

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

Thursday October 2, 2014

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

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

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Orona asked the members present to introduce themselves.

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

Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Juanita Williams	Town of Parachute
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Zane Lane	Encana
Kurt Grimm	Citizen Rep Dry Hollow Creek
Tyler Bittner	WPX
Scott Brynildson	Citizen Rep Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Kelly Lyon	Town of Silt
Dirk Myers	City of Rifle
Howard Orona	Citizen Rep Parachute
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Scott Stewart	Citizen Rep Roan Creek
Michael DeBerry	Chevron
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
Michael Brygger	Oxy
Eric Sanford	SG Interests
Robin Haney	Colorado Mtn College
Leslie Robinson	GVCA
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Tom VonDette	Citizen Rep Taughenbaugh Mesa
Mike Meskin	Grass Mesa HOA
Brent Buss	Citizen Rep Rifle

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

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 7, 2014 meeting. Minutes were approved without modification.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Scott Brynildson – CDPHE air quality specialist from last month was excellent. One question for the environmentalist is where do the air pollutants go? Michael DeBerry – Explained how air pollution rises to a certain degree, disburses, and then falls back down.

Scott Stewart – Construction of the member survey and results. Survey was answered by 28 members of the board, and most had attended seven or more EAB meetings in the last year. Highlights, 80% felt EAB remains a relevant organization that conducts meaningful business and meetings are fair with an unbiased manner, Key EAB tasks that are valued include hearing concerns from the public, educational programs are critical information for the board and to be able to put that information out to the public, and EAB members value having productive working relationships among each other.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott Stewart – After many meetings, our EAB evaluation subcommittee prepared a summary containing ideas or opportunities that will be provided to EAB members to broaden the scope of the educational

program. This summary will include ideas for retooling planning for educational topics to present and go about getting the best speakers to educate the community and board. Determine steps to increase community awareness and participation. How can we improve performance of EAB's mission?

Stewart reviewed subcommittee recommendations to replace November EAB meeting with a Board work session. Orona brought the recommendation to board for consideration. Michael DeBerry made a motion to have a board-only work session in place of the November EAB meeting and ? (video/audio missed capturing who seconded the motion) seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Kirby Wynn – Looking for an EAB citizen representative for the Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek area.

Scott Brynildson – Suggests we investigate better audio or sound projection to help the public hear the board discussions. Kirby will investigate options and report back.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Speaker – Chris Wright, CEO Liberty Resources & Liberty Oilfield Services

Presentation – America's rapidly evolving natural gas production and consumption, implications for Colorado's Western slope.

Extensive Q&A took place after presentation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Orona invited public comments, asking that each person limit their comments to 3 minutes each.*

**Marc Morton, COGCC – Announced that the Governors Oil and Gas Task Force has begun their meetings. The first one took place September 25<sup>th</sup>, meetings can be listened to online or in person. Next meeting will take place Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Durango followed by another meeting November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Rifle. Meetings will take place throughout the state of Colorado about once a month. Governors Oil and Gas Task Force purpose is to study local and state regulations and all issues related to oil and gas. The Task Force will be developing reports or recommendations to legislations or new rules and policies. Report is due at the end of February. Public comment and input is welcomed. Information about the Task Force is located on the Colorado DNR website and public comments can also be submitted via the website.**

**Marion Wells, Rulison – Read an article in newspaper that stated lightning destroyed an Encana tank and caused fluid leakage. Wants to hear more about impacts then conflict regarding oil and gas e.g. spills, accidents, releases, production changes – good or bad. With all the electrical panels, why does Encana not provide lightning protection?**

### **COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE, Don Simpson**

**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, they 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.

Save the Date – Community Counts annual meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup>, board meeting 4pm to 5pm and 5pm to 6pm reception at Grand Valley Recreational Center.

