

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 7, 2013
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

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CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Brent Buss called meeting to order at: 6:00 pm.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Eric Ward	Marathon
George Wear	City of Glenwood Springs
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee
Dana Johnson	Ursa Operating Company, LLC
Jeff Kirkland	WPX Energy
Doug Dennison	Bill Barrett Corporation
Kelly Lyon	Town of Silt
Brent Buss	Rifle/North Rifle
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Daniel Padilla	Oxy
Michael Gross	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa
Art Riddle	Town of New Castle
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Art Scibelli	Colorado Mountain College
Heather Hoffmeister	Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa
Richard Carol	Chevron

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The board reviewed the minutes from December 6, 2012 meeting. Brent Buss entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kelly Lyon moved to accept the minutes and Kirby Wynn 2nd the motion, the board then voted unanimously to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirby Wynn introduced Deb Fiscus, Director, Garfield County R&B Department to discuss County haul route system and to answer questions (maps were provided to aid in discussion).

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Educational Presentation: Air Quality Monitoring Management in Garfield County by Paul Reaser, Garfield County Environmental Health Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- AJ Hobbs – Sopris Engineering – Carbondale

Expressed that residents do not know what the true health effects are related to oil and gas. Regulators need to protect future generations.

- Richard Votero – Carbondale

Richard is concerned about the negative effects that O&G operations are having on the environment/climate/water resources and worries about future generations.

- Marion Wells – Rulison

Marion expressed frustration that no pre-development baseline air sampling was done in rural Garfield County where her residence is located. She lives in vicinity of 200 wells.

- Amelia Potvin – Carbondale

Looking to find information and resources to answer health and environmental questions she has heard from various people. Suggestion was made to point those people to Garfield County public health department or State health department.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations and election of 2013 Secretary:

Kirby Wynn nominated Don Simpson, Ursa, for the secretary position, Danilla Padilla 2nd the motion and the board unanimously approved. The motion carried.

EAB Board Recruitment needed for the following areas:

*City of Rifle
Town of Carbondale
Dry Hollow Creek
Taughenbaugh Mesa
UNA Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek
Roan Creek*

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE by Nita Smith

1. Community Counts did not meet in December. Staff members, Sher, Tammie North and Nita trained on our website and spent the majority of the month adding content to our website to have it ready for unveiling at our January 9th Annual Meeting. We also continued our membership drive.
2. Annual Meeting/Social was held January 9th with approximately 40 members in attendance. Elections were held for the Board and the Board was expanded from 7 to 9 members with the following being elected to the Board: Susan Al Villar, WPX – President; Lance Stewart, Town Manager of Collbran – Vice President; Denice Brown, Oil & Gas Liaison Assistant – Secretary; Pat McCarty, CSU Extension – Treasurer; Doug Dennison, Bill Barrett Corp.; Sandy Kent, Encana Oil & Gas; Don Simpson, Ursa Resources Group II LLC; Floyd Alvey, Summit Midstream; Bonnie Grant, PDC Energy; Juanita Williams, alternate and membership chair.
3. CCC's new website was unveiled at the Annual Meeting by Cobb & Associates and demonstrated to the members. Two sites in one, it now has a public site with content tailored to public interest, and a member site with content tailored to member needs. Some of the new features include:
 - Public:
 - Response line online submissions
 - Rig map, FAQs, public calendar
 - Speakers Bureau and tour requests, videos, research and resources
 - Testimonials
 - Newsletter
 - Member:

- Community outreach, education and resources, industry events and opportunities to dialog
 - Member directories, rig map, events and calendar, expanded member profiles
 - Program and training development information (in progress)
 - Automatic membership enrollment
 - Response line case management
 - Automatic renewal notification and online payment capability
 - Online member account management
- It's still a work in progress, so we hope you'll review our progress to date and share your thoughts and suggestions as we tweak and add information and features. Website is located at www.communitycountscolorado.com. In addition, members will want to go into the member site to add your picture and bio. If you haven't received your login and password information, contact Nita and she'll get you set up.
4. Susan Alvillar, Denice Brown, Sher Long, and Nita Smith attended the Garfield County Board of Commissioners meeting on January 21 to update the commissioners on Community Counts progress in 2012 and plans for 2013, and to request Garco's continued funding support. In addition to granting 2013 funding of \$20,000, we received the following comments that will be added to our website:
"Community Counts provides a valuable service to Garfield County citizens, namely, timely and effective access to energy operators when questions or concerns arise. The Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County endorses your efforts to educate and provide a direct communication conduit for our citizens to the industry in a collaborative manner, which helps ensure a balanced approach to development of our energy resources."
 The commissioners' support is directly related to the outstanding collaboration of our energy industry partners and county staff to quickly address and resolve resident concerns in active drilling areas. Thank you to our member operators and contractors for your dedication to our efforts.
5. We Welcome New Members - Ursa Resources Group II LLC – Ursa Resources Group II LLC acquired Antero Resources' holdings in the Piceance Basin on December 21. They have made major efforts to introduce themselves in the community, and their Vice President, Don Simpson, is a new Community Counts Board member. Principle Energy Services –they provide rapid response engineered noise solutions for drilling, completions and production, featuring economical Sound Impact Assessments, user-friendly Predictive Sound Modeling studies, and third-party certified, field-proven noise suppression technology for wellsites and compressor enclosures. For more information, contact Rick Welker, (724) 745-7695.
- Three of our member representatives have also joined as individual supporters:
- a. Darin & Katrina Holtz, Fruita – Tina also represents TWI Oilfield Fabrication
 - b. Juanita Williams, Parachute – Juanita also represents the Town of Parachute
 - c. Janet Rowland – former Mesa County Commissioner
6. In 2013, we plan to:
- Increase our educational forums.
 - Expand our efforts in neighboring counties.
 - Develop community relations trainings for energy industry personnel.
7. December - Two concerns were sent out:
- Speeding notice around High Mesa. Nita sent out notice to Operators. Operators and Contractor notified me that this had been taken up with their employees and would also be addressed again in the safety meeting.
 - Investigation of a truck leaking water in Debeque Canyon to Grand Junction. Operators were contacted and Operator who uses that contractor was investigating with the company.
- January - One concern and two informational e-mails sent out:
- A call came in to Nita regarding dark water being spilled down one lane from I-70 across railroad tracks along CR 215 and the resident was concerned it might be produced water. Nita sent out e-mail to Operators and Operator followed the trail to the carwash across from the Holiday Inn Express. They also got out, smelled the substance which was frozen. Condensate would not have frozen. They are taking photos of what they observed.
- Two requests for information-sharing were handled.
8. Rig locates – WPX-(5 rigs) 4 rigs – Garfield County and 1 rig in Rio Blanco County; Encana – has 5 rigs. Axia Energy (1 rig) - will be mobilizing Patterson Rig #306, 5 miles east of Collbran on/around Feb. 15th. This will be for the drilling of one well in Mesa County and then will be released to Encana around March 5th.
- Rig Moves - In December – WPX had 2 rig moves; January – Encana had two rig moves and WPX had one rig move in Rio Blanco County.
9. Save the following dates:
- 2.21 Northwest Oil & Gas Forum – Colorado Mesa University, 3-5p. This is a great opportunity for Mesa County residents to get updates from energy operators in your area.
 - 2.22 8th Annual Energy Forum & Expo in Grand Junction, Two Rivers Convention Center, 8a-4p.
10. Community Counts' Monthly Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Town of Parachute. If anyone would like a time on the Agenda to speak to the Board or have a request, please call Nita at 970.712.7317 or e-mail me at nita@communitycountscolorado.com to be scheduled on the Agenda. Agenda's will close the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

