

# **GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

## **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Secretary Shawn Brennan conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

## **EAB members in attendance:**

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Jerry Seifert	Town of Silt
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association <b>(Chair)</b>
Dustin Miller	Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
John Kuersten	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
John Doose	Ursa Resources
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners <b>(Secretary)</b>

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Kirby Wynn noted that the March 7, 2019, meeting minutes were not ready for approval. They will be presented for approval, with the April minutes, at the May 2, 2019, meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kirby Wynn reported that he and Leslie Robinson discussed that the EAB has never really done a field/ education tour. Kirby offered to set up a board field trip in June, instead of a regular meeting in order to go on a field tour to a midstream site, or another industry related site. Jerry Siefert made a motion to have a field tour for the June meeting instead of a regular meeting. Leslie Robinson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in support of field tour. Kirby will set up the tour and make necessary public notifications.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kirby Wynn reported that following EAB's recommendation for approval of John Kuersten to represent the Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt area on the EAB, Kirby presented approval to the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners approved that application and John began his service at this meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

## **COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES**

**Federal Update:** Larry Sandoval, field manager for Colorado River Field Office of BLM in Silt. Introduced himself and offered future updates from his office. Discussion regarding upcoming, September 2019, lease sale with public comment period in May. Land associated with this sale is not managed by Colorado River Field Office, but more White River Office. Refer to the BLM website for additional information.

**Community Counts:** Kirby Wynn, on behalf of Nita Smith, Executive Director, provided Community Counts activity update. March calls included two 'careless driving'; both handled by operator. Current Rig Count includes four active drilling rigs, drilling new natural gas wells in Garfield County. Rigs are being operated by: Terra (1), Caerus (2) and Laramie (1). Total statewide is 30 rigs. Community Counts next board meeting is May 15 at 3:30-5:00 p.m., at the Town of Parachute, small Board Room. 24/7 Call Line to report concerns are to request information is 866-422-9034.

### **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

#### **Operators:**

**John Doose, URSA:** Had a couple of complaints. One complaint from D Pad, dust related. The area in question was treated with mag-chloride. BMC B pad noise complaint. Noise related to pulling water. Call came to Kirby about 10:15 p.m. on a Saturday night and he moved the call onto John. Work on B&V pad in Parachute installing trees with positive feedback from the community. Continued work to complete interim reclamation this week.

**Jake Janicek, Caerus:** *via Kirby Wynn.* Running two rigs in the northern part of Parachute Creek Basin.

#### **Government Agencies:**

**Kirby Wynn- Garfield County:** Complaints in the last month have been discussed. He will be in front of the Board of County Commissioners regarding comment period for BLM lease sale. At the request of Leslie, Kirby provided a brief explanation of the upcoming Energy & Environment Symposium. He will provide YouTube information at a future EAB meeting so everyone can see and hear the speakers.

**Jerry Seifert, Town of Silt:** Nothing to report.

**Art Riddile, Town of New Castle:** Nothing to report.

**Marc Morton, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:** Apologies for postponing NW Forum Meeting due to work on SB-181. SB-181 on Governor's Desk. Will change rules and mission of COGCC to more of a regulating mission. Summary of the bill on legislative website. Went over some of the points of the bill. Next NW Colorado Oil & Gas Forum scheduled for August 1 at Colorado Mountain College.

**Tom Vondette, Taughenbaugh Mesa:** Pretty quiet in his area. Still some trucks that run fast, but otherwise no concerns.

**John Kuersten, Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt:** No update

**Howard Orona, Parachute/Parachute Creek:** County Road 215 is still a mess. No other update.

**Bob Arrington, Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek:** Lots of email to legislators regarding SB-181. That was the majority of the activity.

**Organizations:**

**Brackett Pollard, Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association:** Grass is greening; watch for animals on the roadway. Be aware.

**Leslie Robinson, Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance:** SB-181 changes mission of COGCC from "fostering oil and gas development" to "regulating oil and gas development." Discussed the local level negotiating that will be allowed under SB-181.

**Dustin Miller, Colorado Mountain College:** No update.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

Next meeting May 2, 2019.

**ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

Chair adjourned the April 4, 2019, EAB meeting at 7:30 p.m.