

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 4, 2015

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:03 P.M. Kirby Wynn conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement in place of Secretary Robin Haney.

EAB members in attendance:

Dirk Myers	City of Rifle
Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
AJ Hobbs	Town of Carbondale
Kelly Lyon	Town of Silt
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Scott Brynildson	Citizen Rep Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Citizen Rep Parachute/Parachute Creek
Brent Buss	Citizen Rep Rifle/North Rifle
Tom VonDette	Citizen Rep Taughenbaugh Mesa
Cary Baird	Chevron
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Michael Brygger	Oxy Oil & Gas Corporation
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
Scott Ghan	Vanguard Natural Resources
Patrick McCown	Williams Midstream
Jeffrey Kirtland	WPX Energy

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 7, 2015 meeting. Minutes were approved with the request to modify reference to Yater pad to be: "Yater 1st of 2" and "Yater 2nd of 2" on page 5. Motion made by Tom VonDette and seconded by Brent Buss. The motion to approve last meeting minutes passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Leslie Robinson to follow up with Marion Wells and her concerns regarding traffic issues and storm water.

NEW BUSINESS

Howard Orona – Update from traffic subcommittee.

Jake Janicek – The traffic subcommittee met on June 1st for continued discussion on road issues at Gardner Lane and East Battlement Parkway, County Road 332. Another subcommittee meeting will be set with Deb Fiscus to discuss haul route map, more signage, and other roads and road condition topics. This meeting should take place before the EAB reconvenes in August.

Tom VonDette – A resident on CR 332 is concerned as to why so much truck traffic is on this stretch of road, instead of utilizing the old route. According to Jeff Simonson, the county and/or city is looking into the reconstruction of CR 332.

Leslie Robinson – What are the next steps for the subcommittee to present suggestions to Road & Bridge regarding better communication to residents on truck traffic or truck drivers on possible trouble areas on roads? We still encourage citizen representatives to pass on problems areas that are presented to them by members of their communities and we also encourage the industry to do so.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Speaker – Rick Aster, Professor of Geophysics and Department Head, Colorado State University

Presentation – Induced Seismicity: What is it, Why Does it Happen, and What Should We Do About it?

Extensive Q&A took place after presentation. Video and PowerPoint files of the presentation will be available at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Orona invited public comments, asking that each person limit their comments to 3 minutes each.

Marion Wells – Feels that responding to an issue that is presented to you is not a resolution. My purpose in coming to these meetings is to affect change. Feels that the EAB should be focusing on spills reported, toxic releases and emissions annually. She would like to know why there is a reported hotspot of methane in Four Corners area.

COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE

Response Line: 866-442-9034 - The response line system is designed to connect residents with the source of their issues and concerns for timely response and resolution. Once Community Counts facilitates that connection, we are no longer involved. The operator and resident address and resolve the issue, and in the future the resident contacts the operator directly. To close the loop with calls that come to Community Counts, the operator gets back with us to let us know the issue has been resolved. One of the major keys to our success has been the dedication of our operator partners and contractors to respond quickly and effectively

May – June Concerns and Requests

1. Heavy Equipment left on the side of the road – Garfield County
2. Request came in through the website asking the status of when wells would be completed
3. Jake Brake Issue in Mesa County
4. Request for trucking schedule to be looked at
5. 3 Rig Move

Current Rig Count – 7 Garfield County, 2 Mesa County, 1 Rio Blanco County

1. **WPX Energy – 2 Garfield County, 1 Rio Blanco County**
2. **URSA Operating Company – 1 Garfield County**
3. **BLACK HILLS Exploration & Production – 2 Garfield County, 1 Mesa County**
4. **Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County**
5. **Piceance Energy, LLC – 1 Mesa County**
6. **Linn Operating Company – 1 Garfield County**

Notable Highlights of Community Counts

1. XTO is now on the Response Line
2. CCC working in Rio Blanco County
 - a. Get Together for Residents on Piceance Creek Road – June 10th
 - b. Helping Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge coordinate a trash pickup project

- c. Sending out road notices to residents, Operators and Contractors on road work on Piceance Creek road
3. Natural Soda and Enterprise have become members
4. Community Counts highlighted in Plateau Valley Mailer that was distributed to 1200 people in the Collbran, Molina and Mesa area
5. CCC highlighted in Meeker Chamber Newsletter during small business week in May

Community Counts Board Meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Town of Parachute. Our next Board meeting will be July 8, 2015.

