

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 6, 2014
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Vice Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:02 P.M. He announced the dinner was provided by the Slope & Hatch Restaurant in Glenwood Springs. Orona asked the members present to introduce themselves.

EAB members in attendance:

AJ Hobbs	Town of Carbondale
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Chris Clark	Oxy
Dirk Myers	Alternate, City of Rifle
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa O & G Committee
Eric Ward	Marathon
Evelyn Grimm	Alternate, Dry Hollow Creek
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Jeff Powers	Ursa Resources
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Kurt Grimm	Dry Hollow Creek
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Michael DeBerry	Chevron
Michael Meskin	Grass Mesa
Sandy Kent	Encana
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek
Stuart McArthur	Town of Parachute
Susan Alvillar	WPX

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting. Kirby Wynn made a motion to accept the minutes and Jeff Powers seconded the motion; the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirby Wynn said the Board had a full table of board members present and that there are alternate members that attend the meeting whether they are needed or not. He introduced the new Dry Hollow Creek citizen representative Kurt Grimm and Evelyn Grimm, alternate. Also note, the City of Rifle representative and the alternate would like to both be present at the meetings and sit at the table. Wynn told them he thought that would be ok as long as there was room at the table and only one person voted for Rifle. Wynn asked if any of the members had any issue or comments about the policy and it was accepted by general consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Representatives:

Orona introduced Kurt Grimm, new citizen representative and Alternate Evelyn Grimm for Dry Hollow Creek. Grimm said he had lived in the area a long time and was looking forward to getting involved and helping out his neighbors. Evelyn Grimm said they want the Dry Hollow area to be represented so she volunteered to be the alternate if Kurt is unable to attend the meeting.

Election of Officers:

Wynn said election of officers was next on the agenda. He said the nominations for officers of the Energy Advisory Board for 2014 were open, closed, and finalized at the December 5, 2013 meeting. At that time the Board considered Howard Orona as Chair, Scott Stewart as Vice Chair and Don Simpson as Secretary. Susan Alvillar made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Jeff Powers seconded the motion. Orona asked if anyone wanted to make comments on the nominations. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Wynn thanked the new officers for their participation on the EAB.

Eric Ward:

Ward said he will be transferring soon to Marathon's southern Oklahoma office. He said he will let his replacement know about the EAB and that it is a good way to connect with people and what is going on. Susan Alvillar thanked Eric for his service to the EAB and wished him the best in his new position.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

The first program was presented by Morgan Hill, from Garfield County Environmental Health. Ms. Hill presented a short program on Source Water Protection for the Colorado River Partnership. She introduced two guests with her that helped with the study, Russell Talbot, director of drinking water provider for Apple Tree Mobile Home Park and Greg Coulter who is the drinking water operator for the town of New Castle. Hill said source water protection means preventing the pollution of the lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater that serve as sources of our drinking water. The presentation is posted on the Garfield County website, www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx.

The second program ***The Road to an Energy Master Plan for Garfield County*** was presented by Erin Degutis, Senior Project Manager, TRC Solutions, Lakewood, CO. She said the energy resource maps will allow the County to identify the location of existing resources and develop policies that can direct development of energy resources in context to existing natural resources and regulatory constraints. The presentation is posted on the Garfield County website, 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.

Marc Morton, COGCC

He gave an update from COGCC. He said they are rolling out some operator training that is going to be of importance to local operators. He said the training will be held on March 5 at the CMC campus in Rifle. He said local governments would be invited too. Look for an email coming soon to announce the program. He said the Northwest Colorado Oil & Gas Forum would be held

February 27 in Grand Junction in conjunction with the Energy Expo on February 28. Marion Wells asked if the Rifle training program was open to the public. Morton said yes but there isn't a public comment period like other COGCC meetings.

Richard Vottero, Carbondale

Said he feels he has to get up and say something as he travels a long way to come to the meeting. He thinks it is an important obligation and duty all of the people attending are taking on. To come together once a month as a group and talk about some of the most important things that affect all of us.—air, water and land are in our stewardship right here. From all of our perspectives which are vastly different, we do have the commonality that we all use the air, land and water. He encouraged everyone to use less energy.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE, Susan Alvillar

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.

Concerns

1. Unexplained Odor – this was thoroughly investigated but source was not found. Resident was happy with the way it was handled.
2. Speeding and Jake Brakes - Resolved

Rig Count – Total 7 rigs Garfield County

- WPX Energy – 6 Garfield County;
- URSA Operating Company – 1 Garfield County

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 March 12, 2014.

Contact information is: Nita Smith, Coordinator, (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009); Sher Long, Executive Director, sher@sherlong.com (970.456.8896) or Susan Alvillar, Board President, susan.alvillar@wpxenergy.com (970.263.5315)

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Parachute – Stuart McArthur

No new updates or citizen concerns reported.

City of Rifle – Dirk Myers

City of Rifle would like to thank WPX and Encana for sponsoring the Rifle Community Chamber luncheon. He said they also want to thank WPX for the presentation at Rifle City Council on the Beaver Creek water shed. Myers encouraged operators to attend the “Rifle City Council meetings and make public comments to the council. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday’s of the month.

