

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

**Thursday May 4, 2017**

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

## **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:**

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Ed Green	City of Rifle
TJ Tucker	Town of Silt
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas ( <b>Secretary</b> )
Shawn Brennan	Enterprise Products
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Pat McCown	Williams Midstream

## **Invited Guests: NA**

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

The board will review and approve the April minutes at the June meeting.

## **SPECIAL TOPIC: COGCC Flowline Notice to Operators**

COGCC Engineer Stuart Ellsworth joined the meeting by phone to provide a summary and update related to the recent home explosion in Firestone, CO related to an oil & gas well head flowline problem and the recent statewide Notice to Operators to locate, inspect and conduct integrity tests for all existing flowlines across Colorado. Purpose of the Notice is to provide maximum assurance a similar tragedy will not occur.

Video of this lengthy update and Q&A is available at:

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## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

NA

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marion Wells of Rulison asked if the county could require mapping of flowlines. Also asked when Caerus would be installing fencing for one of their locations. Jake Janicek indicated he would find out and get back to her.

Michael Tucker, citizen, had a comment about the flowline topic. There could be an energy infrastructure security issue if the location data we widely publicly available. Also encouraged those with interest to provide comment to the administration to quickly fill the 3 empty seats on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

NA

### **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

#### **Municipalities:**

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

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

**Town of Silt – TJ Tucker;** Will talk to his town administrator to ensure lines in the town get marked and follow-up on the NTO with operators happens.

#### **COGCC:**

**COGCC – Marc Morton;** This flowline accident was a tragic event that COGCC wants to assure does not happen again. Which is why the governor provided his directive to ensure all the lines are inspected. Getting a lot of citizen enquires and COGCC is putting together an informative Frequently Asked Questions document to help address the questions. Investigation by COGCC and other agencies continues.

June12-13 in Meeker is the next COGCC hearing and the public is invited. Lastly the flowline incident may be cause for a new rulemaking in the future. No additional information at present.

Brief Q&A after the update. Mostly to discuss farm taps and safety issues inherent to them.

#### **Organizations:**

**Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Association –Brackett Pollard;** Nothing to report.

#### **Citizen Representatives:**

**Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek - Bob Arrington;** There were some noise complaints in his village related to B&V pad completions. The homes look down into the sound walls on the pad. The folks are appreciative the completions and noise are not occurring at night. Other than that things were pretty quiet.

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

**Taughenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette;** Nothing to report but would ask operators and subcontractors to be sure and watch out with any cigarettes as it is very dry out and fire hazard is high..

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

**Operators:**

**Summit Midstream – Brian Gardner;** operations side has been normal this month. 75 percent complete with Phase I B & D pad connections to the Red Rock gathering system. Inspections by regulatory agency yesterday went very well. Starting pipeline project in Beaver Creek area, near Burrell Ranch. Will finish in about 3 weeks. Adding 3 pig launchers.

**Ursa Operating Co. – Don Simpson;**  
Capstar still drilling on D pad

Another rig started drilling 4 wells in Rio Blanco County

Started completions on the B&V pad in Parachute. Ursa continues to make adjustments to operations reduce the dbC range noise levels.

**Enterprise Products – Shawn Brennan;** Nothing new to report

**Caerus Oil & Gas – Jake Janicek;**

Have a completion crew mobilizing to the 17L pad up Spruce Creek Monday-Wednesday of next week. Sent a notification out via community counts. Drilling rig is on Logan Mesa above Parachute. Will move the rig via private roads to the Parachute Creek 5A pad at garden Gulch turnoff.

**Williams Midstream – Pat McCown;** Normal summertime operations

**Encana Oil & Gas – Kirby for Jason Eckman;** Moving in an H&P 215 rig to H2Sw pad in Mamm creek area this week. Will drill one well then move to another existing pad to drill one other well.

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

**County:**

**Garfield County – Kirby Wynn;** Wynn introduced himself as the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison.

