

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

**Thursday October 5, 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
Luis Yllanes	Town of Carbondale
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Cary Baird	Chevron
Rich Grubbs	Chevron
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas ( <b>Secretary</b> )
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream

**Invited Guests: Jason Gross, White River National Forest Service**

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of previous meeting minutes delayed until November meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Special Guests from Eddy County, New Mexico. They are the guests of Cary Baird and Richard Grubbs of Chevron and are here to observe how oil & gas issues are addressed by local governments such as Garfield County.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Robin Haney spoke about the discussion in the previous meeting regarding the election of officers for 2018. She stated the nominations committee did not get a chance to meet before this meeting and they do not have a slate of officers to propose.

Tom Vondette asked about a spacing and pooling order notification that was published in the newspaper. Kirby said he would follow-up with Tom after meeting.

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Theresa Wagenman, Finance Director, Garfield County: The Energy Industry's Economic & Fiscal Impacts to Garfield County: The education presentation video and PowerPoint may be viewed at <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

Extensive Q&A followed the presentation.

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

Don Simpson provided Community Counts activity update, current rig count, and the few concern calls received in last 2 months on behalf of Nita Smith, Executor Director of Community Counts. 24/7 Call line is 866-422-9034

Jason Gross, White River National Forest provided update on drilling at Hell's Gulch and pipeline work on Uncle Bob Mountain. BLM is completing contracts for orphan wells in western Garfield County. A leaking well was discovered in Western Garfield County and is being assessed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marion Wells – Noted that she that thought there was an over-reaction at the last meeting to one of the citizen rep reports and the other members acted inappropriately. Stated that she believed tonight's presentation was one sided and favored the Oil & Gas Industry and she had already seen similar presentations.

Annie Wetzel – Noted the Middle Colorado Watershed Council River Clean-Up on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> in Rifle.

### **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

**Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream:** Normal operations last month, no large construction jobs. Power outage last weekend knocked down Rifle Booster station.

**Don Simpson- URSA:** Gave update on productivity, well counts, rig moves, and completions. Noted the Planning Commission recommended approval to BOCC for all 6 of URSA's planning applications regarding Phase II inside the Battlement Mesa PUD during the Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> hearings. Garfield County Board of County Commissioners will hold their hearings at 9 a.m. at Battlement Mesa Rec. Center on November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> in Glenwood Springs to consider the applications. URSA participated in and had a booth at Denver Energy Day on September 23rd. They sponsored the Golf Scramble this past Saturday to benefit Battlement Parks and Recreation. Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> will be the next Community update meeting at the fire house in Battlement Mesa.

**Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas:** Provided drilling update for 2 current pads on Logan Mesa and advised they will be building two new pads. Operations have increased in size since taking over EnCana assets.

**Rich Grubbs - Chevron:** Operations in Garfield County have been normal, no new major projects. Have been able to provide funding for Gus the Bus transportation for pre-school aged children and provide assistance for the Lift-Up Food Bank and Youth-Zone. Also, able to provide Scholarships to CMC.

**Kirby Wynn- Garfield County:** Advised that Garfield County will be participating in the Air Pollution Control Commission Rulemaking hearing for ozone non-attainment issues on the Front Range. Gave update on steadily improving air quality in Garfield County as gas production increased 2088-12 and also through 2016. Noted the 6 phase II Battlement Mesa permits that URSA has applied for with Garfield County and gave status updates.

Reviewed other O&G activities in the area. Presentation slides and video may be viewed at:  
<https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

**Bob Arrington – Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek:** Activity has been down in the last month. Advised his neighbors are complaining about the constant noise on the BMV Well Pad during daylight hours. Noted the Battlement Mesa Service Association declined to write a letter of support during the comment period for URSA Phase II applications to be heard in front of the BOCC.

**Jason Metcalf - Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek:** Nothing to Report

**Tom Vondette- Taughenbaugh Mesa:** Noted industry trucks have been speeding in the area again and seem to be taking the wrong haul routes. Asked that industry personnel please remind drivers of the correct haul routes to take.

**Amy Provstgaard- Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee:** Stated the committee will be meeting next week to get updates. The Battlement Mesa Service Association declined to submit a letter in support of URSA Phase II Applications during the comment period for the BOCC hearing in November as an association. Individuals were advised they may write a letter on their own behalf.

**Leslie Robinson- Grand Valley Citizens Alliance:** Gave a brief over-view of the Grand Valley Citizens Alliance for the New Mexico visitors. Noted the alliance took a tour of the Bishop Ranch where there was an EnCana spill last year. Stated it was eye-opening to see the number of wells on the North Rim of the Roan Plateau, advised that she was unaware of the number of wells that were developed in the area. Participated in the Planning Commission meeting on URSA's proposed Phase II, they are looking forward to the BOCC meeting coming up in November in Battlement Mesa. Met with state government officials and representatives from the Front Range, yesterday to talk about certain problem areas they have found with industry operations in and around residential areas.

**Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:** Directed people to get as much information as they can on their website [www.cogcc.state.co.us](http://www.cogcc.state.co.us). Commission hearing coming up October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in Denver, can listen to the hearing online via webcast. Advised of general emailing notification if people want to get State-wide oil & gas information sent to them. Deadline for attaining "party" status for Flow-line rule making is October 30<sup>th</sup>. Town of Broomfield has initiated a local public forum on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to provide input on proposals in the area. Well permit activity has increased and applications have been posted to their website.

**Luis Yllanes - Town of Carbondale:** Nothing to report.

**Art Riddile- Town of New Castle:** Nothing to report.

**Robin Haney- Colorado Mountain College:** Nothing to report.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

Robin Haney mentioned that Colorado Mountain College just celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Monday. Noted that Colorado Mountain College has enjoyed many benefits from the Oil & Gas industry by not only providing funding and scholarships, but having industry leaders serve on the Advisory Board and give guidance on programs to help educate local students.

Tom Vondette advised that cattle are coming down from the national forests and asked that operators please take caution and pay attention.

Kirby Wynn noted the Middle Colorado Watershed Council has the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual River Clean-Up on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am at Centennial Park in Rifle.

Robin Haney adjourned the October 5, 2017, EAB meeting at 7:44 p.m.