

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Location: Parachute Library, Parachute, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:01 P.M. He announced the dinner was catered by the Joyce Gornick, Culinary Services, Silt. Orona asked the members present to introduce themselves.

EAB members in attendance:

Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa
Kurt Grimm	Dry Hollow Creek
Evelyn Grimm	Dry Hollow Creek, Alternate
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek
Jack Castle	Rulison/Holmes Mesa
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
George Wear	Glenwood Springs
Michael Bigger	Oxy
Dirk Myers	City of Rifle
Juanita Williams	Town of Parachute
Kelly Lyon	Silt
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa O & G Committee
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Art Scibelli	Colorado Mountain College
Art Bollen	Caerus Oil & Gas
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Michael Meskin	Grass Mesa
Sandy Kent	Encana
Stuart McArthur	Town of Parachute, Alternate
Cary Baird	Chevron
Sandy Kent	Encana
Susan Alvillar	WPX
Eric Sanford	SG Interests

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 6, 2014 meeting. Leslie Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes and Tom VonDette seconded the motion; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

BOCC Quarterly Report:

Orona said he had presented a quarterly report to the Board of County Commissioners on March 3, at the Rifle Sheriff Annex. He reported that all but one citizen representative position on the EAB was filled with the exception of Una Bridge. He said the EAB works closely with Community Counts on rig counts and citizen complaints. The EAB voted to allow midstream companies to participate in EAB in September 2013. He also said the monthly meetings are being advertised in the Post Independent and the Citizen Telegram. Kirby Wynn pointed out a recent community release announcing the EAB March meeting also announced the EAB new slate of officers.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

The educational program "Characterizing air emissions from new gas well Development in Garfield County" was presented by Jeffrey L. Collett, Jr., Professor and Department Head, Department of Atmospheric Science Colorado State University. The presentation is posted on the Garfield County website www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Orona asked for public comments, asking that each person limit their comments to 3 minutes each.

Marion Wells, Rulison

Ms. Wells said she was very concerned about Colorado SB 1409 being discussed in the Legislature. She said the bill has to do with imminent domain and allowing pipeline companies to take over private land in the name of imminent domain. She said that this bill was not right and they should not let private business have the legality to take over someone's land. She urged everyone to contact their legislator and make their views known.

Linda Dixon, Silt

Said she is a mineral owner and that she is also concerned about SB 1409. She said this is all about gas companies getting gas to market. She said companies need to learn to be better neighbors. She said this bill would put land owners in a position where the gas companies will not have to negotiate with the land owners; they could just take over the property. She said she felt this was a land grab policy. She said she was also concerned about HB 1217 relating to condemnation of roads.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE, Susan Alvillar

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.

Concerns

1. Odor
2. Speeding
3. Received inquiry on crane slipping off of the road in Beaver Creek area

Informational E-mails

1. Info was sent out on activities to retrieve crane which was successfully removed and taken back to yard
2. Info was sent out on Slug Catcher move for Summit Midstream
3. Info was sent out on Cudd's Snubbing Units moving off of Memorial Resources site

Rig Count – Total 8 rigs Garfield County and 1 Rio Blanco County

- WPX Energy – 6 Garfield County; (1 rig currently moving into Garfield County to be ready for Inspection on March 10th – not mapped as coordinates have not come in for it); 1 - Rio Blanco County
- URSA Operating Company – 1 Garfield County
- Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County

Community Counts Board Meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Town of Parachute. The next Board meeting will be March 12, 2014.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon

No new updates or citizen concerns reported.

Town of Parachute – Stuart McArthur

No new updates or citizen concerns reported.

City of Rifle – Dirk Myers

Myers said WPX is going to take the Rifle City Council on a site tour. No new updates or citizen concerns reported.

Glenwood Springs, George Wear

No new updates or citizen concerns reported.

Organizations:

Colorado Mountain College, Art Scibelli

Said CMC participated in the Grand Junction Energy Expo last week. He said they displayed their mobile lab and that it is a good opportunity to see what the program is about.

Battlement Mesa O & G Committee - Don Mumma

No update and no citizen concerns reported

Grass Mesa - Michael Meskin

No update and no citizen concerns reported.

GVCA – Leslie Robinson

She said she wanted to thank all of the members who had worked hard on the air quality rulemaking and hearing.

