

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 7, 2015

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Vice Chair Scott Stewart called the meeting to order at: 6:07 P.M. Kirby Wynn conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
AJ Hobbs	Town of Carbondale
Art Riddle	Town of New Castle
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Ginny Harrington	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Citizen Rep Divide Creek
Kurt & Evelyn Grimm	Citizen Rep Dry Hollow
Scott Brynildson	Citizen Rep Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Michael Gross	Citizen Rep Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt
Brent Buss	Citizen Rep Rifle/North Rifle
Scott Stewart	Citizen Rep Roan Creek
Tom VonDette	Citizen Rep Taughenbaugh Mesa
Travis Garza	Chevron
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Sandy Kent	Encana Oil & Gas
Don Simpson	Ursa Operating Co.
Patrick McCown	Williams Midstream
Susan Alvillar	WPX Energy

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Susan Alvillar and seconded by Tom VonDette. The motion to approve last meeting minutes passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Stewart – No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Stewart – Update from traffic subcommittee.

Kirby Wynn – The traffic subcommittee committed to refining 10 topics that seemed to be more relevant and worth further consideration from the EAB. A discussion took place on speed limits and how the process takes place. There was discussion that many may feel the language on the haul route map is confusing. Deb Fiscus with Garfield County Road and Bridge is in the process of reworking the language to help solve this confusion. Once completed there is a process for approval and final approval comes from the county commissioners.

Leslie Robinson – We believe one of the things that impacts a community is traffic from the industry’s heavy vehicles on the road. Discussion took place on how can we address citizen complaints before they happen or help mitigate these complaints. These complaints could rise from issues caused by speeding, jake brakes, and dust or mud on the roads. We thought a possible solution may consist of educating citizens living in an area ahead of time before oil and gas development occurs, increased public education on how to file a complaint, possible permanent signage for trouble areas, and temporary signage for new development.

Jake Janicek – Would like to take the idea of more signage concerning troubled areas to the commissioners. Signage could include steep grade or blind spots in curves. If the industry is aware of upcoming development, provide that information ahead of time to citizen reps at EAB meetings or through other communication to allow these reps to start informing citizens of impacted areas.

Jeff Simonson – A discussion took place on how citizens reps and the industry could work together to find or indicate problem areas to be presented to the county.

Scott Stewart – What tools are available to citizen reps to be able to attend pre construction meetings with operators to learn about the development, all parties involved, time frames and potential impacts on an area? I believe there should be some way to enhance the communication between citizen reps and operators to bring early awareness of upcoming impacts due to oil and gas development.

Brent Buss – When Community Counts sends outgoing correspondences that contain rig moves could additional information from operators such as completions be added to help inform others ahead of time?

Scott Stewart – The traffic subcommittee could discuss the logistics of adding additional information to Community Counts outgoing correspondences.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Speaker - Lee Barger, SGM Inc.

Presentation – Procedures to Set Realistic Speed Limits

Extensive Q&A took place after presentation.

EAB & PUBLIC COMMENT ON TRAFFIC/ROAD PROBLEM AREAS

Marion Wells – The same issue exists at Spruce Creek between CR 301 and CR 320 concerning more asphalt needed in the curve.

Don Simpson – Two problem areas for possible evaluation are located at the intersection of CR 311 and CR 335. This area is a three way and it becomes a tough right turn if you are traveling from the south. The other area is the four corners stretch near Gardner Lane and East Battlement Parkway. There is a spot at this location where the width of the road is thin and erosion causes trucks to slip off the road.

Tom VonDette – A problem area for possible evaluation is the bottom curve at Taughenbaugh Blvd where gravel is being thrown by trucks. Is there a way to have more asphalt in the curve to help eliminate rolling gravel?

Bob Arrington – On Stone Quarry Road at the bottom a guard rail is needed to help prevent trucks from going over the edge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Marion Wells – Feels that there have not been many changes in her community and that there are still consistent impacts from oil and gas development.

