

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 5, 2015

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:01 P.M. Secretary Robin Haney conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

AJ Hobbs	Town of Carbondale
Bill McKee	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Brent Buss	Citizen Rep Rifle
Bryan Hotard	WPX Energy
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
Howard Orona	Citizen Rep Parachute
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Kelly Lyon	Town of Silt
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Kurt & Evelyn Grimm	Dry Hollow
Leslie Robinson	GVCA
Marc Morton	COGCC
Michael Gross	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt
Michael Meskin	Grass Mesa Homeowners Association
Patrick McCown	Williams Midstream
Robin Haney	Colorado Mtn College
Sandy Kent	Encana Oil & Gas
Scott Brynildson	Citizen Rep Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Scott Ghan	Vanguard Operating LLC
Scott Stewart	Citizen Rep Roan Creek
Tom VonDette	Citizen Rep Taughenbaugh Mesa

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 5, 2015 meeting. Minutes were approved with request to correct spelling of Knowles trucking on page 4. Motion set by Kirby Wynn and second by Leslie Robinson. All in favor, except 2 abstentions from people who had not reviewed the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard Orona – The addition of COGCC as a non-voting member on the board of the EAB was approved by Board of County Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Howard Orona – The changes of the Bylaws to reflect addition of COGCC as a non-voting member on the board of the EAB. Motion set by Jeff Simonson and second by Brent Buss, all in favor except one nay.

Traffic subcommittee – A model was created to present recommendations to the full board to study oil and gas development traffic or road issues. Next subcommittee meeting will be held March 18th and

may consist of attendees from Garfield County Road and Bridge, Sherriff's Office, State Patrol, municipal traffic engineers, industry partners, and citizens. The subcommittee is asking the full board to present any issues or concerns in their areas and individuals that should be engaged with this topic. Traffic issues and road conditions have been set as the starting point for the subcommittee. The EAB decided it would be very beneficial to have someone from a trucking company come in to speak about traffic issues. Scott Brynildson stated that the EAB should add or look at what roads have already been replaced by oil and gas companies to the study of traffic and road issues. The chair confirmed that the EAB would hold ten meetings per year and two of those meetings will be board only work sessions, one in the spring and one in the fall. The first work session to take place will be April 2, 2015. *(post March meeting update, April EAB is a public meeting)*

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Speaker – Tyler Bittner, WPX Energy District Manager

Presentation – Water Management Planning for Remote Completion Operations

Extensive Q&A took place after presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Howard pointed out that there were some students from Charleston University and welcomed them. The students expressed appreciation for all they learned about oil and gas and the warm reception they received from the community and WPX Energy who hosted their visit.

Marion Wells – When I hear things like this, it's very discouraging. I've been in the gas patch for 9 years now and I see no change in the traffic, dirt on the road, and speeding. In the last month I have a bunch of people on a designated haul route who shouldn't be. I've had a spill that went unreported and was created by the industry. I've had odors for days since the first of January and some of them have been so strong that we gag. This week I have another pet that has an endocrine tumor, this is the third pet in a row. I've lived in this area since the 60's and all three of these pets came to me just since they started the oil and gas development. In terms of this remote fracking, I can assure you it's a nice presentation, but it really doesn't exist in my neck of the woods anymore and the idea of bird netting, fencing, and everything else are kept in good order has never been the case in my area. So when we see presentations like this and talk about getting groups together to discuss traffic it becomes discouraging to us landowners who are living with the exact same thing for nearly a decade.

COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE, Nita Smith

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, they 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.

February Concerns & Informational E-mails –

1. Two jake brake issues in Mesa County – emails were sent to Operators and Contractors to use with consideration
2. Concerns came in regarding activity on County Road 303 and those were reported to Operator – Operator has scheduled Community meeting with residents
3. Inquiry came in from website asking about when fracking operations would be started

on a rig – contacted Operator and plans were indefinite at that time and relayed that to the resident.

5. Sent out URSA's Semi- Annual Community Meeting Notice
6. Sent out several rig moves

Current Rig Count –

1. WPX Energy – 2 Garfield County, 1 Rio Blanco County
2. URSA Operating Company – 1 Garfield County
3. BLACK HILLS Exploration & Production – 1 Garfield County
4. Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County
5. Piceance Energy, LLC – 1 Mesa County

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

No additional updates at this time

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Parachute – Juanita Williams

Parachute is trying to get a \$400,000 grant for repairs to the city's portion of Parachute Creek Road, which is county road 215. This is basically from the interstate up to WPX's office. The whole project is going to be \$800,000 and they are looking forward to the grant to help with cost. The town is feeling some impacts from the layoffs of the energy companies and some businesses have been affected.

