

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 3, 2015

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Secretary Robin Haney conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement. Orona introduced new EAB Citizen Rep

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Tom Rugaard	Town of Parachute
Jay Miller	City of Rifle
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa Serv. Assoc. Oil and Gas committee
Robin Haney	(Secretary) Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Howard Orona	(Chair) Citizen Rep Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss	Citizen Rep Rifle/North Rifle
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Hank Kracht	Rulison/Holmes/Morrisania Mesa
Scott Stewart	(Vice Chair) Citizen Rep Roan Creek
Tom VonDette	Citizen Rep Taughenbaugh Mesa
Michael Brygger	Oxy Oil & Gas Corporation
Cary Baird	Chevron
Sandy Kent	Encana Oil & Gas
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
Patrick McCown	Williams Midstream
Jeffrey Kirtland	WPX Energy

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 6, 2015 meeting. Arrington noted a minor typo in his August update (repaired during meeting). The motion to approve last meeting minutes with the edit was made by Leslie Robinson and 2nd by Jeff Kirtland. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom VonDette asked if we have the follow-up information from June speaker Rick Aster. Follow-up with Rick Aster regarding project Rulison and project Rio Blanco (effects of the nuclear blasts on area faulting, if any)

NEW BUSINESS

Kirby W asked is if anyone would like to be part of an education committee. Purpose would be to help plan the educational speakers and presentations. No takers. Kirby will continue to line up speakers. Leslie asked all members to send a couple speaker and topic ideas to Kirby in the near future.

Kirby asked the board if there is interest in a presentation by Citizens Climate Lobby. Group determined it was not within our scope and we should not accept the offer to present.

Issues Committee has been: Leslie, Kirby, Robin, Jeff S, Brent, and Howard. Need to have this group meet to discuss next topic to study, if any. Will try to meet mid-September. Kirby to send an invitation.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Speakers – Heather McGregor, Garfield Clean Energy

Presentation – *Trucks, Vans and Buses: Using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for Transportation in Garfield County.*

Extensive Q&A took place after presentation. Video of the presentation will be available at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Orona invited public comments, asking that each person limit their comments to 3 minutes each.

Marion Wells – Feels presentations at EAB have not had balance the last 20 meetings. Had a lights issue last night that Summit Midstream fixed within the hour. The lighting issues did not comply with COGCC rules. Had a gagging odor issue at her home. Source of issue was found by WPX and future operational process will be altered to avoid a maintenance-related release from one of her pads when the wind direction is headed toward her home. She did not feel that was a fix. Noted she walked her property and showed the board samples of plants that are brown.

Dave Devanney – mentioned Ursa has applied for county permit to drill inside the Battlement Mesa PUD. His group, Battlement Concerned Citizens, has been actively engaged. Held a community meeting last Monday night. Issues raised were health, safety and welfare. A lot of resident concerns. Encouraged residents to get involved and participate in upcoming hearings to push for elimination or at least mitigation of impacts. Many people do not understand split estate issue. Some feel already have impacts from the many wells in the area. Ursa is a good company trying to do their best—have held 5 community meetings including last night. Some in attendance were angry/concerned. Dave experienced a bad petrochemical smell on his way home close to the meeting location. A mile and a half away, at his home, he still smelled it 2 hours later and had eye irritation.

COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE: Nita Smith

Community Counts is a non – profit organization established to connect the energy industry and the community through responsive, open dialog. We currently have 87 members and operate in Garfield, Mesa and Rio Blanco Counties.