Resident calls to the office for May 2017:

- A few noise complaints related to B&V pad in Parachute that Ursa has been addressing as noted in their update.
- Garfield County and Colorado Mesa University hosted the Energy & Environment Symposium in late April. 200 attendees from across the state. Ursa hosted the field tour and the many folks I asked said they did a terrific job. Most of the operators in the county sponsored the event which really made big difference.

Kirby encourages citizens who 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).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Work session to consider EAB improvement opportunities  
(Facilitation and note taking conducted by facilitator Pam Britton, The Knowledge Environment)

• ***Alternate business and education-focused meetings***

Summary: There seemed to be a high level of support for reducing the number of educational sessions in favor of more focused, in-depth education presentation, with high quality speakers, time for Q&A and perhaps an opportunity to provide questions to speakers prior to their presentations. Normal business would be conducted at all meeting with members encouraged to give lengthier, more robust updates during months without an educational presentation.

• ***Discuss and refine monthly member O&G reporting***

Summary: There seemed to be general agreement that more concise and consistent and less redundant reporting from members would be beneficial. The specific reporting topics identified in Comments 3 and 4 met with general support. Those are pasted below with more important items underlined. *Next step: Draft a proposed reporting template; present at the next meeting for review, modification, approval.*

3 Comment – Some specific information we would like to see in the Operator Rep Reports:

- Regulatory actions/issues
- Permitting that is under way
- What has been/is being done to be active in the community; e.g. how is the operator representative serving as a community liaison?
- In addition to identifying the pad/location of a given reporting item, also identify the citizen representative in that area
- Focus on ‘what is going on’ not just ‘amounts’ or ‘statistics’
- Report on follow up to previously reported items

4 Comment – Some specific information we would like to see in the Citizen Rep Reports

- a. What contributions/engagements with the community or industry representatives have occurred?
- b. What operators are working in your area?
- c. Oil & gas Concerns, Issues or kudos
- d. Based on known operator plans are there concerns or issues that could/should be addressed up front?
- e. What is the ‘pulse’ of your relationship with the operators in your area?

• ***Periodic informal operator and citizen rep meetings outside EAB***

Summary: There seemed to be some confusion and/or resistance to this topic. Participants didn’t seem to grasp what operator/citizen rep interaction outside of the EAB meetings might look like. There were some comments supporting the value of ‘relationship building’ by connecting with one another outside of just a monthly formal meeting. This topic may merit further exploration by individual members on a case by case basis if interested in pursuing.

The preceding is a summary of a robust 1 hour and 11 minute discussion. The facilitator was tasked with developing summary notes for review to aid additional, more focused, presentation/discussion at the upcoming June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Video of this lengthy discussion may be accessed starting at 49:00 minute mark at:

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**OLD BUSINESS:** NA

**GENERAL INFORMATION UPDATES:**

Scott Brynildson, as president of the Rifle Rendezvous: Handed out an informational a flyer for the event and described the support and sponsorships to date and encouraged more sponsors to come forward to support the event. Noted he is the longest serving EAB member. Meetings used to be highly attended and they used to vote on important matters that were taken to BOCC. Said this is now more of an educational meeting and nothing wrong with that and he hears compliments on the programs. Said we need to get back to making the citizens feel important and more comfortable. If we need a bigger room we should get one.

Tom Vondette indicated he is running for a Holy Cross Electric Board and to please vote.

Marc Moron mentioned the COGCC has two open commission slot if anyone is interested.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Robin Haney adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting is here in the Garfield County Rifle Administration Building on June 1st, 2017 at 5:30pm. Members should come prepared to discuss the EAB improvement topics we touched on today in greater detail. Kirby will line up a facilitator to assist our effort.

**MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING**

NA

**NEW ACTION ITEMS:**

Officers to receive notes from facilitator and prepare for a more focused discussion of EAB improvement opportunities at the June meeting. No educational presentation to be provided in June.