

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 2nd, 2018

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

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

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Jerry Seifert	Town of Silt
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Stewart Clark	Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Tamara Degler	Rifle/ North Rifle
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
John Doose/ Kelly Muldoon	Ursa Resources
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners

**Invited Guests: Steve Ficklin, Bureau of Land Management
Sean Hackett, CO Department of Public Health & Environment**

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Vondette and seconded by Leslie Robinson to accept the meeting minutes for the June 2018 meeting. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott advised that the nomination committee re-convened in regards to filling the Vice-Chair vacancy. Stated the committee came up with the recommendation that Brackett Pollard would move to the Vice-Chair seat and Shawn Brennan would become Secretary. Leslie Robinson moved to nominate Brackett to Vice-Chair and the motion was seconded by Tamara Degler. The vote was approved unanimously. Art Riddile then moved to nominate Shawn Brennan for Secretary and the motion was seconded by Kirby. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Arrington advised that he was hoping to get updated reports on the Battlement Mesa Well Pad B tests. Stated that he asked for the reports at the last meeting and had not yet received them. John Doose advised that he would put together an updated report for the next meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Sean Hackett, Oil & Gas Liaison, CO Department of Public Health & Environment: CDPHE Role in the Regulation of Oil & Gas: The educational 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

Brian Gardner provided Community Counts activity update, current rig count, informational emails update, and the few concern calls received in the last month on behalf of Nita Smith, Executor Director of Community Counts. 24/7 Call line is 866-422-9034. He also gave current fire containment updates.

Steve Ficklin, BLM provided a list of current drilling operations in the Garfield County area and gave estimated dates of completion. Advised that they are still in the process of plugging orphan wells in Western Garfield County and Mesa County. Stated that CPX is in the process of realigning a portion of Beaver Creek road and installing a pipeline in the Teepee Park area south of Rifle. Gave updates on current operations at the Wolf Creek Gas Storage area and advised that there may be an increase in traffic along the 4mile Rd area. Went over questions and concerns that he has received in regards to a possible well pad approximately 3 miles South of Rifle and advised that there are no current applications or permits at this time for a proposed pad in that location. He went over several reasons why they may want to place a pad in that area and what formation they are hoping to tap into by placing a pad there.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marion Wells, Rulison, stated that she has had her blood tested numerous times by a certified lab that the government and CDC does not recognize. She stated that she believes there are ways to collect accurate data on the subject. She advised that she wears a summa canister and a monitor while walking around her property and then goes to get her blood tested. She advised that data is broken down in percentages and she is in the 94% percentile for her age bracket and she should be around 42%-43% for her age and location. She stated that she is frustrated because she believes that all of the data is being dismissed by government agencies and should be considered and given a closer look.

Bonnie Smeltzer, Battlement Mesa, spoke about health concerns in the Oil & Gas industry. Advised that she has lived close to several different gas wells since she has moved to Battlement Mesa and she has suffered from several different health problems over the years that she believes to be directly attributed to the Oil & Gas industry. Bonnie stated that she is now regularly impacted by odors because she lives next to Well Pad D and her neighbors are impacted by odors as well as light. She gave an example of smelling industrial odors within the past week and advised that she got a headache not too long after she began to smell them. She stated that she wanted to make a point to state that companies should not be drilling within a neighborhood.

Betsy Leonard, Battlement Mesa, indicated she believes distance is the best way to mitigate health impacts from the oil and gas industry. She stated that she believes the current setback regulations of 500ft is too short of a distance to be away from homes, but she does believe the proposed 2500ft setback to be too great of a distance. She advised that she believes a 1000ft setback would be a happy medium because health impacts greatly decrease when you are moved away from the wells by just 500 additional feet. She also advised that some people may be more sensitive to health issues brought forth by the industry and that they have no way of knowing what the long term health effects are at this time.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Tom Vondette – Taughenbaugh Mesa: Nothing new to report.

Jason Metcalf - Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek: Nothing new to report.

John Doose – URSA: Showed map and gave updates of Phase 1 operations. He stated that Phase 1 is now complete and they are done drilling at this time. Provided well removal and interim reclamation updates for each well pad location and advised that they try to do all reclamation as late in the fall as possible. Answered Marion Wells question about what work is being done on the Tompkins pad and he advised that they are currently working on completing the injection well. Spoke about the temporary pipeline running from the BMV Pad to the Tompkins pad and advised that the pipeline is inactive and they will be removing and performing reclamation on the rest of the pipeline in the next few weeks. Gave a brief list of community sponsorships and outreach stats for year-to-a-date 2018.

