

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 5, 2013
Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Howard Orona as Vice Chair called the meeting to order at: 6:03 P.M., and asked the new EAB members to introduce themselves.

EAB members introduced themselves. EAB members in attendance:

Eric Ward	Marathon
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa O & G
Michael Meskin	Grass Mesa
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Jack Castle	Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa/Rulison
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Susan Alvillar	WPX
AJ Hobbs	Carbondale
Art Riddile	New Castle
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Michael DeBerry	Chevron
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/ Hunter Mesa
Daniel Padilla	Oxy

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 1, 2013 meeting. Kirby Wynn made a motion to accept the minutes and Leslie Robinson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mileage Reimbursement Form

Kirby Wynn reminded the new EAB members and the other board members that Garfield County will pay mileage for Energy Advisory Board members to attend the monthly meetings. He said the rate is .565 cents per mile and can be retroactive to the first of the year. He said members were emailed copies of the form and that he had copies available if anyone wanted to submit a reimbursement form.

Wynn said the EAB is still looking to fill two citizen representative positions for Dry Hollow area and the Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek areas. He encouraged those attending or watching the meeting on TV that may live in those areas to consider participating. Contact information and a citizen's application form are available on <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board>.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen and Municipal Representatives

Howard Orona introduced the new Citizen Representatives Jack Castle and Tom VonDette; and the new Municipal Representatives Kimberly Bullen and AJ Hobbs and welcomed them to the Board.

Expanding Board Membership

Kirby Wynn said he had recently heard from Williams Midstream asking to participate in the Energy Advisory Board. He said, up to this point midstream companies haven't participated in the EAB. He said the group could expand membership to include the midstream companies in addition to the E & P operators. Wynn said midstream companies are gas processing and pipeline type companies. Howard Orona said he would welcome them on to the Board and he thinks it would be more inclusive of the industry. Leslie Robinson said the Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance would also be interested in representation from midstream companies. Jeff Simonson said he agreed that having the midstream companies participate would be positive. He said he appreciate their comments and participation in solving citizen issues. Bob Arrington agreed that Williams was important part of the discussion process and should be involved. He made a motion to accept midstream companies as part of the EAB membership; Kimberly Bullen seconded the motion.

Susan Avillar suggested the group review the bylaws first to see if the wording would allow midstream companies participation. Daniel Padilla said he thought the Bylaws were pretty vague and would allow their participation. Kirby Wynn said the bylaws say one representative from each oil and gas company doing business in Garfield County. Howard Orona called for a vote on Bob Arrington's motion to allow midstream companies on the EAB; and the motion passed. Kirby will follow-up with midstream companies active in our area.

Water Quality Protection using the Watershed Approach

An informative water quality presentation was given by Laurie Rink, Coordinator of the Middle Colorado Watershed Council. She spoke about why the Council uses the watershed approach to measure water quality. Her presentation is posted on the Garfield County website, www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx.

Public Comment

Orona asked for public comments.

Marion Wells, Rulison

Said she said she is looking for information about horizontal drilling in the Niobrara formation and would like to know the how far the horizontal drill goes out? Don Simpson and Susan Avillar said horizontal drilling is going out about 5000 feet.

COMMUNITY COUNTS UPDATE by Susan Avillar

Response Line: August and September response line had two calls reporting that a liquid was seen shooting up in the air north of the Parachute Shell station. After investigation it was determined (although not completely sure) H & K was washing their high profile trucks. She said there was also one speeding and reckless driving concern that was addressed immediately. Kudos that came to Community Counts indicated H&K drivers were helpful and courteous.

She reminded everyone the Community Counts Board Meeting is the second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 pm to 5 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for

September 11, 2013. The annual meeting will be held on November 6 from 3:30 to 5 pm and a member reception will follow at 5 pm. The meeting will be held at the Grand Valley Community Center.

Municipalities -

Town of Carbondale – AJ Hobbs

He said the major issue for the town of Carbondale is the Thompson Divide permit issue. He said the BLM extended the lease deadline earlier this year to do environmental impact studies and allow due process as the correct steps were not taken in the earlier process. He said environmental groups are negotiating with the two major lease holders to buy out their leases and work out a compromise.

City of Rifle – Kimberly Bullen

She pointed out www.Riflenow.org the online portal to Rifle and Rifle television which broadcasts the EAB and other government meetings. She said Rifle has signed an MOU with the BLM for the Roan Plateau SEIS process.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddile, no update and no citizen concerns reported.

School Districts – no updates.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa O&G Committee – Don Mumma

Mumma said Ursa recently completed a well pad just outside of the PUD in Battlement. It goes across private property. It will be the closest well to the PUD and will be a first. The group is anxious on how this will turn out and have asked Don Simpson for more details.