### **September Concerns & Informational E-mails –**

1. Jake Brake noise issue on Beaver Creek, sign request from Road & Bridge, notices sent out

2. Compressor noise in Mesa County, covered by Community Counts not Garfield County
3. Parachute October Fest, October 4<sup>th</sup>, noticed sent out
4. Notices sent to Operators and Contractors on I-70 work
5. Several rig move notices were sent out

## **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

### **Municipalities:**

#### **Town of Parachute – Juanita Williams**

Williams said Town of New Castle is applying for a grant to fix Parachute Park Blvd, also Parachute is asking the county to assist with financials to accomplish matching grant. Previous engineers or company did provided poor workmanship which resulted in road issues. The new material will consist of asphalt, not concrete. The concrete created icing problems for truckers. October Fest starts Saturday, 2pm at Cottonwood Park and tickets are sold at Town Hall in Parachute. The October Fest is family oriented and for all ages. Wynn gave two tickets away to a member of the audience.

#### **Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon**

Kelly said they have beautified the streets and they really look good. Kelly is a member of Silt Water Conservancy District which manages Rifle and Harvey Reservoir, would like everyone to vote yes for 5a.

#### **City of Rifle – Dirk Myers**

Myers said City of Rifle has no oil and gas related issues this month.

#### **Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney**

Haney said Rachel wanted her to pass along that the college is in discussion with the high school to start offering integrated energy program classes to high school seniors who could come to the campus on Fridays.

### **Organizations:**

#### **Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington**

Bob said last night we the meeting with Ursa and the community regarding their plans for the future. There was quite a Q&A. The BCC group had 80% of the questions covered in 5, to submit a single comprehensive plan to Garfield County covering the whole Battlement Mesa project as other companies do in other counties, whether they can defer development outside the PUD until the Governors special commission can make recommendations on new required setbacks, relocate the golf course pads in the development plan as well as relocate the pad close to the Colorado River, and ask Ursa to employ the latest and best technology in order for us to co-exist with the heavy industry. A lot of important issues came up and it was an important meeting. Ursa answered the questions quite well. Ursa put on a nice meal.

#### **GVCA – Leslie Robinson**

Western Colorado Congress is sort of like the mother ship for GVCA and we will be having on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at Colorado Mesa University a very well-known speaker Winona LaDuke attend the Western Colorado Congress annual meeting. Public is definitely invited. Although Western Colorado Congress and GVCA had several people asked to be on the Governors Oil & Gas Task Force, Matt Sura who is a former Executive Director for Western Colorado Congress was selected. We are glad to have some type representation and we look forward to their meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We encourage the public to participate because they need to hear from citizens as well as industries.

#### **Grass Mesa HOA – Michael Meskin**

Meskin said everything is pretty quiet on the Mesa.

## **Citizen Representatives:**

### **Rifle – Brent Buss**

Buss has nothing to report.

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

Hunter Mesa and Mamm Creek are quiet.

### **Roan Creek – Scott Stewart**

Stewart said no issues to report, there is a significant amount of development going on and a lot of collaboration between the Town of DeBeque, Blue Stone Water District, Chevron, BLM, Black Hills, and Highlands Ranch all working together on an infrastructure for a water project as well as a pipeline project. The work has been pretty well for the most part and they have been very fluid in discussions and updates to all parties involved. As part of putting the pipeline in, there has been some soil disturbance. In many of the areas it has been Juniper they have been removing and will be putting natural grass back in those areas. Most of the pipeline will be completed, what it looks like, well before the end of the year.

### **Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona**

Orona got a chance to go out on one of WPX's frack sites today and they were explaining some of the remote fracking and how that works. It's amazing how they can frack in one spot that goes up to four miles out and be able to keep the equipment in one spot.

### **Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette**

Plenty of truck activity and have been in contact with WPX plenty of times. Same issue going on with trucks, other than that nothing else to report.

### **Dry Hollow Creek – Kurt Grimm**

Kurt also said when he was over in Taugenbaugh, there was an amazing amount of truck traffic there. For Dry Hollow there has been a lot of truck traffic and a work over rig on a pad near his house and was pretty smelly for a couple of days. There are not stop condensate trucks going to McPherson A pad. There was a pipeline put in place to limit truck traffic and why are there so many trucks. When there is no fracking going on it is quiet.

