

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 3, 2012
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Brent Buss called meeting to order at: 6:00 pm. Thanking Thai Bistro and Sean Norris with Oxy for providing dinner. BB thanked Jim Bell with helping set up the meeting rooms.

Brent thanked the public and Tom Jankovsky (Commissioner) for attending the EAB. BB also acknowledged Candidate Rankin.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Bob Arrington (BA)	Battlement Mesa
Susan Alvillar (SA)	WPX Energy
Scott Brynildson (SB)	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Kirby Wynn (KW)	Garfield County
Sean Norris (SN)	Oxy
Howard Orona (HO)	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss (BB) Chair	North Rifle
Michael Braaten MB)	City of Rifle
Dave Devanney (DDe)	guest sitting in for GVCA rep
Cary Baird (CB)	Chevron
Doug Dennison (DD)	Bill Barrett
Don Mumma (DM)	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee
Michael Meskin (MM)	Grass Mesa HOA
Mike Gross (MG)	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa
Jeff Simonson (JS)	Divide Creek
Clare Bastable (CB)	Town of Carbondale
Sandy Kent (SK)	Encana
Eric Ward (EW)	Marathon

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the minutes from April 5, 2012 meeting. Brent Buss entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Sean Norris moved to accept the minutes and Susan Alvillar 2nd the motion, the board then voted unanimously to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

- Brent Buss met with the BOCC to introduce himself to the board as the new EAB Chair in April and to provide the quarterly EAB update. BOCC would like to have Community Counts update and EAB update presented quarterly.
- BB contacted the School Districts RE-1 and District 16 regarding their seats on the Board. The school districts are not sure of the benefit or value of having a seat on the board. BB stated that Theresa Hamilton with RE-2 will try and make the meetings in the future.

Action Item: KW will follow up with Karen and Rose from the school districts to discuss the value of their seat on the EAB Board.

RE-1 – Karen Dixon 665-7621
District -16 Rose Belden 285-5701

JS wants to make sure that the school districts understand that that the EAB meeting is another venue for communication as to what is going on in the community with the municipality, industry and citizen updates.

There was discussion about CMC being added to the EAB Board. BB entertained a motion to bring before the BOCC. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: KW will take this request the BOCC for approval.
(This was done on May 14. General agreement with concept. Will follow formal BOCC decision-making process)

NEW BUSINESS

KW discussed the future educational presentations for:

June 7th- Reclamation if get a speaker lined up
July 5th- No meeting
August 2nd- Hydraulic Fracturing, School of Mines Professor has committed

BA stated that CMC is offering a course in oil and gas production and it is being taught by Jon Black with Antero.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Susan Alvillar provided the Community Counts update.
- They have 1 complaint (traffic issue) that is unresolved. The operator is investigating and reviewing GPS files to find the driver.
- The Board has had a focus group the last couple of months where they developed their mission statement. The document has been finalized. SA plans to present the mission statement with her next update on June 7th meeting.
- SA stated that Community Counts is in a state of transition with Mary Lou, the Coordinator, leaving. She thanked Mary-Lou for her service and wished her well.
- If anyone knows of anybody that would be interested in the coordinator position, approximately 20 hours a week, please let them know to contact Denice Brown debrown@garfield-county.com, or Sher Long, sherry.long@encana.com.
- CC will have a booth at the Encana Expo so come by and see them.
- KW stated that he has had success with the CC answer line, with the exception of one caller, the issue was worked out and the resident was taken care of.
- CC meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 at the Town of Parachute.

- DDe stated that he liked the maps that were being sent out with the emails blasts from Community Counts. SA said that WPX is “blessed” with three GIS people that help them have their maps at a moment’s notice. She feels fortunate to have that resource and will continue to provide maps in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marion Wells - Rulison

In the last month she has had loud noise issues that have been reported. COGCC has come to the site to test noise levels at 72 decibels for one measurement during the day. COGCC regulations state that industrial rules allow for 75 overnight and 80 decibels during the day. She has a decibel reader and will be monitoring her own noise levels. When no activity is going on her reading is 42 decibels.

Lighting: she is having trouble from the lights at Anvil Point evaporator ponds 1.5 miles away shining into bedroom window every night. This is the first that KW or WPX has heard about this issue. Action item: KW will follow up with WPX Energy.

- Thomas Thompson (TT) – Porcupine Creek

TT gave a status report about his ongoing issues with Encana. BB stated that his issue is in litigation; therefore, the EAB has no effective way to address it and will seek guidance from the County Attorney and BOCC.

Action Item: KW to ask County Attorney for guidance on how EAB should handle or not public comment for issues that are in litigation. The purpose of EAB is to help identify and resolve issues before they become big problems, thus issues in litigation may be outside the bounds of what EAB can address?

- Bob Rankin is running for State Legislature (District 57). Bob introduced his campaign manager, his wife, Joyce Rankin.

He believes the most important item to his district is jobs. He believes nothing is more important to Garfield, Moffat and Rio Blanco County than the economy and being energy independent.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

City of Glenwood Springs – George Wear (emailed)

(As published in the 3/17/12 Post Independent.) City Council sent a letter to officials in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Colorado Office, and the U.S. Forest Service stating their opposition to unitization of 32,000 lease acres in the Thompson Divide region.

City of Rifle – Mike Braaten (MB)

- Nothing to report.

- BB asked when the construction on the road coming into Rifle would be done. MB thought it would be done in the next week.
- MB stated that Kum-and-Go will be building a station in that empty lot of the east side of Railroad Avenue. This project will continue through June.

