

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

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

## **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION**

Acting 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
Jerry Seifert	Town of Silt
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesas Oil & Gas Committee
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association <b>(Chair)</b>
Carole Boughton	Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
John Doose	Ursa Resources
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners <b>(Secretary)</b>
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Jason Metcalf	

## **Invited Guests:**

Taylor Elm	Northwest Region Energy Liaison for Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Steve Ficklin	BLM

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Brackett Pollard presented the November 1, 2018, meeting minutes for approval. Amy Provstgaard moved for approval. Tom Vondette seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott Stewart has moved on from High Lonesome Ranch, so he will no longer be serving as EAB chair. Nominations committee, of Kirby, Jake, Leslie Robinson, and Jeff Simonson, recommended Brackett move from Vice Chair to Chair, and then at February's meeting, backfill the Vice Chair position with a nominee we will recommend. Jeff Simonson moved to elect Brackett, Jake Janicek seconded. No discussion. Vote passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)**

Taylor Elms, Regional Energy Liaison for CO Parks and Wildlife and Dean Riggs, Deputy Regional Manager. Update on current affairs and agency along with a presentation: *Conserving and Managing Colorado's Wildlife and Habitat during Oil & Gas Development.*

Educational presentation video and PowerPoint, including questions and answers, may be viewed at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marion Wells – Rulison, Summarized reported spills and NOAVs, June-November. She provided detailed information of which companies were responsible for spills and NOAVs. She reiterated that she believes the EAB meeting should have regular reporting of these statistics since they reflect part of the impact of the O&G industry on the communities.

Michael Tucker- Rifle, Discussed voter turnout and proposition 112's defeat. He spoke in favor of what the O&G industry does to try to work with the ever changing regulations, often leading industry in their proactive nature.

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

**BLM:** Steve Ficklin – Colorado River Valley Field Office, Silt, BLM Update: Terra Energy: Drilling on MV 60-8D pad, Riley Gulch, Southwest of Parachute; Drilling NR23-3 West of the Rifle I-70 exit; finished building PA 44-33 pad west of Anvil Point Landfill and PZ 34-24 pad north of Rulison; currently building DOW 1-M-18 pad north of Anvil Point Landfill; have acquired coachman assets in and around Garfield Creek State Wildlife Area, which include 12 federal wells on federal and CPW locations. Steve Ficklin noted that he retiring. Kirby on behalf of EAB thanked him for his communication efforts over the years.

**Community Counts:** Brian Gardner, on behalf of Nita Smith, Executive Director, provided Community Counts activity update. No calls in November. Community Counts next board meeting is January 16 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**

**Tom Vondette – Taughenbaugh Mesa:** Nothing to Report.

**Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas:** Jake reported they are still operating three rigs north of Parachute; two in the process of being moved so they will be drilling completely on their own property within the next two weeks.

**Jason Metcalf – Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek:** Quiet, Nothing new to report.

**John Doose – URSA:** John stated that URSA is drilling “up north” in Rio Blanco County with one rig. There are simultaneous completions going on during the drilling. Battlement Mesa, trucking of drill cutting project winding down as they are completing interim reclamation on B&V pad by the hotel in Parachute. No COGCC approval on Phase II in Battlement yet.

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

**Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:** School setback rulemaking on December 17-18. Aims to establish 1000 ft. setback from schools and regularly used outdoor areas. As previously discussed, COGCC has a new public comment interface. Potential for new COGCC leadership with new governor. COGCC website with Daily Activity Dashboard provides summary data regarding oil and gas activity around the state, including NOAVs and spills. This information is publically

available on the website and Marc is available to show anyone how to access the information on their own, or provide a future meeting demonstration.

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

**Kirby Wynn- Garfield County:** Resident calls to liaison’s office in November: 2 haul route, 1 odor, 1 lights and 19 information requests. Regarding URSA activity in Battlement, no nuisance complaints in November. Continued site visits to monitor activity. Reviewed URSA’s Phase II plan on Battlement. Currently active rigs: 5 in Garfield County, 1 in Rio Blanco County and 1 in Mesa County.

Garfield County participating in State Oil & Gas Regulatory Processes: COGCC Hearings Process and Pooling Rulemaking; COGCC School Setback Rulemaking (Dec 17-18); AQCC Statewide Hydrocarbon Emissions Reduction Task Force; AQCC Pneumatics Task Force; COGCC Financial Assurance Task Force; COGCC Flowline Integrity Management through Remote Monitoring Work Group.

Kirby’s full update may be viewed online at:

<https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

**Shawn Brennan – Terra Energy Partners:** Indicated a summary of Terra activity is in the BLM report. Responded to a question regarding a condensate spill Shawn will obtain needed information and follow up.

**Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek:** All quiet, nothing to report.

**Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee:** Amy advised that she was informed by URSA that the temporary pipeline has been removed. There is an increase in water truck traffic.

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

**Carole Boughton – Colorado Mountain College:** Carole advised that December 14, 2018, graduating 123 students, three of whom are employed either by a company or partner of a company who is represented in EAB. Thanked the group/industry for continued support.

**Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek:** Mentioned a legal notice posted in Rifle Citizen Telegram regarding a mineral owner request for COGCC to look at royalties and moneys paid.

**Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream:** Pipeline in Rifle/Parachute, compressor stations, not a lot of new production coming into system. .

**Scott Brynildson – Mamm Creek/ Hunter Mesa:** Nothing new to report. Member of the B&V partnership near the hotels (in Parachute) and thankful to URSA for what they have done down there. Quiet and nice reclamation.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

Next meeting February 7, 2019.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

Chair adjourned the December 6, 2018, EAB meeting at 7:43 p.m.