

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 7, 2017

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Scott Stewart called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Vice Chair Robin Haney conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Marc Morton	COGCC
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College (Vice Chair)
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Parachute/ Parachute Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Hank Kracht	Rulison/ Holmes/ Morrisania Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Dwayne Knudson	Ursa Resources

Invited Guests: N/A

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Robin Haney and seconded by Bob Arrington to accept the minutes for August. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Kirby spoke about standing nominations committee for EAB. By the Feb. 2018 meeting, a chair, vice chair, and secretary will have been elected or re-elected. The nominations committee will be getting together to start talking about a slate of officers. Hope to have a complete slate by the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

N/A

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Brian Gardner provided Community Counts activity update and the few concern phone calls received in the last month on behalf of Nita Smith, Executor Director of Community Counts. Gave current rig count for Mesa and Garfield Counties as well as state-wide rig count. Response line phone number 866-442-9037, call for resolution for any concerns.

Jason Gross, White River National Forest stated there will be a new well going in on an existing pad in Hell's Gulch, drilling will commence in the fall by Laramie Energy. They are currently in the objection period for Beaver Creek TeePee Park project and the alternative route and pipelines were approved for project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Brackett Pollard - Holy Cross Cattleman's Association: Starting in October, cattle will begin to migrate back down into lower-county. It would be good to let the industry people who are driving, that this will be taking place.

Hank Kracht – Rulison/Holmes/Morrisania Mesa: Nothing to report.

Jason Metcalf – Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek: Neighbors have advised they will have cattle coming down and to let drivers know. Also, there are A LOT of hunters on the roads as well.

Howard Orona – Parachute/ Parachute Creek: Nothing to report.

Robin Haney – Colorado Mountain College: Nothing to report.

Scott Stewart – Roan Creek: Cattle are being brought down CR 139 and over towards Roan Creek area. It has been incredibly dusty and dry, dirt roads are absolutely horrendous and blinding.

Kirby Wynn – Garfield County: Garfield County is participating in an ongoing rule-making process with the CDPHE- Air Quality Control Commission focusing on ozone non-attainment conditions over in the Denver/ North Denver area. We have been hearing that some people are proposing a state-wide scope for new oil & gas regulations. GarCo commissioners asked that we have a staff participant in the rule-making. We are working in a coalition with 6 counties (Mesa, Delta, Montezuma, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Garfield) all making up the Western Colorado Coalition. We will be participating in the rule making and paying close attention to any proposals for state-wide regulations to resolve what is really a localized Denver and Front Range sourced problem. We will provide a rebuttal testimony of what the economics might be for our area under those conditions and what kind of impacts that might have for us.

There have been two complaints in the last month related to odors, one being a Terra well pad where a well was being unloaded during maintenance, the other coming from the area of the Holmes Compressor Station, no source was positively identified. Also, received a complaint regarding speeding water trucks in the Una Bridge Area, the sheriff was called.

Planning Commission meeting on Wed. September 13th for the 6 URSA applications for their Phase II Battlement Mesa Operations.

Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee: Will be informing community of her new position on EAB and handing out contact information. As of last meeting, BMSA Board of Directors decided not to submit any comments during the last open comment period on new URSA COGCC permit applications.

Scott Brynildson – Mamm Creek/ Hunter Mesa: Nothing to report.

Art Riddile – Town of New Castle: Nothing to report.

Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek: Garfield County has been doing road repairs to CR 311 and there have been some calls related to the elevated traffic levels. Advised there have been a few work-over rigs in operation and some water hauling on the roads.

Bob Arrington – Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek: Read a note from Leslie reminding people of the Wed. September 13th Planning Commission meeting in Glenwood Springs. Read a letter from URSA to the COGCC with Well Pad BMC B monitor well testing results.

Marc Morton - COGCC: Advised of article in the next issue of their Staff Report describing Governor's 7 point plan to address safety issues related to the incident that occurred in Firestone. Rule-making for Flow Lines and opportunity for Stakeholder involvement will take place later this month. Legislation that will most likely be proposed will be strengthening our Flow Line regs, enhancing 811 call program, creating a non-profit program for orphan well programs, providing refunds for in-home methane monitors, prohibit future domestic gas taps, create a technical working safety group, and explore and ambient methane leak detection program. There will be a COCGG commission hearing in Durango on Monday, there is a link on the COGCC website to listen to the hearing remotely.

Dwayne Knudson – URSA: Drilling has finished on the BMC B Pad and rig was moved to BMC D Pad. Completions are on-going at the B&V Pad in Parachute. They are expected to wrap up those well completions at the end of the month and will be moving to the BMC B Pad. Second completions crew is in the North Piceance asset, will be there through end of the month.

Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream: Maintenance and upgrades are being done at Holmes Mesa and High Mesa Compressor Stations and the pipeline systems.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Kirby reminded everyone the Middle Colorado Watershed Council River clean-up will be on Oct.7th in the Rifle area. You can sign up at www.midcowatershed.org or meet at Centennial Park at 9:00am on Oct. 7th

Jeff Simonson advised the EPA will be revising the Definition of the Waters of the United States which will impact the 404 Permitting process. They will be holding 9 teleconferences, each teleconference will be targeting specific groups/ municipalities and their comments starting October 19th.

October 5th is the next EAB meeting.

Scott Stewart adjourned the August 1, 2017, EAB meeting at 7:04p.m.