

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 4, 2014
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:03 P.M. He announced the dinner was catered by Chomp's Deli in Glenwood Springs. Orona asked the members present to introduce themselves.

EAB members in attendance:

Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Kurt Grimm	Dry Hollow Creek
Evelyn Grimm	Dry Hollow Creek Alternate
Sandy Kent	Encana
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Cary Baird	Chevron
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
AJ Hobbs	Town of Carbondale
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Rachel Pokrandt	CMC
Sheree' Walcher	WPX

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting. Tom VonDette made a motion to accept the minutes and AJ Hobbs seconded the motion; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Stewart said at the last meeting the sub-committee shared they were facilitating a survey to send out to the EAB board members to quantify purpose and what is working well and what we might improve on. The committee is looking for continuous opportunities for self-improvement. The survey was returned by 28 members of the board. Not a 100 percent return but close. We received good comments. The committee will continue to delve into those comments and come back to the board with recommendations on some specific topics to present to the board. Orona said the sub-committee is hoping to share the results at the October meeting. Stewart thanked the members for completing and returning the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

An informative presentation was presented by Gordon Pierce, Technical Services Manager, CDPHE – Air Pollution Control Division “Regional Air Quality Conditions & Monitoring.” His presentation is posted on <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Marion Wells, Rulison

Said she would suggest air quality is improving because we have less traffic, less drilling, we have older wells with less production as the reason it is going down, not regulations. Over the summer she realized all of the things she has been complaining about since development came to her area in 2006 and 2007 are all still there, speeding, stop sign violations, traffic violations, haul route issues, odors, noise, lights. She said the last few nights the Holmes Mesa compressor station has left its lights on night and day, which shines directly into her bedroom window. She complained about that when they put in that compressor station so, in terms of things – it is just lip service – it is never resolved. She was flabbergasted when one of the County Commissioners said that EAB was started by the industry to address citizen complaints. She thinks that is backwards, it was the citizens, because the industry was not addressing our concerns. My last point is all of the education programs that have been requested by the public, which are different from industry spin have been ignored.

Don Simpson asked Ms. Wells if she had turned in her complaints to Community Counts. Ms. Wells replied why would she try Community Counts, why would I try anything? Odors, speeding still happens. Stop sign still happens, haul routes issues, today 3, odor issues been going on for months. Every time she has complained about an odor, no one has done anything. They can't find that odor. The noise, when they come out it isn't making the loud noise so they don't understand living with it for 24/7 and lights flashing in your window. Simpson said Community Counts does get some things done. Ms. Wells replied they have never helped her.

COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE, Don Simpson

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.

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New Executive Director Nita Smith was named Executive Director after Sher Long retired.

August Concerns & Informational E-mails –

1. 2 Odors Complaints
2. Notices sent to Operators and Contractors on I-70 work
3. Information on Wild Horse days, Aug. 16-17, in DeBeque
4. Sent out Common Ground Golf Tournament Information
5. Several rig move notices were sent out

Current Rig Count – Total 10 rigs Garfield County, 2 Rio Blanco County, and 1 Mesa County

1. WPX Energy – 7 Garfield County; 2 - Rio Blanco County
2. URSA Operating Company – 1 Garfield County
3. BLACK HILLS Exploration & Production – 1 Garfield County
4. OXY (Occidental Oil and Gas) – 1 Garfield County
5. Coachman Energy – 1 Garfield County – **Postponed till Sept 10th – 11th**
6. Piceance Energy, LLC – 1 Mesa County

Membership in CCC – We currently have 98 members. 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. 10, 2014. Contact information is: Nita Smith, Executive Director, (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President, susan.alvillar@wpenergy.com (970.263.5315)

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Carbondale – AJ Hobbs

Said the BLM announced the leases in the Thompson Divide area will be extended for another period. This is not surprising news however, the Thompson Divide Coalition is disappointed with the decision. He would like to see the oil and gas industry and the Thompson Divide coalition come together to seek a resolution as opposed to government and the BLM making the decision themselves, knowing how bureaucracy works. But as you can imagine it is not an easy thing for the groups to come to terms with. Everyone wants different things. He said, hopefully we will see that play out in a positive way as beneficial to all. One of the most inspiring things happening in Carbondale is the Energy Club, from Roaring Fork High School. The students are seeking approval to install solar panels that will provide 100 percent solar power for the high school, saving money and energy for the school. He said after the educational presentation he wondered why there isn't air monitoring equipment on every well.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddile

Riddile said the town has begun construction on the pedestrian bridge adjacent to the 105 Exit Bridge. On the south side of the river they are beginning construction of a pedestrian/bike trail that is going from the 105 Exit Bridge to Apple Tree Park. With that in mind a few weeks ago he saw several Schlumberger trucks east bound on CR 335 heading to the 105 Exit Bridge. He doesn't think that is a designated haul route and could be especially dangerous with the construction going on around the exit. He wants to know if the County will look into that. Wynn said he would look into it and asked Riddile if he had the date and time where he saw the trucks. He thought it was a couple of weeks ago on Sunday but could not be more specific. Wynn reminded everyone attending that he needs details on a complaint incident to be able to track it down. Riddile also thanked the County for funding assistance for the new pedestrian bridge and bike trail. After the meeting, Wynn investigated and County Road 335 is a designated haul route.

Colorado Mountain College - Rachel Pokrandt

Ms. Pokrandt said she is the new campus dean for the CMC Rifle campus, taking over from Nancy Genova who just retired. She reported the college has good enrollment for the fall term and they are looking at broadening the scope of the process technology degree. The program has been focused on oil and gas. Although there are still some jobs for students coming out with those qualifications, the college is trying to look at a broader integrated energy approach and trying to prepare students to come out with skills in solar, process tech., and renewables. The College is working in a partnership with CSU to make butanol from switch grass. We are really trying to prepare our students for working with non-renewables and some of the transition fuels and renewable energy fuels moving forward. The purpose is to serve the community so our students, your kids, hopefully come out with a broader scope of understanding how they could be impacting the future in many different ways. Wynn said he thought the EAB would enjoy hearing more about the CMC program in the future.

Orona asked what the degree programs are currently. She said they have an Associate's degree in Process Technology, an Instrumentation Certificate, Oil and Gas Certificate, and a Solar Certificate and they also have the butanol research project. Although it is not credit bearing, it gives students hands on experience.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

Arrington said the Battlement Concerned Citizens made presentations to the BMSA Board. They presented the Ursa drilling schedules and locations with the current map locations. This was the second public meeting citizens could get information on the drilling in the PUD. They have had a few people talking about odors and bright lights shining all night.

GVCA – Leslie Robinson

She said GVCA is collaborating with River Watch to train volunteers to do water sampling. They are targeting creeks that are not being currently tested. There is going to be a monitoring site on Divide Creek through a GVCA volunteer who is being trained. There is a training session with River Watch in October and GVCA is sponsoring two students. She said they have room for one more student. She encouraged anyone who is interested in doing monitoring to contact her 625-1797. GVCA is working with CMU on seismic monitoring in this area. They are interested in injection wells that could create earthquakes in this area. She said, September 3 was the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Grass Mesa – Michael Meskin

No new updates and no citizen concerns reported.

Citizen Representatives:

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson

No new updates and no citizen concerns reported.

Dry Hollow Creek – Kurt Grimm

No new updates and no citizen concerns reported.

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

There is some activity in the Roan Creek area. Black Hills is on their first pad site doing horizontal wells and will be moving to their second site in four-six weeks. The second site is just above the first site. Their goal is to put three wells on the first two pads and four on the third pad. They have been working with 3 different midstream contractors. They have a new 24-inch pipeline coming out of the Colorado River, bringing a 16-inch all way through Chevron and through the High Lonesome Ranch area, they have a 12-inch line going up there. There is already an 8-inch water line that they will be using for frac fluids and production, so they can reduce truck activity. They are seeing more wells abandoned and shut-ins. Maralex is working with BLM to abandon and shut in wells sites. So that is exciting because those are very old wells. In addition, there is a stakeholders group made up of landowners, industry as well as NGO's in the Roan Creek area. It is referred to as the Roan Creek Landscape Initiative and they are dealing with oil and gas development, air and water quality testing, habitat improvement, habitat programs, fragmentation, sage grouse initiatives, and conservation agreements.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

Orona said he received two phone calls on the same day due to mud on the roads. He contacted WPX and it was one of their contractors. WPX said they would contact the company.

Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette

Said he had several issues going on. An energy company took out a water line, tore down the fence and let all of his cattle get mixed with three different bunches. Not a good thing and cost him some time. He has called two different trucking companies because his contact at WPX is no longer good. To get trucks slowed down, he followed another truck this evening that was exceeding the speed limit, going 40 mph in a 20 mph zone. They continue to have problems with trucks speeding and using Jake brakes. Wynn asked Tom to provide details on the truck he followed this evening. Wynn said he can get hard data from the GPS on those trucks if Tom gets the time and plate number.