Response Line: 866-442-9034 - The response line system is designed to connect residents with the source of their issues and concerns for timely response and resolution. Once Community Counts facilitates that connection, we are no longer involved. The operator and resident address and resolve the issue, and in the future the resident contacts the operator directly. To close the loop with calls that come to Community Counts, the operator gets back with us to let us know the issue has been resolved. One of the major keys to our success has been the dedication of our operator partners and contractors to respond quickly and effectively

Current Members – 87; 17 Operators

New Members – Hampton Inn & Suites and Colorado Parks and Wildlife

August – Concerns/Requests/Informational E-mails

1. Notice of pipe about to fall off of truck on I-70
2. Odor
3. Request on Fracking work
4. Ursa - Community Meeting – Aug. & Sept; Construction Activity - Valley O Pad – Aug 3-25th - Monument Ridge B Pad - Sept 1st
5. Debeque – Wild Horse Days – road closures and rerouting
6. Garfield County Road 322 Closure
7. Collbran – Construction Road Notice in town - Sept. 2, 3 & 4
8. Rig Moves

Current Rig Count – 3 Garfield County, 2 Mesa County

1. WPX Energy – 1 Garfield County
2. BLACK HILLS Exploration & Production –1 Garfield County, 1 Mesa County
3. Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County
4. Piceance Energy, LLC – 1 Mesa County

Rig Count for the State of Colorado – August - 38

CCC Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Directors – Nov. 4, 2015 – Parachute Library – 244 Grand Valley Way, Parachute; Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 and Social 5 – 6 pm

If you would like to run for a board of director's position, please send letter of interest and short bio to nita@communitycountscolorado.com or for more information call Nita at 303-916-4009

Community Counts Board Meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Town of Parachute. Our next Board meeting will be Sept. 9, 2015.

Contact information is: Nita Smith, Executive Director, (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President, susan.alvillar@wpxenergy.com (970.263.5315) **Contact information** is: Nita Smith, Executive Director, (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President, susan.alvillar@wpxenergy.com (970.263.5315)

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

USFS/BLM – Karla Mobley with USFS mentioned the SG Interests recent Notice of Staking for an exploratory well in the Wolf Creek storage unit area of the Thompson Divide and a successful onsite visit for agencies and the public earlier this week.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

City of Rifle – Jay Miller Nothing to Report

COGCC – Marc Morton

Mentioned November rulemaking hearing to implement Governor's Task Force recommendations 17&20 on Nov 16&17 with stakeholder meetings to precede the Rulemaking. COGCC is also looking closely as noise data and issues and expect to update Noise rules this year as well.

COGCC Complaint hotline is 888-235-1101 and webpage for online complaint submittal at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us/complaints.html#/complaints> available 24/7. Reviewed the COGCC upcoming 888-235-1101

Organizations:

Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney

CMC is presenting a Stormwater Management Class September 11. Registration is still open and available online. New Applied Engineering technician program is starting. There are brochures on the counter.

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Leslie Robinson

GVCA was involved in the BCC community meeting and reviewing Ursa's county permit application. It is a voluminous and difficult to read document. Will be a long process for the citizens to understand issues of drilling in the PUD.

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma

O&G Committee participated in Ursa community mtg. Informative. Ursa created very few nuisance issues in the months they were working at the nearby pad to Battlement Mesa. With that said and anticipating the permit request to drill in the PUD, the O&G committee will be looking to see what can be done to ensure things stay clean and prevent nuisance issues if the permit is approved. Ursa has started work on a new pad just outside PUD and close to a ranchette and the new Elementary school. Only pad access is across from the school maybe 100 yards from school with a 45 degree turn and within school speed zone. Need a careful plan and good timing management to control the traffic. Want to hear back from Ursa on their plans.

Citizen Representatives:

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa - Scott Brynildson

Nothing to Report

Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss

Nothing to Report

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

Black Hills still operating in Roan Creek. In the preplanning we did for the area, Black Hills self-imposed a low speed limit which was very helpful. Nothing else to report.

Taughenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette

Seems very busy out there and trucks are going fast.

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

Have been working on traffic issues in the area and Kirby has been keeping him inform of resolution progress. The companies have been responsive as well.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

Nothing to Report

Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek – Bob Arrington

Continue to have meetings hosted by Ursa about planned operations. And the BCC organized meeting. A person reported they measured noise at 62 Db at his home. USGS came out with a new report on seismic potential and increased risk for rating for area. Had a gentleman at community meeting that he had his home sold but buyer backed out when found out about industry plans for area.

