

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 6, 2013
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Brent Buss called the meeting to order at: 6:04 pm. He welcomed the public and the advisory board members and thanked them for attending. He introduced new Roan Creek representative, Scott Stewart from The High Lonesome Ranch in DeBeque. He said Mr. Stewart was approved for EAB membership and then by the Garfield County Commissioners at their June 3, 2013 meeting.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Eric Ward	Marathon
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee
Jeff Powers	Ursa Resources
Kelly Lyon	Town of Silt
Brent Buss	Rifle/North Rifle
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Daniel Padilla	Oxy
Michael Gross	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Joyce Wizer	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Art Scibelli	Colorado Mountain College
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa
Cary Baird	Chevron
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Howie Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Sher Long	Community Counts

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Bob Arrington had a correction to the April and May 2013 minutes. Kirby Wynn made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of Bob Arrington's comments as an addendum to the end. Michael Gross seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Arrington will email copy to Kirby Wynn for addition to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the advisory board to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding new business, Buss said he presented a quarterly report to the Garfield County Commissioners on June 3, 2013, which included an update on the Parachute spill. Commissioners expressed sincere appreciation for the time and effort all EAB members put in.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Judith Thomas, Grand Junction and Peter McMahon, Denver from the USGS presented findings from two recently published assessments of the Piceance basin water quality. The first study is a characterization and data-gap analysis of surface-water quality data in the Piceance study area, western Colorado, 1959-2009. The second study is an overview of groundwater quality in

the Piceance Basin, western Colorado, 1946-2009. She said the reports can be found on line at -- <http://pubs.er.usgs.gov>. Groundwater – <http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2012/5198/>. Surface water – <http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2013/5015/>. Kirby Wynn said the links will also be posted on the Oil & Gas Garfield County website within the next few weeks. There were no public comments from the audience members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments or concerns presented.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE by Sher Long

Response Line:

- The response line system continues to be very effective. Thanks to all of the operators for the collaboration that allows this to work so well. Calls have been minimal but important, and most involved traffic issues. All concerns were quickly addressed by operators.

In the community:

- Booth at **CMU Energy Symposium** in Grand Junction was a great opportunity to network with COGCC, our legislators, and county officials.
- Sher presented CC to **City of Rifle and Town of Silt**. Rifle council members and Silt trustees voted unanimously to join and participate. They join the Towns of Debeque, Parachute, and Collbran as members, as well as Battlement Mesa Development Co. Having this relationship with our municipalities is extremely important as we work to address impacts in our region.
- Nita and Sher participated in the **West Slope Safety Council's** May meeting and recruited new member **Safety Tek Industries**. They will volunteer their time to participate in our training efforts. We're following up on other potential members. Also got some great ideas for our field personnel training project.
- Sher gave quarterly updates to Garco commissioners, NW O&G Forum
- They are meeting Monday with RBC commissioners to discuss CC program for their county.

New members:

- BigH Water Hauling Services (renewal)
- Safety Tek Industries is a one-stop safety shop for safety supplies, industry safety training, and rental equipment. They also specialize in confined space rescue.
- Phil Vaughan Construction Management
- Kent Jolley, landowner
- City of Rifle
- Town of Silt

Upcoming:

- The organization's plan to **develop community relations trainings** for energy industry personnel has changed focus a bit after several meetings with member contractors. We are now
 - looking at a 2h training that will take place on site at company facilities (vs. 4h training on CMU and CMC campuses); and
 - Talking with CMC about a partnership to resurrect the IMPACT ethics training program developed by EnCana and CMC, and owned by CMC.
 - Safety Tek, Brady Trucking, and Hyland Enterprises have volunteered to help us put this training together.

Community Counts Monthly Board meetings – second Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5p at the Town of Parachute, with the exception of no meeting in June and July. 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 nita@communitycountscolorado.com. Agendas close Wednesday prior to the meeting.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon

No update and no resident concerns reported.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddle

No update and no resident concerns reported.

School Districts

Colorado Mountain College – Art Scibelli

He introduced Robert Winn (TAA Grant Coordinator for CMC) who was reporting in place of Nancy Genova. He said CMC has 4 things they would like to note to the committee and the public.