Town of Carbondale – Clare Bastable (CB)

- Clare thanked Sher Long with Encana for the rig and reclamation tour the trustees from the Town of Carbondale were given.

Battlement Mesa O&G Committee –Don Mumma (DM)

- At their next meeting on May 8 at 3:30 pm, Antero is going to have a representative there to discuss the expansion of the Watson Ranch pad.
- DM thought that the rig move announcements that he has been receiving are very helpful.

GVCA – Dave Devaney sitting in for Joyce/Leslie

- GVCA is continuing to be represented by attorney Matt Sura at the COGCC and stakeholder meetings regarding setbacks. COGCC Director Kerr said that the setbacks limits were not based on health criteria but based on spacing for emergency vehicles access. Meetings will be held throughout the summer on the set-backs issue.
- Members of GVCA feel that the absence of Colorado Department of Health and Environment shows a lack of commitment for the health and welfare of its citizens. The only meaningful health assessment has been done by Garfield County.
- GVCA has a new website: <http://www.grandvalleycitizensalliance.com/>

Grass Mesa – Michael Meskin (MM)

- The Grass Mesa homeowners feel that Encana is not living up to their surface agreements to maintain HOA roads. KW stated that he thought that Encana had been up working on the roads and that a meeting was planned for the HOA and Encana to sit down and discuss issues. Sandy Kent with Encana stated that the Encana road committee has spent \$100,000 on the maintenance of Grass Mesa roads this year. MM stated that \$100,000 covered damage caused by Encana traffic and not the broader maintenance needs. Sandy stated that there is a meeting in May. The issue will be discussed then, with the HOA road committee.

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington (BA) (emailed)

- One resident reported smoke to Community Counts on 4/30/12 and relates:

“Good Morning; I took these at 7:30 AM looking NE from my patio. I called Community counts and the first response that it was steam but I told them that it looked more like smoke and they said they would check into it. When I first saw it was much more dense and subsided before I could get my camera. Garry E.”

- DDe thought that this issue was not industry related but a controlled burn in the area.

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson (JS)

- Nothing to report.

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson (SB)

- On April 23 there was a minor spill at a BBC site (13C20). A valve was left open on a truck. The truck driver stopped and called a clean-up crew (LT Environmental). Although the truck had only spilt water, LT Environmental tested all the soil for contaminants. It was also determined it had not reached the ditch. SB thought that it was handled very professionally.
- The seeding on the pipeline of Antero is in need of rain. Looks in good shape.
- Rifle Rendezvous will be May 11, 12 & 13. Hoping for a good turn-out and support from the Oil & Gas Companies.

Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss (BB)

- Nothing to report.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona (HO)

- West Interchange has been going on for about a month. There will be several trucks hauling dirt for the next several months.
- Williams installed a pipeline across his property that was causing a problem with his irrigation water. He called WPX and within 2 to 3 days the problem had been fixed. He wanted to thank them for being a “good neighbor”.

Marathon – Eric Ward (EW)

- Marathon strives for safe, clean operations and will be continuing production operations in 2012 up Parachute Creek in the Garden Gulch area. No incidents to report. No drilling activity.

Encana – Sandy Kent (SK)

- Sandy introduced herself and will be representing Encana at EAB going forward.
- 7 rigs are drilling in the Piceance for Encana, throughout our North and South Piceance areas of operations. We also have 7 work over rigs servicing wells.
- Awarded 7 Scholarships to seven western slope high schools students who are planning to pursue an energy related field. Encana is pleased to be able to support our local youth.

- Energy Expo is Saturday hope everyone can come out. Cowboy and the Rose will be catering the free lunch.

WPX Energy – Susan Alvillar (SA)

WPX Energy is currently operating 5 rigs through 2012. They are installing a tandem water line and will be using Porcupine Creek road. There will be increased truck traffic in this area.

Susan Alvillar introduced Jeff Kirtland. He will be her alternate at the EAB.

Antero - emailed

Antero Resources is currently operating 2 Drilling Rigs full time, and one work over Rig at an ad-hoc basis, and one Completions Crew, South of the Colorado River in between Rifle and Silt.

Rig move is scheduled for late in the first week of May mobilizing Frontier Drilling Rig 12# will head to the McLin C pad which has access from CR 311, Rig move plan will encompass school bus routes and times. Notification given to EAB, Community Counts, Oil & Gas Liaison, Garfield County Roads and Bridges. Expected to be two to three days.

Antero Resources continues to operate and proceeds into 2012 with optimistic caution, given current gas prices.

Bill Barrett Corp – Doug Dennison (DD) emailed

BBC will be dropping down to 2 rigs in the next few weeks and anticipate staying there for the rest of 2012. Thanks.

Chevron – Cary Baird (CB)

No environmental or safety issues. No new drilling.

Oxy USA Inc. - Sean Norris (SN)

Oxy has two rigs and several work-over rigs Cascade Creek area. Work-over rigs working in the Colburn area.

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.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

No presentation

ADJOURN

- BB adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- A motion was passed at this meeting to approve last month minutes
- A motion was passed to invite Colorado Mountain College to become a member of EAB.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- KW will follow up with Karen and Rose from the school districts to discuss the value of their seat on the EAB Board.
- KW will follow up with WPX and Marion Wells regarding issue of lights from Anvil Points facilities shining on her home.
- Ask County Attorney for guidance on how EAB can/should address public comments about issues that are in litigation.
- KW will ask BOCC to consider adding Colorado Mountain College to EAB.

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