Rulison/Holmes/Morrisania Mesa - Hank Kracht

Not much activity right now. Nothing to report.

Operators:

Encana – Sandy Kent

3 workover rigs running. No plans to drill new wells the rest of this year.

Williams Midstream – Pat McCown

Nothing to report.

WPX – Susan Alvillar

Running one rig on Flat Iron Mesa.

Chevron – Cary Baird

No safety incidents to report. Just finished a workover program on 15 Piceance wells. Community engagement last few months includes donations to Water Center at Colorado Mesa University, American Red Cross, Mesa Land Trust, Youth Zone, and Tamarisk Coalition.

Ursa Operating Co. – Don Simpson

Appreciate Dave Devaney calling Ursa quickly about the odor issue. Quick reporting is important for resolution. John Doose with Ursa is on call for issues and his cell is 970-379-0008. Investigation is ongoing. Had to purge some of our lines and the Rulison issue could have been causative but not sure yet. Will discuss self-imposed speed limits and traffic management plans near the new school that Don M mentioned. Don Simpson provided a PowerPoint presentation. Video available beginning at minute 43 at: <http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id=T02376&video=247550>

Monument B pad is under construction. Would like to note 1/3 of our staff lives in Battlement so if people report an issue we can investigate the issue. Tomorrow we will be checking out a commercial line in the area to make sure it is not part of the problem. Ursa is making improvements to the turn location for the new pad by the school.

Reviewed the topics reviewed at their 5-community meeting series. Planning Commission meeting regarding our permit application is September 23rd and a public site visit is September 22nd. Supported County Fair, Battlement Mesa Parks and Rec Golf Tournament Sept 26th, Supporting Parachute Octoberfest October 2nd, Parachute Veterans Day Dinner Nov 11th. We are also adopting a segment of I-70 and have a cleanup planned for Sept 25th.

Our next semi-annual Battlement Mesa Community Meeting will be in September or October, TBD.

To date drilled 56 wells from outside the PUD to develop minerals under the PUD.

Oxy Oil & Gas - Michael Brygger

One workover rig for well maintenance. Some tank and other asset upgrades underway. Otherwise normal production operations ongoing.

County:

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn

Provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Available at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

Wynn introduced himself as the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison. There is an email sign up list available if any new attendees would like to be added to the mailing list for EAB and other notifications, or you can contact kwynn@garfield-county.com or call 970-625-5905.

Provided a reminder of the memorial service for Rifle Councilman Dirk Meyers.

He said the EAB meeting was advertised in the Post Independent and the Citizens Telegram as always to let the community know when the EAB is meeting.

Garfield County has 3 active drilling rigs operating. 112 well starts in the county through July 4th.

County participating as cooperating agency with the BLM ROAN SEIS and the 65 Existing Leases EIS processes and recently reviewed cooperating agency drafts of those documents.

As mentioned by others, Ursa has a request for a County Special Use Permit to drill wells within the Battlement Mesa PUD. Planning Commission hearing is September 23, 6pm and the public is invited to attend and provide comment.

Resident calls to the office for July and August 2015 are: 3 odor complaints, 2 noise complaints and 5 traffic/Haul Route complaints.

Wynn encouraged citizens who are 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.

General information updates from members:

Brent Buss mentioned he is running for Rifle city council and ballots for the Rifle Election are due by September 8th. There is also a bond issue on the ballot.

Tom VonDette mentioned not all energy companies are responding to the requirement to conduct locates (811 tickets) before digging and contractors cannot start until they do respond.

Tom Rugaard, October 2nd Friday night a great concert event will happen in Parachute so everybody please come. Big Brother Osborne is playing and tickets are only \$10.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Howard Orona adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm. Next meeting is here in the Rifle Library on September 3rd.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the August 6th, 2015 meeting minutes.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Kirby will try to organize an issues subcommittee meeting.

Kirby to follow-up with June speaker Rick Aster about seismicity question form Tom V.
Prepared by Kirby Wynn, Garfield County Oil and Gas Liaison.

Approved by the EAB on October 1, 2015.