1. CMC is currently using a Chevron Science Grant for a summer educational project. The project has allowed CMC to offer a summer Science course to 24 area middle school teachers (free of charge). The primary goal of the grant is to provide teachers with better information, skills, and project ideas in the field of Science area. This course will include a variety of science topics but is focused on topics related to energy. Thank you Chevron for this opportunity.
2. CMC just received a 170,000 mobile training unit through the use of TAA (Trade Adjustment Agreement) Grant funds. Through the TAA grant CMC was awarded a 3 year \$1.2 million grant. This grant has allowed CMC to purchase a mobile training unit which will allow the college to offer the Integrated Energy courses in an online/hybrid setting. The goal of the lab is to allow CMC to offer its energy courses to students throughout the state, having the students do the majority of work online and then only needing to attend the lab portions of the courses for a few intensive lab days each semester. This project will allow us to potentially serve students currently working in industry and cannot afford the time to attend regular courses on campus or it could be used to train students in any community in the state. We plan to offer our first courses using the mobile training unit next spring.
3. Also through the TAA grant CMC is happy to announce they have partnered with Red Rocks Community College to offer a course series/certificate program in Water Quality Management. Like CMC Red Rocks has put together a large mobile training trailer. Students this summer are enrolled in a 3 course certificate; this certificate is designed to meet the requirements needed to get an entry level endorsement/license in water quality management. The course is currently being offered and the lab will be located at the Rifle Campus in July.
4. Lastly CMC has received a \$25,000 GFMLD Grant. The purpose of this grant is to allow CMC to explore the possibility of creating an Automotive Technology Program at the west Rifle campus. Through the grant will be forming an advisory committee with industry, and completing a feasibility study on the project. It is our hope that we will find the demand and interest needed to build a full ASE certification/automotive program at the Rifle campus. In addition to being a traditional automotive technology program we also want to be one of the first colleges in the state to offer a course series and certificate program in alternative fuels. This series would focus heavily on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles, but also include hydrogen, electric, hybrid, and biofuels. CMC plans to have a complete feasibility study and report completed by spring 2014.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa O&G Committee – Don Mumma

No update and no resident concerns reported.

GVCA – Joyce Wizer

Weiser asked Kirby Wynn if the Divide Creek Hydrology study would be available soon. He said the County is reviewing it in draft form right now and it would be available when finalized. She said June 10, 2013 is GVCA's next meeting and invited everyone to attend. She said the program speaker will be Donna Gray talking about water sampling near Parachute.

Citizen Representatives:

Grass Mesa - Michael Meskin

In mediation talks with EnCana on June 11, 2013 related to longstanding road maintenance discussions. Residents are looking for data from EnCana for 10 miles of road maintenance and repair.

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

Activities have been down as the Parachute Creek spill is being cleaned up. Cool air inversions bringing chemical smells to the area. Arrington asked if Paul Reaser could check out the air quality for the area. Kirby will follow up with Reaser.

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

No update and no resident concerns reported.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

No citizen concerns reported. Orona commented on the increase of helicopters flying in the Parachute area. He said they are doing seismic testing.

Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss

No update and no resident concerns reported.

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

Mr. Stewart asked if with the June 24, 2013 RMP BLM deadline approaching if the EAB made official comments to the County Commissioners. Kirby Wynn said not at this point as the deadline is fast approaching. But he suggested individually interested folks could attend the next BOCC meeting which will be in Parachute on June 10, 2013 to speak up on the topic.

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa - Mike Gross

No update and no resident concerns reported.

Operators

Chevron – Cary Baird

She said Chevron is building an 8 inch pipeline to transport gas from the field to enterprise connection point. Chevron will be adding some water disposal injection wells this summer. No injuries and no motor vehicle crashes since January of this year. Mike Gross asked Cary what the target formation for your injection wells? Baird said she did not know, but would find out for him.

Oxy – Daniel Padilla

No update and no resident concerns reported.

Marathon – Eric Ward

No update and no resident concerns reported.

Ursa Operating Company – Jeff Powers

Powers said it is business as usual at Ursa. They are in the middle of a work over of about 65 wells. They will bring in a rig in July and drill 4 wells in the Battlement Mesa area and then drill wells near Rifle and Silt by the end of the year or early next year.

EnCana – (emailed)

EnCana has 5 rigs operating and 6 work over rigs operating in Garfield County.

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn (KW)

Kirby Wynn gave a presentation updating the following information:

1. New administrative assistant in the Oil & Gas office, Gretchenn DuBois. Her contact information phone is 970-625-5915 and email gdubois@garfield-county.com.
2. Getting the word out about the EAB and NW O&G Forum. Meeting notices and articles were in the paper this week. He anyone who wants to be added to the email distribution list to sign up on the list being passed around.
3. Garfield County has 11 active drilling rigs in the area. Garfield County has been receiving some odor complaints. He encouraged residents to call with questions or concerns they might have. His phone number is 970-625-5905.
4. Williams pipeline release north of Parachute. For updated information visit the Oil & Gas pages on www.garfield-county.com. Remedial activities are working at this point; the groundwater plume is controlled and not migrating beyond treatment area. Additional remedial actions and treatments systems are planned. Parachute Creek is not currently showing indications of contamination according to recent sample results. CDPHE (Air Pollution Control Division) has been actively monitoring the site to ensure emissions are not problematic. Plans are underway to properly dispose of excavated soils. Plans are in place to treat and return extracted groundwater to the shallow aquifer.

ADJOURN

- BB adjourned the meeting at 7.35 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- A motion was passed at this meeting to approve April and May meeting minutes, with the addition of Bob Arrington's requested additions.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- Kirby to check on Parachute air quality data for BA.

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

Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on xxxxxxxx.