is a non – profit organization established to connect the energy industry and the community through responsive, open dialog. We currently have 87 members and operate in Garfield, Mesa and Rio Blanco Counties.

**Response Line:** 866-442-9034 - The response line system is designed to connect residents with the source of their issues and concerns for timely response and resolution. Once Community Counts facilitates that connection, we are no longer involved. The operator and resident address and resolve the issue, and in the future the resident contacts the operator directly. To close the loop with calls that come to Community Counts, the operator gets back with us to let us know the issue has been resolved. One of the major keys to our success has been the dedication of our operator partners and contractors to respond quickly and effectively

### **Current Members – 87; 17 Operators**

**New Members –** Dave Morlan, Rio Blanco Road & Bridge Director  
Brian Gardner, Summit Midstream  
Kirk Daehling, Natural Soda  
John Loschke, Parachute Resident (Safety Director for RJ Taylor, Wyatt, LLC)

### **September – Concerns/Requests/Informational E-mails**

1. No concerns called into Community Counts
2. Two road construction notice sent out for Collbran
3. Ursa construction update
4. Reminder on County Road speeds
5. 7 notices sent out for road construction update in Rio Blanco County
6. Request for when flow rates would be released on some wells
7. Rig Moves

### **Current Rig Count – 2 Garfield County, 1 Mesa County**

1. WPX Energy – 1 Garfield County
2. Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County
3. Piceance Energy, LLC – 1 Mesa County

Rig Count for the State of Colorado – September – 36

**CCC Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Directors – Nov. 4, 2015 – Parachute Library – 244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute; Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 and Social 5 – 6 pm**

If you would like to run for a board of director's position, please send letter of interest and short bio to [nita@communitycountscolorado.com](mailto:nita@communitycountscolorado.com) or for more information call Nita at 303-916-4009

**Community Counts Board Meetings are held every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm** at the Town of Parachute. Our next Board meeting will be January 13, 2016.

**Contact information** is: Nita Smith, Executive Director, (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President, [susan.alvillar@wpenergy.com](mailto:susan.alvillar@wpenergy.com) (970.263.5315)

**STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES**

None

**EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

**Municipalities:**

**City of Rifle – Ed Green** Nothing to Report

**COGCC – Marc Morton**

In regards to the November rulemaking hearing to implement Governor's Task Force recommendations 17&20 on November 16, 17, 2015 at the COGCC Denver Office, the Stakeholder meetings that are to precede the Rulemaking were scheduled for October 5,6 and 8<sup>th</sup>. The Stakeholder meetings have been postponed due to the draft rules not being finalized. *The Hearing Dates of November 16 and 17 will remain, only the stakeholder meetings will be rescheduled.*

COGCC has started a new lien review process for field inspection reporting program to make things clearer and more transparent to aid in the resolution of issues that are identified in the field inspection process. COGCC plans to have this accomplished in the next month or two by a team of COGCC people, operators and an outside consultant that is directing this process.

The November Rulemaking Hearings will be broadcast on the internet for those unable to attend.

COGCC Complaint hotline is 888-235-1101 and webpage for online complaint submittal at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us/complaints.html#/complaints> available 24/7. Reviewed the COGCC upcoming 888-235-1101

**Organizations:**

**Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney**

Every year CMC has a program called Common Reader. CMC asks the college community to consider several books after which CMC selects one book, we then ask students, faculty, community members, and high school students to all read the same book for future discussion groups held to review. CMC discussion group hosts the Author of the book.

A draft form for reporting road condition issues was handed out. Robin designed it based on discussions of the traffic issues subcommittee. This is only a draft, any thoughts on this, please let Robin know. Also, the traffic subcommittee will review in detail before next EAB meeting.

**Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Leslie Robinson**

GVCA has been involved in the County Planning Commission Hearing concerning the URSA application to drill in the Battlement Mesa PUD. GVCA also plans to be involved in the Rulemaking with the COGCC.