Town of Silt - Kelly Lyon –

Nothing major to report

Town of Carbondale – AJ Hobbs

Carbondale was in favor for more local support with the oil and gas taskforce and we were disappointed to see that it was not addressed.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddile

Nothing to Report

COGCC – Marc Morton

Governor's taskforce recommendation, there is a document providing details of the recommendations provided by the taskforce to the Governor. The taskforce came up with nine recommendations, passed by two-thirds vote of the 21 members. In the end there were 36 proposals and the taskforce went through a voting process in order for the 9 to be forwarded. There is also a minority report for proposals that did not get adopted.

Organizations:

Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney

Nothing to Report

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma

Nothing to Report

Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association - Bill McKee

Current President, gave brief description of the organization. Has some concerns on the recommendations provided by the taskforce to the Governor, one being the setback recommendation.

GVCA – Leslie Robinson

The GVCA hosted the college students from Charleston University. The students got to perform water testing and learn how to use the bucket brigade in citizen air testing. GVCA has been invited to participate in the scoping on the rulemaking for taskforce recommendations.

Grass Mesa Homeowners Association – Michael Meskin

Nothing to report

Citizen Representatives:

Dry Hollow – Kurt & Evelyn Grimm

Nothing to report

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson

Nothing to Report

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

Nothing to report

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

Nothing to Report

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

Nothing to report

Rifle – Brent Buss

Nothing to Report

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

Last night had a meeting with homeowners affected by Ursa notification to adjacent landowners in ¼ mile radius of Watson Ranch B injection well. Over 40 people attended the meeting including Ursa, Garfield County, and COGCC staff. Each of the represented industry and government representatives spoke on their roles in both mineral extraction and injection well responsibilities and/or oversights. Questions were answered or put to later presentation as program went. Residents/owners expressed their concerns with air, water and ground pollution. They expressed they were concerned with light, noise, vibration, geologic conditions and structure and seismic potential. They told of their reliance on the local aquifer for their water needs. They were not assured that there was sufficient protection offered and want more information and opportunity to participate in any hearings on the matters. They expressed required notifications had not been made in all cases and the lack of presence of the newspaper for other such notification. Kirby Wynn stated he would undertake additional notifications to proceedings. This was the second meeting I attended of this group. The first meeting was a meeting by which organization, petition and problem discussion was undertaken. This was about a week earlier and in February. Upcoming meeting: March 10 Ursa Community Meeting Tuesday 6:30pm GVFPD Fire Station

Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette

Was concerned as to why there was two rig moves that was not presented as a notification.

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt – Michael Gross

Nothing to report

Operators:

WPX – Bryan Hotard

WPX has three rigs at the moment and are not completing any wells until further direction from upper management. WPX did layoff 8% of their work force and the Denver office location will be closing.

Encana – Sandy Kent

We are on steady operations.

Caerus Oil & Gas – Jake Janicek

Recently put a rig up and was supposed to start drilling last night or today on Logan Mesa.

Williams Midstream – Pat McCown

Nothing to report

Vanguard Operating LLC - Scott Ghan & Michael Frow

No drilling or completion plan for 2015.

Ursa Operating Company – Don Simpson

We have one rig running. Completed construction of the Yater Pad February 1, 2015. Completed construction on Watson Ranch B Pad March 1, 2015 and construction is scheduled for the B&V Pad to start March 19, 2015. Speakman A Pad, recently finished drilling 8 Williams Forks wells in one occupation. Drill rig currently moving onto Yater Pad and scheduled to drill 16 wells in two 2015 occupations. Scheduled to drill 14 wells in one 2015 occupation on the Watson Ranch B Pad. Then will move to Tompkins Pad to drill 11 wells in one 2015 occupation. Ursa semiannual community meetings will be held March 9, 2015 in Silt at the Colorado River Fire Rescue and March 10, 2015 in Battlement Mesa at the Grand Valley Fire Station. Both will be held at 6:30pm.

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn

(Provided as a PowerPoint presentation.) 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 mpayne@garfield-county.com or call 970-625-5915.

He said the EAB meeting was advertised in the Post Independent as always to let the Community know when the EAB is meeting.

Garfield County has 6 active drilling rigs operating.

Resident calls to the office for January 2015 to February 2015 are: 1 odor; 0 noise, 3 haul route/traffic, 8 permitting, and 162 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly. COGCC-approved drilling permits in Garfield County are 124 as of March 2, 2015.

BLM Existing Leases EIS, BLM conducting new EIS for 65 leases in White River National Forest and Garfield County is a cooperating agency.

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. Wynn said the next EAB meeting would be March 5, at the Rifle Library.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Orona adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

A motion was passed to approve Bylaws update to add COGCC as a nonvoting member.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Kirby to upload the Governor's taskforce recommendation document on Garfield County's website for viewing.

Howard to sign changes made to Bylaws.

Prepared by Marie Payne, Garfield County Oil and Gas Assistant.

Approved by the EAB on April 2nd, 2015.