

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 4, 2016

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Howard Orona called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Secretary Robin Haney conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Ed Green	City of Rifle
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Robin Haney	(vice chair) Colorado Mountain College
Howard Orona	(outgoing chair) Citizen Rep Parachute/Parachute Creek
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Bill McKee	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association
Brian Bivins	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association
Bob Arrington	Citizen Rep Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek
Hank Kracht	Rulison/Holmes/Morrisania Mesa
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jake Janicek	(secretary) Caerus Oil & Gas
Lorne Prescott	Laramie Energy, LLC
Michael Brygger	Oxy Oil & Gas Corporation
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
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 December 3, 2015 meeting. The motion to approve last meeting minutes was made by Kirby Wynn and 2nd by Robin Haney. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Howard Orona – Election of Officers for the 2016 Energy Advisory Board was conducted. Unanimously elected were Scott Stewart for EAB Chair, Robin Haney for Vice Chair and Jake Janicek for Secretary. Many thanks to the current Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. A vote was taken for all three candidates and passed unanimously.

Larry Elgin Operator of Lazy E Transport – Addressed the EAB with information related to condensate spill that happened on January 15, 2016. A truck hauling condensate traveling down County Road 317 lost control on the icy surface and rolled off of the road spilling approx. 70 barrels of condensate material onto 6' – 12' inches of snow on the frozen ground downward into the dry creek bed about a 10' – 15' foot area of the dry creek bed was affected. During clean-up 375 barrels of snow material was extracted in an effort to remove the spilled material. At the time of the spill, a hazmat truck was dispatched through 911, the following Monday morning HRL was engaged and developed a plan to begin the clean-up effort on behalf of the operator. The Lazy E Transport driver was driving too fast for the conditions and

owner/operator takes this incident very seriously and will address this with his drivers. EAB appreciated the quick response and transparency of the operator. Changes have been made by the operator to avoid any future incidents.

Kirby Wynn – BOCC will receive an update from the EAB delivered by Jake Janicek Monday morning February 3, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Marc Morton, COGCC – Addressed a local landowners concerns regarding pin hole leaks in pipelines and who tracks that information. Website for further information include pipeline association for public awareness;

<http://www.pipelineawareness.org/>. This site offers various pipeline safety facts and data from state to state. One of the best reports available through the COGCC is The Regulatory Review of Natural Gas Pipelines in Colorado;

[http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/library/Technical/InterAgency/Final Pipeline WhitePaper w Appendices 12 12 14.pdf](http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/library/Technical/InterAgency/Final_Pipeline_WhitePaper_w_Appendices_12_12_14.pdf)

Additional information is available through the COGCC.

Kirby Wynn – Following up on an action item from December to assemble a Subcommittee on behalf of all EAB for Oil & Gas Sound and Noise topics to help educate the EAB on these issues. The subcommittee members are Jeff Kirtland of WPX, Gabe Wilkins of WPX, Don Simpson of Urso, Michael Brygger of Oxy, Scott Stewart, Kirby Wynn, Howard Orona, and Robin Haney. The subcommittee met in January to discuss how the subject of noise and the issues surrounding it can be brought into the EAB in a way that creates opportunities to learn more about the issues and mitigation and help facilitate resolution, bring in speakers. If we do a good enough job, as advisors to the BOCC we may be able to offer advice when the COGCC begins its rule making on this issue. Including tonight, we will bring in speakers for the next three EAB meetings to include educational information on Sound and Noise.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Stuart D. McGregor, P.E., Senior Acoustical Engineer and President of EDI presents; **Environmental Noise Basics and How Noise is Perceived.** Elevated sound levels can be a significant oil and gas nuisance issue. How each of us perceives sound is highly subjective; one person's symphony is another's noise. Sound from human activities, whether it is an outdoor concert, highway traffic or mineral extraction are all perceived differently. Stuart provided a basic understanding of the physics of sound propagation and human perception of sound and noise in the context of oil and gas noise regulations. This presentation is available for viewing on the Garfield County Oil & Gas Website under Energy Advisory Board;

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNITY COUNTS (CC) UPDATE: Power Point presentation made by Nita Smith, Community Counts.