**Citizen Representatives:**

**Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss**

Nothing to Report

**Roan Creek – Scott Stewart**

Nothing to Report

**Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette**

We will begin gathering up cattle on west Mamm, followed by gathering cattle on flat iron and beaver creek area, there will be trucks, trailers and cattle on the roads for approximately three weeks

**Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona**

Dust complaints called on the Exon railyard, had a lot of truck traffic creating a lot of dust. County Road 215 will be a construction zone for about a month while work is being done on the road.

**Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek – Bob Arrington**

We had standing room only crowd at the P&Z Hearing on the special use permit, the biggest complaint about the meeting was the meeting facilities being poor, a lack of seating, access for heat control, doors had to be open. Battlement can offer better facilities for future meetings. Attendance was high and went on till about 11:30pm.

Another community member had a home sale fail after disclosures about drilling were made.

**Operators:****Caerus Oil & Gas - Jake Janicek**

Still drilling our E-1 pad, on 15 of 20 wells now, averaging 6 or 7 days per well. We have the go ahead to build another pad south of our present location, which will begin shortly. No new rigs will be brought in, the current rig will be moved to new site.

**Enterprise Products – Shawn Brennan**

Quietly processing gas. Nothing new to report.

**WPX Energy – Jeffery Kirtland**

Running one rig on Flat Iron Mesa, it is on the last of 6 wells that it has been drilling and will finish up within the week and move about a mile to the East it will then drill 18 wells in that location.

We are currently building a pad west of Parachute, north of the interstate.

Also following up on an issue about an odor complaint with the land owner impacted by that. We concluded that a weather event, winds, time of day and unloading procedures caused the odor issue.

We made some operational changes to help minimize impacts in the future.

**Chevron – Cary Baird**

Quietly processing gas. Doing a lot of asset integrity work, getting ready for winter. There will be an educational meeting sponsored by the Water Center at CMU; Upper Colorado River Basin Forum October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**Ursa Operating Co. – John Doose**

We have an application in with Garfield County for 2 pads within the Battlement Mesa PUD, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission meeting will be October 28<sup>th</sup> that we are preparing for. We have current completions operations going on currently on the Yater Pad adjacent to the PUD should be completed sometime in December, construction on the Monument B Pad east of the Middle School is almost complete.

Kirby had an odor complaint in the area of the new Monument Pad that seems to actually come from the Xcel Gas regulator station nearby. Kirby will let the board know next month what the results are of the inquiry made.

**Oxy Oil & Gas - Michael Brygger**

Running one workover rig periodically, doing normal production. Will be doing structure upgrades to tanks, tank containments and water pipelines.

**County:**

**Garfield County – Kirby Wynn**

Wynn introduced himself as the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison. 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.

Calls to the office for September 2015 are; 1 odor complaint, 1 traffic complaint, 1 noise complaint in Battlement area.

Garfield County expects to participate in the upcoming COGCC rulemaking to implement two recommendations made by the Governors Oil and Gas Task Force. Kirby will go before the Garfield County Commissioners to ask if they wish to be signed up for Party Status

As mentioned by others, Ursa has a request for a County Special Use Permit to drill wells and put a pipeline in place within the Battlement Mesa PUD. The next meeting with the Planning Commission is October 28, 6pm in Glenwood Springs. BOCC is the decision making body and there is no date set for that meeting at this time.

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 updates from members:**

Kirby Wynn encouraged all board members for all to keep on point during their Member Updates and “play by the same rules”. When oil and gas updates are requested by the chair, please provide update and if you do not have an update, please state that you have no update to report. Topics not oil and gas related should be provided during this “General Information Updates” portion of the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Howard Orona adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm. Next meeting is here in the Rifle Library on November 5th.

**MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING**

A motion was passed approving the September, 2015 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the Nominations Committee was approved.

**NEW ACTION ITEMS:**

Kirby to set up a Traffic subcommittee meeting and an Issues Committee meeting to work on those topics before the next EAB meeting. Kirby to send out a reminder for board members to send their suggestions for education topics.

Nomination Committee to bring a proposed slate of 2016 EAB officers to the November or December meeting.

Approved by the EAB on **XXXXXXX**, 2015.

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