

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 1, 2012
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:

Howard Orona (HO)	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Art Riddle (AR)	Town of New Castle
Bob Arrington (BA)	Battlement Mesa
Kirby Wynn (KW)	Garfield County
Brent Buss (BB) Chair	North Rifle
Cary Baird (CB)	Chevron
Michael Meskin (MM)	Grass Mesa HOA
Sandy Kent (SK)	Encana
Kelly Lyon (KL)	Town of Silt
Leslie Robinson (LR)	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Nancy Genova (NG)	Colorado Mountain College
Don Mumma (DM)	Battlement Mesa O&G Committee
George Wear (GW)	City of Glenwood Springs
Juanita Williams (JW)	Town of Parachute
Michael Gross (MG)	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa
Heather Hoffmeister (HH)	Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa
Scott Brynildson (SB)	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission rulemakings for well setbacks and groundwater monitoring. Kirby Wynn.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The board reviewed the minutes from October 4, 2012 meeting. Brent Buss entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Cary Baird moved to accept the minutes and Kelly Lyon 2nd the motion, the board then voted unanimously to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding the EAB educational topics. Kirby provide the existing education topics to the EAB again for consideration and planning for 2013.

George Wear with the City of Glenwood is interested in having an education topic regarding the WRNF DEIS. He asked if the County has been involved with this process Kirby informed him that the public comment period has been extended to November 30, 2012. The County has requested additional time to review the document and comment.

Leslie Robinson with GVCA requested a short presentation on traffic patterns and haul routes in Garfield County. Kirby will provide a designated haul route map for the County at the EAB.

Mike Gross would like to see an educational topic regarding the Garfield County Energy Master Plan. Kirby stated that will definitely be presented in the future. Phase I will be an inventory of energy resources in Garfield County. Phase II is more likely to define energy planning policy guidance.

NEW BUSINESS

According to the EAB By-laws nominations and election of new Board members will be held at the December meeting. The board members are elected annually and can serve for up to two years. The secretary has served her two year term. This position is the only position that must be replaced with a new candidate, although all officer slots are open to nomination. There has not been a nomination committee in the past.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE (emailed)

1. CCC is very excited and proud to announce that we have hired Sher Long as our Part-time Executive Director.
2. We held a meeting in Mesa County for residents and had several of the Operators in that area give updates.
3. There has been only 1 complaint that came in through CCC Response Line:
Excessive speed and use of jake brakes on Battlement Mesa Parkway was called into the Community Counts response line. Operators were notified and in turn notified contractors and employees. An electronic monitor was set up with the help of Kirby, through the Oil and Gas Liaison's office and Garfield County regarding the use of jake brakes. The person who called in reported that the placing of the electronic monitor was immediate, effective and has made a world of difference.
4. Rig locates – WPX- 4 rigs – Garfield County and 1 rig in Rio Blanco County; Encana – has 5 rigs, two on North Piceance and 3 on South Piceance.

We have 4 new members, total of 54 members and a combined e-mail database of 180 members and interested persons.

- o Summit Midstream Partners, David Algeo, Operations Manager - Summit is a growth-oriented midstream energy company focused on developing, owning and operating strategically positioned energy infrastructure in the core areas of unconventional resource basins in the United States. They own and operate approximately 385 miles of natural gas gathering pipeline and approximately 150,000 horsepower of compression in the Piceance Basin in western Colorado and in the Barnett Shale in Texas. They currently gather over 925 million cubic feet of natural gas per day from some of the largest producers in North America pursuant to long-term, fee-based contracts.
 - o Hampton Inn & Suites, Rifle, Carol Mazingo, General Manager – New to Rifle in 2009, the Hampton is located 1.5 miles from Garfield County Regional Airport. It features 92 guest rooms including suites, a business center and meeting room. Complimentary hot breakfast, complimentary wifi and evening reception Mon-Thurs. The hotel was awarded the 2011 Circle of Excellence for guest satisfaction, putting it in the top 10% of all Hampton's worldwide.
 - o Rocky Mountain Baptist Church, Jim Sheets, Pastor – Located on 4199 W Centennial Parkway at the West Rifle turnoff, RMBC offers Worship every Sunday at 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM. They also gather together at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings.
 - o Individual – Mary Russell
5. CCC will be holding its Annual Membership meeting for the selection of 9 Board Members on November 14, 2012 at the Battlement Mesa Activity Center Community Room from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. This will be followed by a member social from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Members are asked to RSVP to Nita Smith at 303-916-4009 or e-mail her at nita@communitycountscolorado.com.
 6. CCC will not meet in December. The meeting in January will be Jan. 9th from 3:30 – 5:00 pm at Town of Parachute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Thomas Thompson - Rulison

