

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 6, 2012  
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

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**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION**

Howard Orona called meeting to order at: 6:04 pm.

**EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:**

Howard Orona (HO)	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Art Riddle (AR)	Town of New Castle
Bob Arrington (BA)	Battlement Mesa
Kirby Wynn (KW)	Garfield County
Cary Baird (CB)	Chevron
Michael Meskin (MM)	Grass Mesa HOA
Kelly Lyon (KL)	Town of Silt
Leslie Robinson (LR)	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Nancy Genova (NG)	Colorado Mountain College
Don Mumma (DM)	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee
Michael Gross (MG)	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa
Heather Hoffmeister (HH)	Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa
Scott Brynildson (SB)	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Jeff Kirkland (JK)	WPX Energy
Daniel Padilla (DP)	Oxy

Cary Baird of Chevron presented a check for \$150,000 to Colorado Mountain College president, Stan Jensen.

This is a very important award as it directly affects our schools right here in Western Garfield County. This funding will allow CMC to offer summer teacher training workshops for elementary and middle school teachers from RE-2, School District 16 and Debeque. These workshops will focus on activities that get students excited about science early to help create stronger science programs in our schools.

**Participating in the presentation:**

Cary Baird, Chevron  
Stan Jensen, President of Colorado Mountain College  
Nancy Genova, CEO of CMC Rifle Campus  
Tom Jankovsky, Garfield County Commissioner  
John Martin, Garfield County Commissioner  
Susan Birdsey, Superintendent, RE-2  
Ken Haptonstall, Superintendent, RE-16  
Steve Strong, Superintendent of Debeque School District

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Don Simpson, Vice President - Business Development of Ursa Resources, and purchaser of Antero Resources, introduced his company to the EAB board and the community.

## **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The board reviewed the minutes from November 1, 2012 meeting. Howard Orona entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kelly Lyon moved to accept the minutes and Scott Brynildson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the board then voted unanimously to approve.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Thomas Thompson - Rulison

Thomas Thompson and Duke Cox with WCC testified in front of the COGCC on November 14, 2012 regarding setbacks. On December 13 he will be hosting a tour at his residence in Rulison for concerned citizens, advocacy groups at 1pm.

The address is 1665 Porcupine Creek Road

- Richard Votero – Carbondale

Richard is worried about the negative effects that O&G operations are having on the environment and worries about future generations.

He would like to see more CNG vehicles be used by operators on the western slope. Kirby Wynn stated that infrastructure needs would have to be resolved before companies will invest in CNG fleets. However several companies, including Encana have already made significant CNG investments, as has Garfield County.

- Marc Morton – COGCC Local Government Liaison

Marc Morton introduced himself to the EAB and the audience as one of two recently hired COGCC local government liaisons, including himself. His position is to help improve the permitting process for Colorado residents and to assist local government designees.

Rulemaking hearings will continue on December 10 & 11. You can access the hearings via the internet.

COGCC has a Local Government Designee (LGD) training program that will hold 6 or 7 1-day sessions around the state in near future. Local government designee program is designed to facilitate local government involvement in the oil and gas permitting process.

Marc's Contact information – 303-894-2100 x5132

- Question in the audience for Kirby – What are the permitting fees for drilling rigs?  
Kirby Wynn will check into the fees for permitting and bring back to the group.

- Mary Russell – Glenwood Springs

She has been inspired to start a petition to ban hydraulic fracturing to protect our water resources. She read a passage from the book Silent Spring.

- David Ludlum –Executive Director WCOGA

Garfield County commissioners held work sessions to hear public input about the hearings being held on setbacks and groundwater by the COGCC. David thought each group was well represented, predictable. He thought the views of the Cattlemen's Association and the Farm Bureau were instructive and articulate adding that these entities positions have not been fully heard and considered.

David Ludlum contact information – 970-433-2178

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kirby shared Garfield County haul route maps for discussion. After several questions the group decided that we should schedule an educational presentation in 2013 with the Garfield County R&B Department to answer more detailed questions.

Items for future County Roads educational presentation:

*Haul Route south of river towards Apple Tree Park (Hwy335)?*

*Funding across 105 (pedestrian bridge)?*

*\* Mid Valley Lane – should be a haul route connecting Hwy. 6 to Peach Valley Road?*

*Do you have to notify the State of their travel based on Weight and # of axles?*

*What is the process that changes the travel from green to yellow to red?*

*What is the permitting process and fees?*

*Discuss financial incentives and fees?*

*Who has the authority to designate a haul-route?*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominations and election of officers:

Kelly Lyon nominated Brent Buss as Chair, Scott Brynildson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the board approved unanimously. The motion carried.

Kirby Wynn nominated Howard Orona as Vice Chair, Scott Brynildson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the board unanimously approved. The motion carried.

Mike Gross made a motion that we table the secretary position until our February meeting. Kirby Wynn 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion and the board unanimously approved. The motion carried.

Kirby will place an announcement in the Glenwood Post and the Citizen Telegram to recruit new members to the EAB to fill current vacancies.