Operators:

Encana – Sandy Kent

She said the company has no rigs currently running. They have 5 work over rigs running.

Chevron – Cary Baird

She said they have no safety incidents or environmental issues to report. They are in the middle of a shut in to do a lot of preventive maintenance before the winter. Three weeks ago they gave a tour of the operation to the COGCC and today in Rangely another tour by the COGCC and BLM, both tours went well. Last week 15 students and faculty from CSU toured their operation as part of the two-year cooperative research project (funded by Chevron). Chevron is working with CSU, which gives the researchers access to private lands to study. She said chevron hopes to learn from the research as they manage over 85,000 plus acres of land.

WPX – Sheree' Walcher

WPX Energy has 7 rigs operating in Garfield County and 2 in Rio Blanco County.

Ursa Operating Company – Don Simpson

He said on the operations side, Ursa maintains one rig. They just finished drilling a series of wells at Castle Springs on BLM property with no incidents reported. The rig is now drilling south of Silt. They continue to participate in the CSU air quality study offering well sites, drilling and completion sites for their research and testing. They also gave a rig tour for County and BLM staff recently. On the community side, they bought the reserve champion pig at the Garfield County Fair; they then donated the pig to the Colorado Fire and Rescue Unit. They are also sponsors of the Town of Silt summer concert series, the Parachute Oktoberfest, and the Common Ground golf tournament where proceeds go to the parks and rec department. Their summer intern from CMU returned to school and they hoped she learned about the oil and gas industry and will share the information with her fellow CMU students. The Ursa semi-annual community meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 30 in Silt at the fire station on Main Street at 6:30 pm. The next evening, Wednesday, October 1, will be in Battlement Mesa at the Grand Valley Fire station on Stone Quarry Road, at 6:30 pm.

Marion Wells said she wanted to ask Don Simpson a questions for a friend of hers. There is an old Antero pad south of Silt, and they have rehabbed the pad and she wanted to know if that means it has been shut-in or has the company quit all operations in that area. He confirmed she was talking about the Demo pad. He said they are required by the State to partially reclaim pads after a certain period of time and that is what is going on there. Partial reclamation not full.

Oxy– Michael Brygger

Kirby Wynn provided a written update for Oxy who was unable to attend the meeting. They are currently drilling a single horizontal Niobrara well that is over in the DeBeque area, in Garfield County. Current rate of production is 95 million per day.

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn

(Provided as a Power Point 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 gdubois@garfield-county.com or call 970-625-5915.

He said the EAB was advertised in the Post Independent as always to let the Community know when the EAB is meeting. Wynn pointed out a screen shot of the Garfield County Air Quality Management page that the speaker, Gordon Pierce referred to in tonight's educational presentation. The web address is: www.garfield-county.com/air-quality/index.aspx. He noted that by going to reports at the top of the page you have access to current reports. There is also an air quality index, with live readings for

GARCO air quality data. Citizens can go look at air quality data anytime they want or look at past studies and information.

Garfield County has 10 active drilling rigs operating. Rio Blanco has 2 rigs and Mesa County has 1 rig. He said Coachmen Energy will be bringing in a new rig later in September, in the area south of Silt. They purchased the assets from Dejour Energy. He said the rig map is from the Community Counts website. If you are on their website you can click on the map pins and information will show the relevant rig information.

Resident calls to the office for July and August 2014 are: 4 odor; 2 noise, 1 traffic, and 48 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly. The County has 10,796 total wells, second only to Weld County. COGCC approved drilling permits in Garfield County are 726 as of September 3, 2014.

Wynn introduced Marc Morton, the local government liaison from COGCC in the audience. Leslie Robinson asked Morton if there was going to be any rulemaking this year. He said there is a stakeholder process going on right now for the new fine and penalty structure that was passed in recent legislation. Meeting will be held on September 18 and October 3 in Denver. Robinson asked Morton if there will be new regulations relating to the floods from last year. He said the COGCC published a report called "Lessons Learned" that gives insight regarding the floods. Robinson said she thought that would be a good topic for a future EAB meeting.

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, 970/625-5905 or 970/987-2557 or email at kwynn@garfield-county.com. Wynn said the next EAB meeting would be October 2, at the Rifle Library.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Orona adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the August 7, 2014 meeting minutes.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Prepared by Gretchen DuBois, Garfield County Oil and Gas Administrative Assistant.

Approved by the EAB on October 2, 2014.