Citizen Representatives:

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

Said they had recently received an odor complaint that seemed to come and go, so they were unable to locate the source. He said they continue to meet with and review upcoming plans with Ursa Resources.

Dry Hollow Creek – Kurt Grimm

No update and no citizen concerns reported

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa - Scott Brynildson

Said he wanted to go on record as being opposed to SB 1409 too. He reminded everyone of the 18th Annual Rifle Rendezvous to be held in May.

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

No update and no citizen concerns reported

Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette

Said he is still concerned about the speeding truck traffic on his road. He feels trucks go too fast and that it is a constant battle for him and his neighbors. A brief discussion on signs and ideas to get the traffic to slow down followed. Kirby Wynn is going to see if Garfield County road and bridge will display the electronic sign on the road asking people to report speeding trucks to the Community Counts number.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

No update and no citizen concerns reported.

Operators:**WPX – Susan Alvillar**

WPX Energy has six rigs in Garfield County and are currently setting up the 7th rig west of Parachute. Number nine will come in a couple of months. The 3-D seismic program around Parachute is complete and the data is being analyzed now. A 2-D seismic program is scheduled to begin in the spring, with the most visible piece beginning early fall. On the metric side, WPX has done 1202 internal inspections and have had 178 inspections by the COGCC as of 2/28. They have done 6 pre-drilling well samples and 3 post drilling samples.

SG Interests – Eric Sanford

He said they had applied a month ago for a six month extension on the Thompson Divide leases. He said they are at an impasse in the negotiations with the Thompson Divide Coalition.

Ursa Operating Company – Don Simpson

He said Ursa has one rig operating and will continue to drill wells south of Silt in Divide Creek and Battlement Mesa. He said they are going to piggy back the Community Counts next meeting and host their biannual community meeting on March 12 after the Community Counts meeting, at 5 pm and the next evening in Silt at 6 pm.

Encana – Sandy Kent

No drilling rigs operating. She said the company is concentrating on producing oil at his time. With no plans to leave the area.

Oxy – Michael Bigger

He said the company is in normal production, no drilling.

Chevron – Cary Baird

She said they have no incidents to report and are working on preventive maintenance.

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 or call 970-625-5915. EAB meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. Newspaper ads were placed in the *Glenwood Post Independent* announcing the March EAB meeting and inviting the public to attend. The paper also included a community brief on the meeting.

Garfield County has 8 active drilling rigs operating, 1 from Ursa, 1 Caerus and 6 from WPX. The map comes from the Community Counts web site, where you can find lots of useful rig information. Wynn pointed out the Rig Count Comparison. He said last year there were 11 rigs operating in Garfield County and 18 in 2012.

Resident calls to the office for January & February 2014 are: 4 odors; 3 spills, 3 traffic and 58 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions with oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly.

The County had 389 well starts in 2013, down from the 498 in 2012. He said approved drilling permits in Garfield County for 2013 were at 870, compared to 1046 in 2012. There are 130 well permits so far for 2014.

Garfield County participated in the Air Quality Rulemaking hearings with Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma and Rio Blanco Counties, as a group as the Energy Producing Attainment Counties. The Counties provided joint testimony in support of stronger regulation of oil and gas emissions and requested flexibility in the finer details for implementation. He said there are new inspection and control requirements for oil and gas locations/tanks statewide. Also new reporting requirements and record keeping requirements were established. He said the Air Quality Control Commission has a fact sheet on their website that summarizes the new inspection and control requirements, <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-AQCC/CBON/1251647985820> .

Wynn said while researching the air quality rulemaking data, he discovered some important information regarding the air quality monitoring sites in Garfield County. The data shows decreasing VOC trends. He explained the three monitoring air quality sites, Parachute, Rifle and Bell Melton, which is south of Silt. He said the trends shows increasing production of natural gas and 18 of 20 VOC's, including Ethane and Propane have decreasing trends at Parachute and Bell Melton sites 2008-2012.

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, 970/625-5905 or 970/987-2557 or email at kwynn@garfield-county.com. Wynn said the next EAB meeting would be April 3 at the Parachute Library. He said the meeting would return to Rifle starting in May 2014.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Orona adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the February 6, 2014 meeting minutes.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

N/A

Prepared by Gretchenn DuBois, Garfield County Oil and Gas Administrative Assistant.

Approved by the EAB on April 3, 2014.