

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 1st, 2018

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

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

EAB members in attendance:

Sean Strode	City of Rifle
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association (Secretary)
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College (Vice Chair)
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Hank Kracht	Rulison/ Holmes/ Morrisania Mesa
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek
Nick Kurtenbach	CPX Piceance
Lorne Prescott	Laramie Energy, LLC
Zach Jacobson	Summit Midstream
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Patrick McCown	Williams Midstream

Invited Guests: Steve Ficklin, Bureau of Land Management
Julie Murphy, Director, Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Arrington and seconded by Tom Vondette to accept the meeting minutes for the February 2018 meeting. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Kirby introduced invited guest Julie Murphy, the incoming Director of the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. Julie gave a brief introduction of herself, followed by a brief Q&A session.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)

Stuart Ellsworth, P.E., Engineering Manager, CO Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, Summary of the Outcomes from the Recent COGCC Flowline Rulemaking: 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

Don Simpson 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

Steve Ficklin, BLM provided a list of the 6 orphan wells that have been plugged in the Garfield County area. Advised that the orphan wells pad area will be reclaimed, with the work anticipated to be completed in 2018. Stated that a BLM Natural Resource Specialist will revisit the sites of the orphaned wells over the next several years to ensure proper vegetation and weed remediation. He also gave brief update on new applications for permit to drill (APD) over the last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Blair, Chief, Grand Valley Fire Dept. advised that, on behalf of the fire district in Parachute, he would like to thank Jake Janicek and Michael Rynearson (Caerus), Don Simpson (Ursa), and Kevin McDermott (TEP) for providing letters of support for a grant application. He also stated he is thankful Garfield County and Caerus have been discussing approaches to address the tax abatement in regards to the overpayment of property taxes.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Nick Kurtenbach – CPX Piceance: Gave brief introduction of himself and advised that after the management change in Q4 of 2017, he is now the new asset manager. Stated they have an infrastructure project they will be working on this summer and they are looking forward to working closely with the County on the upcoming project.

Zach Jacobson – Summit Midstream: Nothing new to report. Normal operations as usual.

Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: Welcomed Julie Murphy as the new director of the COGCC and bid farewell to the current director, Matt Lepore. Advised that they now have a new on-line interface for public comments on pending location drilling permits and encouraged the public to use the site. Gave a quick reminder to everyone to sign-up for general email notifications to receive their updated staff reports every 6-7 weeks as well as notifications of up-coming hearings.

Pat McCown – Williams Midstream: They are now beginning their spring/summer operations and starting their 2018 maintenance program.

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

Tom Vondette – Taughenbaugh Mesa: Advised it has been fairly quiet in the area. They had a few trucks that were speeding, but it has been properly handled.

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

Brackett Pollard – Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Association: Nothing new to report.

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

Scott Stewart – Roan Creek: Advised that Black Hills Energy has been doing reclamation on several BLM pads up in the Dry Fork area. Stated that Roan Creek is typically a very busy area for truck traffic but has remained quiet over the downturn in industry activity period.

Sean Strode – City of Rifle: Nothing to report.

Lorne Prescott- Laramie Energy: They are anticipating starting to drill in May, North of De Beque. They will have one rig active and are in the process of going over the financials and trying to finalize planning for possible getting a second rig in the area. The purchase of the Black Hills Energy assets was finalized today.

Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen’s Alliance: Advised that the GVCA are stakeholders in the Air Quality Commission Rule Making that is taking place. She also stated that members of the Grand Valley Citizens Alliance and Battlement Mesa Concerned Citizens would be making a legislative trip to speak about some of the upcoming bills on oil and gas.

Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee: Advised that URSA has been keeping them updated on different areas of activity going on with-in the Battlement Mesa PUD.

Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Advised that he filed one noise complaint in the last month to both the local COGCC representative and on-line at the COGCC website. Stated that he found it easy to navigate the website and submit the on-line complaint. He also stated that the COGCC sent someone out to the area to perform sound testing on the BMC B Pad and did not find it out of compliance. It was the noisiest in early morning. He noticed that the northern sound wall on the pad had been taken down. Advised of the recent Battlement Mesa Service Association meeting and stated that he has been and will continue to participate in the legislative activities with the GVCA and Battlement Mesa Concerned Citizens.

Don Simpson – URSA: Gave a brief over-view and slide presentation of safety, environmental, and permitting stats received in 2017 and year-to-date 2018. Advised of plans and showed map for current operations, stated they do not have any current *drilling* operations happening at this time. Addressed the noise complaint on the BMC B Pad that Bob Arrington had brought up in his member update and advised that they pulled the records for sound monitoring at that time and everything was found to be within regulations, no further action was taken. He also explained the reasoning behind the removal of the lower sound barrier on the BMC B Pad and went over a brief list of Community Sponsorships/ Outreach stats.

Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas: Kirby gave quick member update for Jake, who could not attend the meeting. Went over a map of active drilling locations and advised that he had nothing else to report.

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Kirby touched on the noise complaint for the BMC B Pad and advised that both URSA and the County were able to review the sound monitoring data and confirm that the noise decibels were well below the requirements for both the more stringent Garfield County Land Use Permit Conditions of Approval as well as the state standards. Also advised that the residents living above the BMC B pad feel indicate removal of the one lower sound wall has helped to reduce the noise levels in the surrounding area, since it is no longer bouncing off the barrier and going back up the hill. Played the current radio ad for the EAB so they can give any suggestions on to improve upon community outreach for the Energy Advisory Board meetings.

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>

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Tom Vondette advised that, as part of a \$100,000 grant from the Roundtable, he has been involved in the decision making process with the Colorado Farm Bureau, surrounding soil conservation districts, and Holy Cross Energy to hire an engineer to draw up a Consumptive Use Plan of everything considered to be a part of the Middle Colorado area, from the upper end of the Glenwood Springs Canyon to Debeque. He stated that a final decision will be made tomorrow on the engineering group

they will use for the project. He also informed that they are trying to map all of the streams in Colorado to figure out what their consumptive use is to determine how waterways are being used. Advised it is known that most of the water in Western Colorado is owned by farmers and ranchers through what is considered "rights", and advised other groups are trying to take the water and put it into other instream flows and waterways for recreational uses. Stated they want to show the purpose of where the water is being used and advised this will be the first blanket Consumptive Use Plan that covers every tributary in Colorado that leads to the Colorado River.

Scott Stewart adjourned the March 1, 2018, EAB meeting at 7:41pm.