## **COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE (emailed)**

1. One complaint and two notices were sent out in November:
  - Cattle were reported on the road at 5890 E. Divide Creek close to the Bill Barrett Upright and the turn in to Broomes' residence. Sheriff's department was notified, and Operators were notified to alert their employees and contractors.
  - E-mail notice was sent out from Garco Road & Bridge regarding a road closure on Garfield County Road 317 (Beaver Creek Rd) on Tues Nov 6 to replace a cattle guard.
  - Noble asked that notification be sent out regarding a water pipeline installation on November 8 involving an open road cut in Garfield County Road 304 (High Mesa Road). One lane was kept open during construction and traffic control was provided by contractor R.J Taylor. A question was received about what kind of water would be going through this pipeline. Noble responded that they were installing a "deep water disposal" pipeline that extended between two of their well sites, then injecting the water into an 8-9,000 foot deep injection well.
2. Rig locates – **WPX**-( 5 rigs) 4 rigs – Garfield County and 1 rig in Rio Blanco County; **Encana** – has 5 rigs, two on North Piceance and 3 on South Piceance.
3. Community Counts staff will be training on our new website Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> for our official launch in January. We are very excited about this upgrade and look forward to unveiling it at our Annual Membership/Social on January 9, 2013.
4. We are sending out membership renewal notices this month and contacting others who we feel could benefit from CCC.
5. CCC will be holding its Annual Membership meeting January 9, 2013 at the Battlement Mesa Activity Center Community Room from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. This will be followed by a member social from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Members are asked to RSVP to Nita Smith at 303-916-4009 or e-mail her at [nita@communitycountscolorado.com](mailto:nita@communitycountscolorado.com). NOTE: BM Activity Center will change it's name to Grand Valley Recreation Center and the Community Room will become known as the Grand Valley Room beginning January 1, 2013.
6. CCC will not meet in December.

## **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

### **Garfield County – Kirby Wynn (KW)**

Kirby Wynn gave a Power Point presentation updating the following information:

- Citizen Inquiries and concerns provided to GarCo O&G office and resolution status, and
- Summary of COGCC approved permits & new well starts for Garfield County;
- Summary of the COGCC hearings taking place in Denver.

### **Municipalities:**

#### **Town of New Castle – Art Riddle (AR)**

No update.

#### **Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon (KL)**

The Town of Silt has passed a balanced budget of 4.8 million dollars.

## **School Districts**

### **Colorado Mountain College – Nancy Genova (NG)**

CMC is in the process of a 5 year review of the Integrated Technology program to map out the right curriculum for student success in the energy industry.

## **Organizations:**

### **GVCA –Leslie Robinson (LR)**

The GVCA is not happy with the BOCC decision to not recommend any changes on current setbacks. GVCA felt it was important the 1,000 foot setback from residential areas to protect health, welfare and environment.

### **Grass Mesa – Mike Meskin (MM)**

Mike agrees with Leslie Robinson and says that 1,100 foot setback for a site near his home is not enough. He invited people to stay at his place if they would like to experience living near drilling operations.

## **Citizen Representatives:**

### **Parachute/Parachute Creek - Howard Orona (HO)**

No update.

### **Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson (SB)**

Scott met Mr. Dan Packard with Greenback Produced Water Recovery LLC on Hunter Mesa. He has developed a way to treat, store and reuse produced water from oil and gas operations. Scott would like to have Mr. Packard attend EAB in 2013 and give a presentation about the process.

### **Peach Valley/Silt Mesa - Mike Gross (MG)**

Ursa Resources has taken over from Antero. He is hoping that the Community Development plan will be honored by the new owners.

### **Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa - Heather Hoffmeister (HH)**

No update.

### **Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington (BA)**

No Complaints at this time.

He was present at the BOCC meeting to discuss COGCC rulemaking and he supports 1,000 foot setback from drilling operations.

## **Operators**

### **Chevron – Cary Baird (CB)**

No update.

### **WPX – Jeff Kirtland (K)**

WPX is currently operating 4 rigs in Garfield County. They will continue to work closely with Community Counts and Garfield County with any issues that may occur.

### **Oxy – Daniel Padilla**

No rigs currently. Completions activities will wrap up by end of 2012.

### **Bill Barrett – Doug Dennison (emailed)**

No rigs currently.

### **Encana – Sandy Kent (emailed)**

Encana – has 5 rigs, two on North Piceance and 3 on South Piceance.

### **Marathon – Eric Ward (emailed)**

No changes for Marathon's Piceance operation (no drilling, no completions).

## **ADJOURN**

- HO adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

## **MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING**

- A motion was passed at this meeting to approve last month's minutes;
- A motion was passed to elect Brent Buss as Chair for 2013;
- A motion was passed to elect Howard Orona as Vice Chair for 2013;
- A motion was passed to table election of the Secretary until the February meeting;

## **NEW ACTION ITEMS:**

- Kirby will place an announcement in the Glenwood Post and the Citizen Telegram to recruit new members to the EAB to fill current vacancies;
- Kirby to schedule educational presentation in 2013 with the Garfield County R&B Department to answer questions on haul routes in Garfield County;

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Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on February 7, 2013.