Scott Stewart – Roan Creek: Advised of the Red Canyon fire that is currently burning and stated the fire is currently about half a mile from Garfield County. Advised public access into the BLM off of Hwy 139 at the crest of Douglas Pass is currently closed off and the fire is at 0% containment.

Shawn Brennan – Terra Energy: Stated that they have two active rigs in Garfield County. Answered questions about fire and emergency management protocols.

Stewart Clark – Colorado Mountain College: Advised that this will be his last meeting representing CMC. Stated that he took over management of Xcel Energy about 6 weeks ago and wanted to speak about odor in the Battlement Mesa area. He advised that they commissioned a new high pressure pipeline to replace an out-of-date pipeline that ran from Rifle to Rulison. He stated that in the process they had to increase odorant levels in the natural gas line due to the new metal pipeline absorbing most of the odorant that is used in natural gas. He advised that residents of Battlement Mesa may have smelled a stronger natural gas odor at this time and it's possible that the odors that were being noticed may not have been directly attributed to the production side of natural gas.

Tamara Degler – Rifle/ North Rifle: Nothing to report.

Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: Advised that they were petitioned at their commission hearing this week by a citizen group to look at setback rules in regards to schools as well as properties owned by school districts. Stated they will be looking at that as a future rule-making in the upcoming months. Stated that as a result of the executive order from the governor they published a list of their prioritized orphaned well sites and locations on their web-site. He advised that this is a serious problem that will be addressed by their industry via additional funding they have received. Also, advised there will be a COGCC commission hearing at the Sheriff's Annex in Rifle on September 17th & 18th which will include a rule making addressing the state pooling statute and the 500 series rule.

Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance: Advised the Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance members have been working on school setback rules for several years and they are excited about being involved with the upcoming rule-making. Also, spoke about COGCC's oversight on pipelines in the past and encouraged them to become more active in taking over the responsibility of over-seeing flow-lines and pipelines in the area.

Jerry Seifert - Town of Silt: Nothing new to report.

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

Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas: Advised they have 3 active rigs in Garfield County, all located at the end of CR 215 in Parachute. Stated that have one completion crew running North of Parachute and informed everyone that he would have an updated map at the next month's meeting.

Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Advised that he wanted to make a point that he believes the Collett studies for data gathering that CSU conducts to be invalid because the methods that were used to gather the data did not have a proper control and have not had a peer review.

Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream: Advised they installed a blow-down silencer at the Holmes Mesa Compressor station and conducted a before and after third-party sound measurement study. Stated they had a 22-29 decibel reduction during that time. Also, advised on June 19th they had a O-ring leak on a blow-down cap on the back route to the High Mesa Compressor Station. He stated there was a leak of produced water which created a few calls of odor complaints. He advised that the O-ring leaked for a few days before it was found and they removed around 150 cubic yards of soil to remediate the area. He also informed that they have shut-in a section of pipe up by the Red Canyon fire and are currently working with the fire department to use the right-of-way to cut a fire line for the Cache Creek fire.

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Kirby gave a brief over-view of Ursa operations in Battlement Mesa and gave updates on current operations and estimated future completion dates.

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>

Nick Kurtenbach – CPX Piceance: Kirby gave update on behalf of member. Advised that they are installing pipeline and reconfiguring the roadway up on Beaver Creek Rd. He stated that is all going as planned and they have not incurred any significant issues.

Howard Orona – Parachute/ Parachute Creek: Kirby gave update on behalf of member. He advised that had nothing new to report other than he believed Terra Energy to be finishing up fracking in a couple weeks at the pad to the west of his property.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Kirby read a statement from the WSCOGA advising that Executive Director David Ludlam has taken another position with Colorado Mesa University and will no longer be working with Western Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association. He stated that in the interim Susan Alvillar will be taking over to work with the Board of Director's as they work to find a long-term replacement for Ludlam. Kirby also advised that in regards to Bob Arrington's update about the Collett studies that were conducted by CSU, the studies are being peer reviewed and they had a diverse technical advisory committee overseeing the work as it progressed.

Scott Stewart adjourned the August 2, 2018, EAB meeting at 8:10 pm.