

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 5th, 2018

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Scott Stewart called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Secretary Brackett Pollard conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Luis Yllanes	Town of Carbondale
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association (Secretary)
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College (Vice Chair)
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Howard Orona	Parachute/ Parachute Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Hank Kracht	Rulison/ Holmes/ Morrisania Mesa
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
John Doose	Ursa Resources

Invited Guests: Steve Ficklin, Bureau of Land Management

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Kirby advised that Bob Arrington asked that a small revision be made to his section of member updates regarding the noise complaint on the BMC B Pad and the removal of the Northern sound wall. A motion was made by Robin Haney and seconded by Amy Provstgaard to accept the revised meeting minutes for the March 2018 meeting. The revised meeting minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Kirby announced Vice Chair Robin Haney will be retiring from her position with EAB and presented her with a token of appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)

N/A

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Brian Gardner advised of the Grand River Gallop 5K Run/ Walk and passed around fliers for the event.

Brian Gardner provided Community Counts activity update, current rig count, informational emails update, and the few concern calls received in the last month on behalf of Nita Smith, Executor Director of Community Counts. 24/7 Call line is 866-422-9034.

Steve Ficklin, BLM gave slide presentation and advised of total costs associated with the plugging of the 6 orphan wells in the Garfield County area. Provided an over-view of the procedures for weed treatment on well pads and advised of the rules and regulations they must abide by. He also gave brief industry, well pad, and rig activity update.

Brief Q&A followed the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marion Wells, Rulison, advised that she is concerned with the lack of in-depth reporting from industry regarding spills in Garfield County. She also asked for clarification regarding the new Air Pollution study done for Garfield County stating that vegetation can be a source of air pollution.

Kirby responded that during air sampling, they sampled for 90 or so organic compounds including VOCs released by plants. The source apportionment study approved by the county will be completed to determine what portion of VOC's are found to be from various sources including industrial, urban, or plants/agriculture

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas: Advised that he was asked to give an update on Caerus by other EAB members since the acquisition of Noble, EnCana, and Marathon assets took place. Jake gave a brief over-view and slide-show presentation of Caerus' current assets, infrastructure, environmental health and safety statistics, and future plans for 2018.

Extensive Q&A followed the presentation.

John Doose – URSA: Gave a brief over-view and slide presentation of safety, environmental, and permitting stats received in 2017 and year-to-date 2018. Advised of plans and showed map for current operations, stated they do not have any *current* drilling operations happening at this time. Advised that they have completed the 24 wells on the BMC B Pad and he is not sure, at this time, when the sound wall will be removed from the area. He also stated that they are now completing work on the BMC D pad and ALL completions are on schedule to be finished in less than 2 years. John also advised of Ursa's upcoming quarterly update to the Garfield County BOCC on April 9th as well as the modification request for BMC A Well Pad and Injection Well. Went over a brief description of the minor modification request that will be presented to the BOCC and advised the BOCC will decide whether the modification request will be considered a minor or major modification involving a public hearing. Went over a brief list of Community Sponsorships/ Outreach stats. Advised of Emergency & Complaint phone numbers and stressed the importance of calling with ANY questions or concerns.

Extensive Q&A followed the presentation.

Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream: Advised there has been no new construction. Stated that they had a CDPHE inspection on the Rifle-Clough Compressor Station and there were no issues to note. Informed they are now in the CDPHE inspection season and each compressor station will be inspected. Advised that Colorado regulation 7 requires them to FLIR (forward looking infrared) compressor stations quarterly and tanks monthly and they have not had any leaks.

Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek: Nothing new to report.

Hank Kracht – Rulison/ Holmes/ Morrisania Mesa: Nothing new to report.

Luis Yllanes – Town of Carbondale: Nothing new to report. Advised that he wanted to comment on and give kudos to the BOCC for the recent approval of the solar farm between Rifle and Silt. Also, advised that he is concerned about the recent ruling by the Federal District Court in Wyoming concerning methane waste and how that is going to affect the Air Quality monitoring in this area. Steve Ficklin advised that this was a federal ruling and stated this area should not be affected by the recent ruling because we already have State rules in place that must be followed.

Howard Orona – Parachute/ Parachute Creek: Nothing new to report.

Brackett Pollard – Holy Cross Cattleman’s Association: Nothing new to report.

Scott Stewart – Roan Creek: Nothing new to report.

Robin Haney - Colorado Mountain College: Nothing new to report.

Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: Advised that Julie Murphy is now the director for the COGCC. Informed the dashboard tool on their website is a good way to view permit activity occurring at the County or State level. Advised of next hearing in Denver from April 30-May 2 and stated there will be a public comment opportunity for those who register on-line before the event. Informed they have a new tool on their website to be able to give comments on pending APDs or location permits. Also, advised that there is an associated link to view instructions on how utilize the comment tool. Stated the COGCC is considering Garfield County for an off-site hearing location in September.

Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen’s Alliance: Advised that the Air Pollution Control Division is holding a public meeting to discuss and hear comments regarding the Oil & Gas state-wide hydro-carbon emission reduction stake-holder process. Stated that the meeting will be held on April 17th from 1:00pm – 3:30pm at the Garfield County Sheriff’s Annex in Rifle and advised that the public comment time will be from 3:30pm-5:00pm. She also stated that in order to provide comments, prior on-line registration is required. Advised that she will provide the registration link on the Grand Valley Citizens Alliance Facebook page, for those interested in providing comment.

Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee: Advised that she will be keeping a close eye on the BMC A Well Pad modification request after the BOCC meeting on April 9th.

Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Spoke his opinions on various drilling rig size options.

Jason Metcalf – Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek: Kirby shared an emailed update from Jason. Advised that there is nothing new to report but wanted to remind operators in the area of the severe fire danger with the low moisture and high winds.

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Kirby advised of Ursa’s two agenda items for the BOCC hearing on Monday, April 9th in Glenwood Springs at 1:00pm He stated that Ursa will be giving their quarterly update to the BOCC as well as requesting a modification to the BMC A Well Pad and BMC A Injection Well permit applications. The commissioners will determine whether the modification request should be considered a minor or major modification, the latter requiring a public hearing.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Robin Haney advised that CMC will be hosting a free concert on Friday, April 6th at the CMC Rifle campus with the doors opening at 7:00pm. She also introduced CMC instructor Dustin Miller and advised his Oil & Gas Production class was in attendance.

Scott Stewart adjourned the April 5, 2018, EAB meeting at 7:14 pm.