GVCA – Leslie Robinson

Robinson invited everyone to the next meeting of the Grand Valley Citizen Alliance. She said it will be held September 9, 2013 from 7 – 8 pm at the Rifle Library, public is welcome.

Grass Mesa – Michael Meskin

He said they are negotiating with Encana on the condition of their roads and hopes they are getting close to resolving their issues.

Citizen Representatives:

Battlement Mesa – Bob Arrington

Arrington said there has been some problems with the URSA rig move and they were working together to keep the rigs off of the main streets in Parachute.

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

Simonson said they have had a lot of activity on 311 road but haven't heard any citizen complaints or concerns.

Holmes Mesa/Morrisania Mesa/Rulison – Jack Castle

No update and no citizen concerns reported.

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson,

He apologized for not being able to attend the last few meetings and will try hard to make the meetings in the future. No other updates or citizen concerns reported.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona,

Recent flash flooding was cause for concern in Parachute. No other citizen concerns reported.

Taughenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette,

Ursa has a rig moving right now and he wants to know if anyone has information on the Black Diamond that is moving up Beaver Creek? Kirby Wynn has been in touch with Black Diamond and can talk to Tom after the meeting. Tom asked about the status of construction on Beaver Creek Road. He said they were in the process of paving it, but it has been very slow. He said it took over a month to do the intersection and that it was a disaster. Kirby Wynn said he would get back to him after he talked to County personnel regarding when the road construction would be complete.

Operators

Ursa Operating Company – Don Simpson

Simpson said they had finished 4 wells on the speakman pad the furthest west of their acreage, and built a pad on Monument Ridge in the Battlement Mesa. That new pad is on surface that Ursa owns and is outside of the PUD area. He said they originally planned to drill wells there next April to May and now they are trying to get the word out that they would like to move up that time frame. His email has been down but will get information to Don Mumma and other Battlement contacts as soon as he can. They have hay bales up there for visual and sound buffer and are actively mitigating dust by watering it down to keep the dust from flying around. Pad is fairly close to the sub-division, all of the notices and permits have been taken care of. They are going to have the same sound barrier wall that they had at the Speakman pad. The sound barrier wall helped reduce noise at Speakman; WPX has looked at it and is considering sound walls at their locations.

Oxy – Daniel Padilla, no new updates.

Marathon – Eric Ward, no drilling and no completions.

WPX – Susan Avillar

Avillar said WPX is currently operating 7 rigs. two in Grand Valley, one in South Grand Valley, one in Rulison, two in Parachute, and one in Rio Blanco County. She said WPX is moving the Aztec 1000 Rig up Beaver Creek. She said WPX won three awards from the COGCC recently. She said they have also been dealing with the aftermaths of the storm.

Chevron – Michael DeBerry

He said they have not experienced any spills or injuries since the last EAB meeting. Currently they have one rig running a package of 4 injection wells. He said the rig had just moved in the last few days and they had coordinated the rig move with DeBeque, the County and Community Counts. This summer they have being doing a package of work over wells.

EnCana – email update

Encana could not attend the meeting but emailed their report. They have 3 rigs running in the south Piceance and two in the north Piceance.

Black Diamond Minerals – email update KW said he had been in contact with Black Diamond Minerals and they have one rig operating. They are a newly active operator to our area just moving a rig into Garfield County Sept 3 -6, 2013, and will be drilling 3 wells this fall.

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn

(Provided as a Power Point presentation.) Wynn said there is a email sign up list available if any new attendees would like to be added to the mailing list, or you can contact gdubois@garfield-county.com or call 970/625-5915. Newspaper ads were placed in the *Glenwood Post Independent* and *Rifle Citizen Telegraph* announcing the EAB meeting and inviting the public to attend.

Wynn said Garfield County has 14 active drilling rigs; 13 drilling gas wells and one drilling wastewater injection wells. An updated rig map is located on the Community Counts website for anyone who is interested. He said the Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum is coming up on September 12, 2013 from 10 am to Noon at the CMC West Garfield Campus in Rifle. He encouraged everyone to attend and said the public is welcome as well. He said the consultants are finishing reviewing the Hydrogeology Phase II study (Divide Creek water study) and results will be presented at a future EAB meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Orona adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the August 1, 2013 meeting minutes.

A motion was passed allowing midstream companies to participate on the Energy Advisory Board.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Kirby Wynn will investigate the construction work schedule on Beaver Creek Road and report back to Tom VonDette regarding the schedule.

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