Discussed his ongoing issues with the operator, he informed the group that his dog was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- Richard Votero – Carbondale

Richard is worried about the negative effects that O&G operations are having on the environment and worries about future generations.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

City of Glenwood - George Wear (GW)

George reported that SG Interests applied for drilling permits on Thompson Divide within a mile of the Sunlight Ski Resort. He reports that residents are concerned about the future traffic issues associated with O&G operations.

He is interested in having an education topic regarding the WRNF DEIS. Kirby informed him that the public comment period has been extended to November 30, 2012. The County and others requested additional time to review the document and comment.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddle (AR)

No update.

Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon (KL)

Silt Water Conservancy District has completed their due diligence for hydro-electric plant. The next step is to find funding and/or grants to pay for the project.

Town of Parachute – Juanita Williams (JW)

Parachute had the ribbon cutting ceremony for the west-interchange that has been completed.

School Districts

Colorado Mountain College – Nancy Genova (NG)

CMC has completed their Climate Action Plan (CAP). The Rifle campus will be reducing energy usage by 13% in the past 2 years. They are trying to reduce their footprint by 2.5% a year.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington (BA)

Western Colorado Congress (WCC) hosted the Annual Business Meeting. Rein VanWest was elected as the new President. The WCC hosted a tour, for about 50 people, of the Grand Valley

area gas installations around Battlement. A panel discussion was held after the business meeting and energy issues were discussed with the WCC members.

Grass Mesa – Mike Meskin (MM)

Mike reported on the ongoing issue they are having with Encana regarding the roads. The engineering firm that Grass Mesa HOA hired gave them an assessment of the Grass Mesa Roads; out of the 22 cuts that were looked at there were 20 that came back inadequate. They are currently waiting for legal counsel to review the engineering report.

GVCA –Leslie Robinson (LR)

The GVCA is not happy with the current “draft” of setbacks guidelines that have are being proposed with the COGCC in November. GVCA felt it was important the 1,000 foot setback from residential areas to protect health, welfare and environment. The will be trying to get “party status” to be involved in the GOGCC rulemaking process. If anyone would like their concerns addressed they can call Leslie Robinson @ 625-1797 and your concerns will be conveyed.

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

No update.

Citizen Representatives:

Parachute/Parachute Creek - Howard Orona (HO)

No update.

Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss (BB)

No update.

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson (SB)

There were rainstorms in October that washed out an Antero pipeline on Mamm Creek. Scott called Antero and spoke with Jon Black to report the problem on Saturday. By Monday Scott met with Dave Stricklin, Kip Castanzo and the County to develop a plan to fix the pipeline. He was “impressed” about how quickly the issue was addressed.

SB wants to request a delay for the discussion regarding his desire to see operators share one pipeline corridor in Garfield County. Scott will hopefully be able to have a proposal to the EAB board members at the December meeting. Kirby Wynn has offered to help facilitate the meetings with county departments if he would like to incorporate hard facts related to County planning and zoning process.

Cary Baird requested that if there is a proposal regarding pipelines, she would like the proposal emailed to the EAB board before the meeting to give the board time to review completely.

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa - Mike Gross (MG)

No update.

Rulison/Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa - Heather Hoffmeister (HH)

No update.

Operators

Bill Barrett – Doug Dennison (emailed)

No rigs currently.

Bill Barrett Corp has sold what will amount to 20% working interest to VanGuard, about a quarter interest in its natural gas holdings are south of Silt.

Chevron – Cary Baird (CB)

All work-over operations have been completed for 2012. Preparations are underway for 2013.

Encana – Sandy Kent (SK) (LEFT EARLY)

Encana – has 5 rigs, two on North Piceance and 3 on South Piceance. Encana moved into their new office building on Oct. 22, 2012.

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.

ADJOURN

- BB adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

- A motion was passed at this meeting to approve last month's minutes.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- Kirby to send out the presentation topic list to get the board's input on educational topics in 2013.
- Denice to bring in the maps of the preferred haul routes in GarCO for the next meeting.

Prepared by Denice Brown, Garfield County Oil and Gas Assistant

Approved by the Energy Advisory Board on December 6, 2012.