Community Counts is a non – profit organization established to connect the energy industry and the community through responsive, open dialog. We currently have 85 members and operate in Garfield, Mesa and Rio Blanco Counties.

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

New Member – Solvay Chemicals
Current Members – 86; 17 Operators

November – Concerns/Requests/Informational E-mails

- 1 – Informational request
- 4 – Concerns
- 3 – High volume activity informational emails sent out

Current Rig Count – 3 Garfield County

- 1. **WPX Energy – 1 Garfield County**
- 2. **Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County**
- 3. **Ursa Operating Co. – 1 Garfield County**

Rig Count for the State of Colorado – November – 22

Community Counts Board of Directors for 2016-2017

Susan Alvillar – WPX Energy (Board President)
Kirk Daehling – Natural Soda
Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream
Zach Jacobson – Summit Midstream
Dave Morlan – Rio Blanco Road & Bridge Director
Jason Oates – Encana Corporation
Don Simpson – Ursa Operating Company (Board Vice President)
Monique Speakman – Cheryl & Co Property Management
Kirby Wynn – Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison

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 March 16, 2016, due to schedule change.

Contact information is: Nita Smith, Executive Director, (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President, susan.alvillar@wpxenergy.com (970.263.5315) Additions have been made to the response line extensions. Some discussion took place about adding a prompt to allow callers to leave an email address for future notifications.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

City of Rifle – Ed Green; Nothing new to report.

COGCC – Marc Morton

Thanks to everyone that took part in the Rulemaking to implement Governor’s Task Force recommendations 17&20 that concluded a couple of weeks ago. The rules that have been adopted have been posted to the COGCC website <http://cogcc.state.co.us> The next Rulemaking coming up will be on Noise, this is the most complained about issue.

Organizations:

Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney; Nothing to Report

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Leslie Robinson; The GVCA was a stakeholder in the recent COGCC rulemaking and was disappointed in the conclusion reached regarding well pad distance from schools. GVCA will be there to help with the Noise Rulemaking and thank the COGCC for inviting us to these negotiations.

Holy Cross Cattlemen’s Association – Bill McKee; Nothing to Report

Citizen Representatives:

Taugenbaugh Mesa - Tom VonDette; I have complained about truck speed for years and the recent accident points to this as a continued problem.

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona; Regarding noise, the worst noise this past year in our area was the noise from the construction of the sound wall.

Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek – Bob Arrington; Requested and then retracted request for correction to the last month’s meeting minutes to add “COGCC” to the Hearing that was requested. We found that our hearing request was premature since the permits had not been filed yet. During the holidays Battlement Mesa residents were making preparations for the County hearings, both for the planning commission and the County Commissioners. The meetings were well attended and gave the opportunity for citizens to air their complaints which were primarily about noise and odor. Many new faces were in attendance and almost every aspect of the applications were addressed.

Rulison/Holmes/Morrisania Mesa – Hank Kracht; Nothing to Report

Operators:

Williams Midstream – Patrick McCown; Nothing to Report

Caerus Oil & Gas – Jake Janicek; Caerus are still drilling on our P2 Pad which will finish by the weekend. We will begin moving the operation this weekend, it will take 5 or 6 days, we are in contact with Garfield County Road and Bridge to put up signs for notification. We want to be sure that people in that area know what’s going on, we are sending notices out through Community Counts.

