

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

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

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

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee
Eric Ward	Marathon
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek Citizen Rep.
Susan Alvillar	WPX Energy
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss	Rifle/North Rifle
Michael Gross	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa
Daniel Padilla	Oxy
Richard Carroll	Chevron
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Company, LLC
Mike Meskin	Grass Mesa
Joyce Wizer	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa
Nancy Genova	Colorado Mountain College
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The board reviewed the minutes from February 7, 2013 meeting. Brent Buss entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Susan Alvillar moved to accept the minutes as amended and Don Mumma 2nd the motion, the board then voted unanimously to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

EAB Board Recruitment update was tabled until April meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Educational Presentation:

The Energy Industry and the Garfield County Economy presented by Ann Driggers, Senior Finance Administrator at Garfield County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marion Wells – Rulison

Marion questioned the operators that sit on the board: How many live in Garfield County and pay property tax?

- Richard Votero – Carbondale

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

- AJ Hobbs – Sopris Engineering – Carbondale

Expressed that residents do not know what the true health effects are related to oil and gas in the long term. Regulators need to protect future generations. Would like industry to think about the “Greater Good” and protect our natural resources.

- Mary Russell – Carbondale

Is moving back to a state that has banned drilling operations.

NEW BUSINESS

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.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE by Nita Smith

1. Sher Long, Executive Director, attended the Northwest Oil and Gas Forum to give an update on CC activities. It provided excellent exposure to the COGCC director and staff, BLM officials and staff, and officials from other counties. In addition, several potential members contacted Sher after the meeting to discuss membership opportunities. Sher also spoke briefly with COGCC Director, Matt Lepore, about CC's ideas for field personnel training; Director Lepore asked to be kept informed of our progress.
2. Sher had help from CC members Susan Alvillar and Sheree Walcher, WPX; Tina Holtz, TWI Inc; Lance Stewart, SGM-Inc.; and others manning the CC booth at the Grand Junction Energy Expo. The booth was a center of activity throughout the day, and Sher was able to schedule introductory talks with potential members, Rio Blanco County, and BLM.
3. The response line was quiet in February. One traffic complaint was handled. We handled 4 rig move notifications.
4. Total rig count:
WPX: 6 rigs in Garfield County, 1 in Rio Blanco County
Encana: 5 rigs in Garfield County
Axia Energy: 1 rig in Mesa County
5. URSA hosted two community meetings to introduce the Battlement Mesa/Parachute and Silt/Rifle communities to their managers and discuss upcoming operating plans for 2013. Both meetings were very well attended, and feedback from participants has been positive.
6. Board actions in February included approval to move forward with a grant request to CMU for field personnel training; approval to have Susan Alvillar take the lead on a one-hour O&G 101 training for media representatives; and a change in Nita Smith's position from Professional Assistant to Coordinator.

7. 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 nita@communitycountscolorado.com. Agendas close Wednesday prior to the meeting.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

School Districts

Colorado Mountain College – Nancy Genova

CMC is teaming up with RAFTA and is in the process of creating an online training program to educate employees on Safety, Supervision and CNG. They have completed around 200 different training sessions with employees.

This summer CMC will receive the TAA Grant (Trade adjustment). The grant allows the Rifle campus to teach on instrumentation and solar energy. They will team up with Red Rocks Community College to offer a one week course, certificate program, 15 credits, on wastewater management.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa O&G Committee – Don Mumma

No resident concerns reported. Don Mumma thank Don Simpson for the URSA public meeting that was held in Battlement Mesa the group thought it was very informative. He was also happy that URSA announced that there would be no drilling around the PUD in 2013.

GVCA –Joyce Wizer

No resident concerns reported.

Grass Mesa - Mike Meskin

No resident concerns reported.

Citizen Representatives:

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

No resident concerns reported. Attended the URSA open house reported it was well attended.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

No resident concerns reported.

Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss (Chair)

No resident concerns reported.

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

No activity or complaints from Battlement, other than, the URSA meeting Don Mumma reported on.

However, other groups were following a Colorado House Bill that would set-up a commission to judge the use of produced water in a "beneficial" manner on roadways and for dust suppression. The biggest concern, from conversations about what would be considered was radioactivity, with much less emphasis on heavy metals, volatiles and unknown toxic chemicals. This concerned me from the fact that I had read of a study that produced water was put on a forest area and killed the forest.

Follow-up:

Susan Alvillar called me the next morning about the forest study in that she had some questions that she would have liked to ask with more time. I looked up the article on the report and emailed it to her later that morning. She also related that her Denver office staff reported the House bill, by Rep. Don Coram, will not proceeding through committee.

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/07/fracking_water_test_leaves_sal.html

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa - Mike Gross

No resident concerns reported.

Attended the URSA open house reported it was well attended.

He hopes future URSA meetings they will provide maps of pipelines and areas; the more detailed URSA can be the better the residents will feel about their operations.

Wanted to know if Peach Valley Road and Davis Point have been removed from the designated Haul Routes list?

Operators

Marathon – Eric Ward

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

WPX – Susan Alvillar

WPX is currently operating 6 rigs in Garfield County another rig being set up. WPX has recently released their capital plans for 2013. Currently WPX has budgeted \$340m this can go up to \$380m dollars depending on the prices. They are planning on drilling up to 200 wells.

Oxy – Daniel Padilla

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

Chevron – Richard Carroll

No spills/ No rigs currently.

No safety issues this month.

Chevron has reached a couple of milestones they would like to note:

- Worked 2 million hours since lost work day;
- 1.6 million miles have been driven without any serious accidents;
- 7 years with no recordable injuries

Ursa Operating Company – Don Simpson

Ursa held two community meetings which were attended by 90 residents in Battlement Mesa and 150 Residents in Silt. As they promised, they have hired locally for their regulatory, environmental, and land managers. They have finished hydraulic fracturing operations in Silt (Valley Farms) without incidence.

URSA met with CSU regarding the Air Quality Study they plan to cooperate, helping financially and with safety issues. Besides the CSU study URSA along with other operators do have hand held devices to check air quality.

2013 Plans depending on results they plan to have 50 work-over operations. They plan to pick up drilling the 3rd quarter drilling in Battlement Mesa and Silt.

Don carpooled to attend the Thompson Divide meetings telling the EAB that “URSA does practice what it preaches”.

Had conversations with the Thompson Divide Coalition and cleared up a few facts:

- URSA leases are mostly outside the Thompson divide area;
- The road that will be used is an existing forestry road that will be improved and widened for use.

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.

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 April 4, 2013.