AJ Hobbs, Carbondale

The citizens of Carbondale are grateful for the energy resources being used to keep us warm in this cold weather. The town of Carbondale recently installed a new solar array. He mentioned the citizens of Carbondale are very interested in the air quality debate.

Organizations:**Battlement Mesa O & G Committee - Don Mumma**

No update and no citizen concerns reported

Grass Mesa - Michael Meskin

He said good news they have finally reached a settlement agreement with Encana. He said all agreement details are now written down and they hope to avoid problems in the future.

GVCA – Leslie Robinson

She said the GVCA is involved with the air quality control commission current rulemaking and the group is working hard to improve air quality standards. She said they plan to attend the hearing and speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. She said for more information to see the GVCA website.

Citizen Representatives:**Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington**

He said he has also been involved in the air quality hearings. He said he made a presentation to the BOCC and plans to attend the hearing in Denver.

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

No update and no citizen concerns reported.

Dry Hollow Creek – Kurt Grimm

Said he had experienced some odors in late January and some other neighbors noticed it too, but it dissipated.

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

He said there isn't much going on in the area. Black Hills is looking to bring in some rigs in 60-90 days.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

No update and no citizen concerns reported.

Operators:**WPX – Susan Alvillar**

Alvillar said WPX has 7 rigs operating. She said since the first of the year WPX had done 540 internal inspections and COGCC had done 110 inspections of their company during the same time period. Regarding the 3-D seismic program, WPX has a team of 60 people who are working on this project; she said they hope to finish the testing in the next 30-40 days.

Marathon – Eric Ward

He said their operations are up North of Parachute on County Road 215 on the Roan Plateau. For 2014 Marathon is still in production operations, no new drilling or completions.

Ursa Operating Company – Jeff Powers

He said Ursa has one rig operating and will continue to drill wells south of Silt in Divide Creek and Battlement Mesa. He said they are going to piggy back the Community Counts next meeting and host their biannual community meeting on March 12 after the Community Counts meeting, at 5 pm and the next evening in Silt at 6 pm.

Summit Midstream – Brian Gardner

He said as a midstream company they gather and dehydrate natural gas for third parties and take it to main lines for distribution. In the Rifle area they have 400 miles of pipe, 120,000 horse power compression and they are moving 600 million out of Rifle. In 2014 they will **bring on** new gas in Parachute, Beaver Creek and Mamm Creek, he said he wanted to make everyone aware of 811, if you call before you dig they will let you know all of the underground utilities that are present.

Encana – Sandy Kent

No drilling rigs operating. She said the company has 200 employees and are producing in Parachute with no plans to leave.

Oxy – Chris Clark

He said the company operates 450 wells in Garfield County and an equal number in Mesa County. He said they will continue with operations through 2014. He said 2013 was a good year for the company safety wise.

Chevron – Michael DeBerry

He said they have no spill or releases to report. He said they finished up their operations in November and are just doing base line operations until spring.

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. EAB meetings are held the first Thursday of the month. Newspaper ads were placed in the *Glenwood Post Independent* announcing the February EAB meeting and inviting the public to attend. The paper also included a community brief on the meeting.

Garfield County has 7 active drilling rigs operating, 1 from Ursa and 6 from WPX. The map comes from the Community Counts web site, where you can find lots of useful rig information. Wynn pointed out the Rig Count Comparison. He said last year there were 9 rigs operating in Garfield County and 21 in 2012.

Resident calls to the office for October – January 2014 are: 4 odor; 1 noise; 5 traffic- road conditions; and 55 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions with oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly.

The quarterly Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum will be held on Thursday, February 27 from 2-4 pm in Grand Junction at CMU University Center, Building #35, Room #213. Co-chairs of the Forum are Mike Samson, Garfield County Commissioner and Matt LePore, Director of COGCC. The purpose of the forum is to learn and ask questions about oil and gas topics. Oil and gas operators from Northwest Colorado attend and participate by giving updates. The Forum is being held in Grand Junction to coincide with the Grand Junction Energy Forum and Expo at Two Rivers Convention Center on February 28, 2014.

The County has had 389 well starts in 2013, down from the 498 in 2012. He said approved drilling permits in Garfield County for 2013 were at 870, compared to 1046 in 2012.

The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Rulemaking for Regulation #3, Parts A, B, C; Regulation #6, Part A and Regulation #7 relating to additional control measures for oil and gas operations and equipment that include control of ozone precursors. Garfield County has party status and will be commenting on the proposed rules. Garfield County is joining Moffat, Mesa, Montezuma, and Rio Blanco counties in submitting a joint statement in support of stronger emissions rules but asking for greater flexibility in the implementation details. The public hearing is scheduled for February 19-24, 2014. Public comment is allowed.

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 March 6 and the educational presentation will be presented by Jeffrey Collett, Professor and Department Head, Department of Atmospheric Science, Colorado State University. He will discuss air emissions from new gas well development in Garfield County.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Orona adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the December 5, 2013 meeting minutes. A motion was passed electing the new slate of EAB officers for 2014.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

N/A

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

Approved by the EAB on March 6, 2014.