City of Glenwood Springs- George Wear

George reported the BOCC had meetings regarding the well permits for Thompson Divide. The residents expressed concerns about the haul route on Midland Avenue and Four-mile Road.

Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon

No update or resident concerns reported. Kelly was elected as President of the Silt Water Conservancy District.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddle

No update and no resident concerns reported.

School Districts

Colorado Mountain College – Art Scibelli

CMC is expanding their hybrid courses (in person/online) O&G and renewable energy certificate programs. Safety Health and environmental classes are under consideration for their curriculum. They currently have a four year degree program in sustainability.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa O&G Committee – Don Mumma

No resident concerns reported. Encana is moving a rig onto the BLM land close to the townhomes in the Battlement Mesa PUD. They plan on being in the area until June; the committee is worried about potential problems with noise, dirt, dust and traffic. Don called Encana and they assured him that they will keep the roads as clean as possible, limit vehicles as much as they can and watch for noise issues.

GVCA –Leslie Robinson

The GVCA part of Western Colorado Congress (WCC), sub-groups include Battlement Concerned Citizens (BCC) and RSPN (Rifle, Silt, Peach Valley, New Castle) plus they are founding members of the EAB. GVCA does try to protect human health and the environment in regards to drilling activity. GVCA disagrees with the COGCC decision to enforce 500 foot setbacks instead of 1,000 foot that the group endorses. The group feels that a 1,000 foot setback from residential areas is essential to protect health, welfare and environment. The group is working on legislation to implement the 1,000 foot setbacks from residential areas in 2014.

Citizen Representatives:

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

No resident concerns reported. Bob Arrington prepared a statement of a minimum setback needs for COGCC setback hearings. Opinion was based on distance for safety in occupied structures at distances to 1,000 feet in regards to incidents of fire, explosions, blow-outs, sand & dust and H2S gas. The conclusion was 1,000 foot setbacks would be a minimum with damages still occurring. *Health effects were only considered as a result of H2S and the particulate of sand & dust.

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa - Mike Gross

No resident concerns reported. Silt and Peach valley are cautiously optimistic about the turn-over to Ursa Resources.

Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa - Heather Hoffmeister

No resident concerns reported. No update.

Operators**Marathon – Eric Ward**

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

Ursa Operating Company – Dana Johnson

Ursa Operating Company closed on the acquisition of Antero Resources in December 2012 and is in transition period; changing names and emergency numbers on signs. Currently, they have one work-over rig on Silt Mesa, working (MIT Testing) per schedule and working on completions operations south of Silt until early March. Ursa is looking forward to working with the Residents in Garfield County. Two community meetings will be held: March 5th meet and greet Grand Valley Fire Station on Battlement Mesa; and March 6th Silt Holiday Inn Express. Time for both meetings is 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Chevron – Richard Carol

No safety or spill events. No drilling at this time.

WPX – Jeff Kirtland

WPX is currently operating 4 rigs in Garfield County. WPX has completed the first horizontal well in Battlement Mesa; they were very happy with the successful results.

Oxy – Daniel Padilla

No rigs currently. They are in operations phase at this time.

Bill Barrett – Doug Dennison

No rigs currently.

Encana – Sandy Kent (emailed)

Encana – has 5 rigs, two on North Piceance and 3 south of the Piceance in Garfield County.

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 that took place in Denver.

ADJOURN

- BB adjourned the meeting at 9:00 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 Don Simpson as Secretary for 2013.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- Kirby will advertise in the Post Independent and the Citizen Telegram to recruit new members to the EAB to fill current vacancies.

Prepared by Denice Brown, Garfield County Oil and Gas Assistant

Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on 2-7-2013.