## **Operators:**

### **Encana – Zane Lane**

Zane said they are averaging around 620 mmcf per day with gas and about 1000 barrels a day of oil. No rigs running. To the previous comment made he is prepared to talk about the lighting strike that occurred, on Saturday night we did have a tank, on a tank battery PK25 location that sustained a lighting strike. One of the tanks was lost to fire and some of the oil from that tank splashed onto the other tank causing a fire on the outside of that tank. The spill or fluid was contained within the secondary containment and there was a small amount that went outside due to the explosion of the tank. The tank was properly grounded and Encana is investigating the incident while looking at if there are further measures that can be done to prevent further instances. The fire department was notified and arrived on scene, just as did BLM. Protocols were followed through the Emergency Response Plan. The wells were shut down to prevent any further damage. A note has been made to provide not only the positive but also the impacts as well.

### **WPX – Tyler Bittner**

WPX Energy has 7 rigs operating in Garfield County and 2 in Rio Blanco County. WPX is started the construction of a pad in the Town of Parachute. Sound walls are going up now and the rig move is anticipated in the next few weeks. A billboard will be in place with all contact information and a

newsletter was sent out via email. Has been struggling with the mud. Had a few complaints through the month. Noise and light complaint for GM246 pad – different lighting was put in place and operation timing was readjusted, land owner was satisfied.

### **Chevron – Michael DeBerry**

Chevron operations North of DeBeque, there have been no injuries or environmental releases since last month's meeting. Over the course of the last month a major maintenance program has been completed on facilities North of Parachute. All operations are shut down while a total maintenance program is conducted through the whole facility. Through the course of the summer a pipeline project has been engaged to install a new pipeline from the operations north to tie into the enterprise system on top of the Mesa. Project is complete except for the final restoration and reseeded. Have completed winter weather preparation plans.

### **Ursa Operating Company – Don Simpson**

Ursa is stilling running its one rig, replaced with new rig Capstar 321 with a smaller footprint that started in August. Had community meeting in Silt two nights ago, semiannual. Battlement Mesa meeting was last night. Applying for a special use permit to drill two pads in Battlement Mesa PUD. Start embarking this month on community meetings for education. Ursa is sponsoring the October Fest and sponsored a Golf Tournament in Battlement Mesa.

### **Oxy– Michael Brygger**

Back to fully staffed operations. Still drilling the Niobrara well. Doing the horizontal lay now and will move into fracking late October early November.

### **SG Interests – Eric Sanford**

The BLM state director withheld the extension to the suspensions to their leases. Has been appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. As stated by Don who is sitting in for Community Counts, the complaint about the compressor noise was a compressor constructed by SG Interest, however it is under new ownership. Even though the compressor is under new ownership, SG is still assisting with the complaints. New owners are working to resolve issues.

### **Summit Midstream – Brian Gardner**

Summit is building 5000 foot pipe on top of Beaver Creek, pipeline into DeBeque. No further items.

### **Garfield County – Kirby Wynn**

(Provided as a Power Point presentation.) 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 [gdubois@garfield-county.com](mailto:gdubois@garfield-county.com) or call 970-625-5915.

He said the EAB meeting was advertised in the Post Independent as always to let the Community know when the EAB is meeting. Wynn said he also put the advertisement on the Moose, the River, and KMTS radio.

Garfield County has 10 active drilling rigs operating. Rio Blanco has 2 rigs and Mesa County has 1 rig. Wynn provided information about the Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force, their background and purpose. Directed everyone to Colorado Dept. of Natural Resources website for further information about the Task Force.

Resident calls to the office for August and September 2014 are: 2 odor; 2 noise, 2 haul route, 1 traffic, and 38 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly. The County has 10,796 total wells, second

only to Weld County. COGCC-approved drilling permits in Garfield County are 726 as of September 2, 2014.

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). Wynn said the next EAB meeting would be November 6, at the Rifle Library.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Orona adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

**MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING**

A motion was passed approving the September 7, 2014 meeting minutes.

A motion was passed to conduct a board-only work session in lieu of the regular November EAB meeting.

**NEW ACTION ITEMS:**

Kirby will investigate options to amplify board discussions via microphone/speaker system and report back.

Prepared by Marie Payne, Garfield County Oil and Gas Administrative Assistant.

Approved by the EAB on February 5, 2015.