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

March/April Concerns

1. Two Reckless Driving Complaints – Operator and Contractors were contacted and issue was resolved
2. Jake Brake issue in Mesa County – emails were sent to Operators and Contractors to use with consideration
3. Speeding Concern on Piceance Creek Road in Rio Blanco County – Contractor was contacted and handled issue
4. Dust Issue on County Road in Parachute – CCC worked with companies and County Road & Bridge to resolve issue

March/April Informational E-mails –

1. Grand River Gallop information was sent out to Operators and Contractors so they would be aware of runners on April 4th
2. Leadville Career Fair was sent out to Operators and Contractors if they would like to participate
3. 4 rig move notifications sent out

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. Presented by conference call to North Dakota Petroleum Council
2. GARCO BOCC awarded \$20,000 to CCC for grant request –
3. CCC Presented at the GARCO Energy and Environmental Symposium
4. CCC working in Rio Blanco County to become more visible
 - a. Get Together for Residents on Piceance Creek Road – June 10th
 - b. Helping Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge coordinate a trash pickup project
5. CCC working in Mesa County to become more visible
 - a. Fram – placing CCC signs in their area
6. Significant accomplishment - after 3 years XTO has become a members of CCC

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Jason Gross, White River National Forest – Encana will be plugging and abandoning and reclamation on five pads in the Divide Creek unit/Uncle Bob area. Rocky Mountain Natural Gas will be upgrading pads to put in electronic shut down devices in the same area.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Carbondale – AJ Hobbs

There is open communication with Ursa and SG Interest regarding the trading of property leased by each operator in the Thompson Divide area for other areas. This communication includes the local communities and BLM.

Town of New Castle – Art Riddile

Nothing to Report

COGCC – Marc Morton

A new website has been established for COGCC. COGCC will begin working on the rulemakings regarding the Governor's task force recommendations.

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma

Ursa has been very good neighbors regarding the work being done in Battlement.

Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association – Ginny Harrington

Nothing to Report

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Leslie Robinson

Four members of GVCA and Battlement Concerned Citizens participated in COGCC's Local Government Designee training to allow better communication with the oil and gas industry and with the state.

Citizen Representatives:

Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek – Bob Arrington

Received a concern from a citizen about well water being contaminated and noise regarding the new injection well.

Dry Hollow - Kurt & Evelyn Grimm

Had a neighbor who was upset that they recently found out about an incident that happened last fall regarding a violation of storm water drainage from a well pad going onto their property and terminating into an irrigation ditch.

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart

Nothing to Report

Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt – Michael Gross

Nothing to Report

Rifle/North Rifle – Brent Buss

Nothing to Report

Taughenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette

Nothing to Report

Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa – Scott Brynildson

Nothing to Report

Divide Creek – Jeff Simonson

Nothing to Report

Operators:

Caerus Oil & Gas - Jake Janicek

Still have one rig drilling, nothing further to report

Encana Oil & Gas – Sandy Kent

Not a lot of drilling activity. Conducting some plugging and abandoning and a few work overs.

Williams Midstream – Pat McCown

Nothing to Report

Chevron – Travis Garza

Had a shut down at the Skinner Ridge field for routine maintenance. No safety incidents to report.

Ursa Operating Co. – Don Simpson

Drilling schedule: Yater 1st of 2 is completed, Watson B Ranch will be drilling until June 5, Monument Ridge drilling will be from June 7 to June 21, Yater 2nd of 2 drilling will be June 23 to August 31, and Tompkins drilling will be September 3 to December 6. Ursa sponsored the 2015 Energy & Environment Symposium. Ursa is a platinum sponsor of the Battlement Mesa Kiwanis charity golf tournament coming up May 16. Next semi-annual community update meeting will be in September 2015.

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 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 March 2015 to April 2015 are: 4 odor; 3 noise, 1 haul route/traffic, 2 permitting, and 58 information requests. Wynn encouraged citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly. COGCC approved drilling permits in Garfield County are 213 as of May 5, 2015.

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, Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Kirby – To provide track changes for meeting minutes.

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

Approved by the EAB on June 4, 2015.