Ursa Operating Co. – Don Simpson; Still drilling on Monument Ridge B Pad east of Battlement Mesa 13 of 17 well occupations, also finishing up conductor on the B and V pads behind the Hotels there in Parachute area. After leaving the Monument Ridge B Pad we will go to the Tompkins Pad, north east of Battlement Mesa, to drill 18 wells. Since last EAB a lot of activity, commissioners did an onsite visit of asking questions about the applications placed by Ursa, followed by three long days of hearings. Everything was vetted, lots of people had an opportunity to voice their concerns. In the end 45 Conditions of Approval’s were added addressing the health impact assessment, 14 COAs are over and above the States COAs. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the permits for the 2 pad sites and pipeline. March 16 semiannual community meeting in Battlement Mesa at 6:00pm, and on the 17th in Silt at the firehouse.

WPX Energy – Jeffery Kirtland; We are still operating one rig on Flat Iron Mesa, that should take us through to next spring. Some news has been out that the company may be sold, when we have more news we will report back.

Summit Midstream – Brian Gardner; Currently do some work on Holmes Mesa compressor station in Rulison, and setting a new tie in in Battlement Mesa, construction of both of those expected to be completed at the end of February. Otherwise business as usual, maintaining what we have.

Oxy Oil & Gas - Michael Brygger Normal production, well maintenance activities.

Laramie Energy (formerly Piceance Energy) – Lorne Prescott; Currently no drilling or completion activities, our focus has been in response to the COGCC regarding reclamation, to be done in the spring. There's been a mention in the news about an acquisition, we anticipate the potential closing at the 1st of March and can share more at the next EAB.

Vanguard Natural Resources – Scott Ghan; Ongoing production activity involved 950 wells south of Silt, no drilling planned for 2016, but always being accessed. We do have permits in place to drill if necessary. We plan to have limited workover rig, periodically throughout the year.

Enterprise Products – Shawn Brennan; (c/o Kirby Wynn) Nothing new to report other than moving 1 BCF a day with a capacity of 1.2 billion. Would like to be moving more gas.

County:

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn

(Provided as a PowerPoint presentation available online at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>) 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 npayne@garfield-county.com or call 970-625-5915.

Resident calls to the office for 2015 are; 26 air quality/odor, 11 traffic/haul, 8 noise, 2 spills, and 269 information requests in Battlement area.

There are 3 rigs currently drilling in Garfield County, you can go to Community Counts website to see where the rigs are located and who is operating each rig along with contact information if needed.

Again to report a health concern to **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**, please fill out the web-based form <http://www.oghir.dphe.state.co.us> or call the HELP Line at 303-389-1687.

COGCC Rulemakings Summary;

Governor's Oil and Gas Task Force Rulemaking Summary

- Operator/local government consultation process prior to COGCC permitting process for large facilities near urban areas.
- Operator registration with municipalities and Counties and multi-year development plan submittals
- Hearings were Nov 16-17, Dec 7, and January 25.
- Western Slope Governments Coalition: Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma and Rio Blanco Counties *and* Parachute and Silt

- Noise Rulemaking (*Expected in 2016*)

Ursa Battlement Mesa Permit Applications Summary;

- County permit application was approved for 2 well pads within Battlement Mesa PUD
- COGCC permit review process is underway
- County and general public comments on COGCC permits due February 16th
- BOCC to discuss their comments to COGCC permits on February 8th

- Oil & Gas Liaison has standing agenda item for Battlement Mesa Service Association meetings to help ensure the County regularly engages the Battlement Mesa Community on oil and gas topics

BLM Draft Supplemental EIS on Roan Plateau Summary;

- BLM conducting supplemental EIS for leases on and near Roan Plateau
- Garfield County is a cooperating agency. Board of County Commissioners will draft their comments on February 16th
- Draft SEIS comments are due February 18, 2016
- Website: www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/land_use_planning/rmp/roan_plateau.html

Kirby encourages 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.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Howard Orona adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is here in the Rifle Library on March 3, 2016.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

A motion was passed approving the February, 2016 meeting minutes with a correction from Bob Arrington.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Jake Janicek will provide EAB's quarterly update to BOCC on February 8th.

Approved by the EAB on March 3, 2016.