

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

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
Art Riddle	Town of New Castle
Jerry Seifert	Town of Silt
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattleman's Association (Chair)
Dustin Miller	Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Tom Vondette	Taugenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
John Doose	Ursa Resources
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners (Secretary)
Shawn Whitmore	Williams Midstream
Bryan Hotard	Terra Energy Partners

Invited Guests:

Steve Anthony Garfield County Vegetation Manager

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Brackett Pollard presented the December 6, 2018, meeting minutes for approval. Brackett Pollard moved for approval. Shawn Brennan seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to back fill vacant vice chair on EAB. Kirby Wynn explained nominations committee for members and officers. They met to discuss Vice Chair. For the immediate fill in, Jeff Simonson as Vice Chair. Jeff has previous experience and is willing to step up for the short term, possible long term. There will be further meetings, discussion and training to prepare additional members for leadership rolls and maybe have another nomination later in 2019. This would place Jeff Simonson as Vice Chair; leave Shaw Brennan as Secretary; and, Brackett Pollard would remain as Chair. Brian Gardner made a motion to approve Jeff. Amy Provstgaard seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)

Steve Anthony, Garfield County Vegetation Manager, Revegetation Security Process. Permitting for land use change or grading change. Presentation is available for review at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

Marc Morton, COGCC, presented how to navigate the COGCC Daily Activity Dashboard on their Website, www.cogcc.state.co.us. Presentation is available for review at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Community Counts: Brian Gardner, on behalf of Nita Smith, Executive Director, provided Community Counts activity update. December there was an odor complaint and speeding issue. Both resolved. In January there were no concerns. Current Rig Counts: five in Garfield County, one in Rio Blanco, 35 statewide. Community Counts next board meeting is March 20 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:

Shawn Whitmore – Williams: Grand Valley Pipeline Rupture six miles N of Town of Parachute. Commitment to community, environment, Parachute Creek. Will review actions to shut down the pipeline, protect creek, clean up the impacted area and initiate investigation. January 18, 2019, approximately 3:00 a.m. a 16" natural gas carrying pipeline ruptured. By 3:30 a.m. Williams had detected the leak and started working on shutting down the pipeline. There were no injuries or ignitions. As a precaution Garfield County Sheriff responded and shut down County Road 215 for approximately two hours. At daylight residual natural gas condensate was observed in an 800 x 400 area, and with snow melt, some flowed into Parachute Creek. By midafternoon, Williams had contacted all necessary regulatory agencies as well as had made several curtesy notifications. They began working transparently and cooperatively with the COGCC. Remediation and investigation are ongoing. Crews have removed approximately 1700 yds² of contaminated soil. Ground water has not been impacted. Pipeline is not back in service. Investigation of cause is underway.

Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas: Jake reported they currently have three rigs north of Parachute. They have shut down some fracking to reevaluate designs. Produced water spill right near Una Bridge. Most of the produced water from that spill was caught and never made it to the river. Currently under investigation.

John Doose – URSA: Still operating several different places. Winding down in Battlement Mesa as far as drilling and completion. Managing produced water and running injection wells now. Drilling in their

North Area in Rio Blanco County. Dwayne Knudson – URSA Environmental Manager spoke of the January 7, 2019, accident at the BMCD Pad. A truck pulling about 150 barrels of produced water. Trucker did not chain up and weather conditions sent truck down the embankment. Recovered 146 barrels, with four barrels spilled. Driver was not injured. Notifications made to agencies and landowners. Sampling complete and water tested.

Shawn Brennan – Terra Energy Partners: Two rigs in Garfield County. Frac crews following drilling. Plan for 2019 that there will be two rigs going. Follow up on spill on Beaver Creek in January.

Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream: Business as usual; nothing new to report this month.

Government Agencies:

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Resident calls to liaison's office in December/January: 2 traffic and speed and two odor concerns. All incidents were discuss with operators. Driver education and odor handled.

Art Riddile – Town of New Castle: Nothing to report.

Jerry Seifert – Town of Silt: Nothing to report.

Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: New Director, Jeff Robbins announced on January 17, 2019. Dan Gibbs appointed by Governor Polis as Executive Director of Department of Natural Resources. Oversees DNR, including COGCC. Next hearing is March 11-12, 2019, in Denver. New guidelines for public comments. NW Oil & Gas Forum Meeting April 4, at CMC Rifle Campus.

Organizations:

Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee: Nothing to report this month.

Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance: Western Colorado Alliance is hosting a lobby trip to talk to legislators. Feb 24-26, WCA website/FB page to sign up. GVCA asked for hearing before COGCC requested hearing regarding pad 2A in Battlement. Generated conversation in COGCC, but no special hearing approved. Morgan Hill, Garfield County Public Health, spoke in front of Battlement Mesa concerned citizens regarding air quality.

Brackett Pollard – Holy Cross Cattleman's Association: Annual meeting in January.

Dustin Miller – Colorado Mountain College: Spring semester underway. Nothing else to report.

Citizens:

Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Air quality program from Morgan Hill was good and reached a lot of citizens with information. Appreciated Kirby and John at BSMA meeting.

Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek: Nothing to report.

Howard Orona – Parachute/ Parachute Creek: Contact with Williams regarding rupture because it was in Parachute Creek area. Terra water spill in December.

Tom Vondette – Taughenbaugh Mesa: Maybe December or January, Knowles truck spill coming off Flat Iron Mesa. Taughenbaugh Mesa Water users have taken over the city water diversion on Beaver Creek. City no longer responsible.

Jason Metcalf – Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek: Jake already spoke about spill in his area. Jason was contacted about the spill and invited to see clean-up efforts.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Next meeting March 7, 2019.

ACTION ITEMS

N/A

Chair adjourned the February 7, 2019, EAB meeting at 7:28 p.m.