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

No updates at this time.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Carbondale – AJ Hobbs

AJ would like to see if a seismograph could be installed in Garfield County. The Town of Carbondale would like to thank COGCC for hearing their comments in the public hearing regarding state permits on SG Interests' application.

Town of Silt – Kelly Lyon

Nothing to Report

City of Rifle – Dirk Myers

Watershed district permits have been transferred to Ursa. New CNG station will be placed at Gilco on route 6, waiting on final funding.

COGCC – Marc Morton

A new website has been established for COGCC. COGCC will begin working on the rulemakings regarding the Governor's task force recommendation 17 and recommendation 20. COGCC's new website is out and running.

Organizations:

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Leslie Robinson

GVCA is looking forward to the COGCC rulemaking process regarding the Taskforce items.

Citizen Representatives:

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson

Nothing to Report

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona

Nothing to Report

Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek – Bob Arrington

The Battlement Mesa Service Association Board of Director was approached and asked to have the oil and gas committee to be more active.

Taugenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette

Had contact with Bryan Hotard with WPX regarding a few trucks speeding.

Operators:

Williams Midstream – Pat McCown

On the 29th of May the CDPHE granted a request for Williams to add three additional vapor extraction points in the Parachute spill area. Early this week Williams sent of its annual pipeline response to emergency officials across Garfield County, Rio Blanco and Mesa Counties to inform them of pipeline locations.

Caerus Oil & Gas - Jake Janicek

Have had new assets acquired from Noble Energy north of Parachute since 2013. Just acquired new assets in south Grand Valley, directly south of Una. Site locations in Battlement Mesa and south of Rulison.

Ursa Operating Co. – Don Simpson

No pads constructed since March 2015. Ursa has a planned pad construction for August. The pad will be called Valley Farms O pad. Drilling operations: Eight wells drilled and completed April 9th on the Yater pad during the first occupation. Watson Ranch B pad had 14 wells drilled during the first occupation. Rig was moved ½ mile using Gardner Lane to the Monument Ridge Pad and four wells are being drilled, the first well begun June 3rd. Additional drilling will take place on the Yater pad on June 20th during the second occupation for a total of 13 wells. Ursa will then move to the Tompkins pad where 18 wells will be drilled during the first and only occupation. Drilling on the Tompkins pad is expected to start August 30th.

WPX – Jeffrey Kirkland

WPX is currently operating 3 rigs in the basin, two in Garfield County and one in south Rulison.

Oxy Oil & Gas - Michael Brygger

Normal production in Garfield County. Oxy's assets are located in the mountains above De Beque. Infrastructure upgrades are being conducted on tanks, flow lines, etc.

Chevron – Cary Baird

Piceance operations, no spills or safety issues for the last three months now. There will be some work over rigs running this summer.

Vanguard Natural Resources – Scott Ghan

Have ongoing production and production enhancements with two wells south of Silt. Currently have one work over rig in the field.

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn

(Provided as a PowerPoint presentation.) Wynn introduced himself as the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison. There is an email sign up list available if any new attendees would like to be added to the mailing list for EAB and other notifications, or you can contact mpayne@garfield-county.com or call 970-625-5915.

He said the EAB meeting was advertised in the Post Independent and the Citizens Telegram as always to let the community know when the EAB is meeting.

Garfield County has 7 active drilling rigs operating.

Resident calls to the office for May 2015 are: 4 odor; 2 noise, 1 haul route/traffic, and 26 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly.

If folks have questions about oil and gas topics or would like to report an issue please contact Kirby Wynn, Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison, office 970/625-5905 or cell 970/987-2557 or email at kwynn@garfield-county.com. Wynn said the next EAB meeting would be June 4, at the Rifle Library.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the May 7, 2015 meeting minutes.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Traffic Subcommittee to participate in a follow-up meeting.

Kirby – To follow-up with Marion Wells regarding spills reported in 2014 and why Four Corners is a hotspot for methane.

Follow-up with Rick Aster regarding project Rulison and project Rio Blanco (effects of the nuclear blasts on faulting, if any)

Kirby – To follow up with AJ Hobbs about a seismograph needs and opportunities.

Prepared by Marie Payne, Garfield County Oil and Gas Assistant.

Approved by the EAB on ?, 2015.