

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday June 7th, 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
Art Riddile	Town of New Castle
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Ben Bohmfalk	Town of Carbondale
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association (Secretary)
Stewart Clark	Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek
Tom VonDette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Zach Jacobson	Summit Midstream
John Doose	Ursa Operating Company
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners

Invited Guests: N/A

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Stewart Clark and seconded by Leslie Robinson to approve meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Stewart reminded that Robin Haney's vacant position as Vice Chair will need to be filled. He stated that Kirby will reconvene the Nomination's Committee to nominate and elect a new Vice Chair at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirby: Art had asked where the Naval Oil Shale reserve funds would go once received by the county. There is no firm plan yet but the county will be sure to communicate with municipalities as things firm up.

Kirby: Jason had asked if a guardrail could be added to Stone Quarry Road where road drops off west edge of the Battlement PUD. Road & Bridge Department indicate they would look at it and see if something could be done.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)

David Ludlam, Executive Director, West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association spoke about: *Western States Rural Natural Gas Initiative* and topics related to the benefit of natural gas development and use locally and abroad. The educational presentation video and PowerPoint are available at <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

Extensive Q&A followed the presentation

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Kirby provided Community Counts industry activity update, current rig count, on behalf of Community Counts. There was just one complaint/concern called in and the operator addressed the issue. 24/7 Call line is 866-422-9034.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marion Wells, Rulison. Discussed local context on air quality topics related to a previous EAB discussion of a World Health Organization report on air quality that indicated Battlement Mesa has notably clean air based on particulate matter data.

Richard Vottero, Carbondale. Discussed water supply and drought concerns and industry water use.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Tom VonDette – Taughenbaugh Mesa: Would like to know who is staking a new pad on side of Flatiron Mesa as it will likely have a lot of light emission over time. Advised truckers to be careful in these dry conditions. Mentioned an encounter with a county vehicle operator about safety issue.

Zach Jacobson – Summit Midstream: Nothing to report.

Jason Metcalf – Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek: Nothing to report.

John Doose– URSA: Provided extensive operations update. Reviewed resident complaint issues from the previous month. Urges people to call immediately regardless of time of day as that helps ensure the issue is tracked down and resolved. Ursa worked hard to address odor issues by changing water handling, storage and use procedures. Made another required \$250,000 payment to Battlement Mesa for community use.

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

Scott Stewart – Roan Creek: No development in last 2 weeks and no issues to report.

Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee: Ursa reported to them about a water line leak and plans to remove that temporary line soon.

Stewart Clark – Colorado Mountain College: Mentioned the API energy training for sixth graders was a big success.

Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen’s Alliance: Nothing to report. Mentioned spent several weeks in Alberta Canada and was interesting to hear about pipeline politics in that area.

Shawn Brennan – Terra Energy: Stated that they have two active drilling rigs.

Art Riddile– Town of New Castle: The Town has joined Community Counts.

Ben Bohmfalk – Town of Carbondale: Nothing to Report.

Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Discussed in detail a complaint log gathered from residents. Noted 29 complaints from a total of 6 people. Odor complaints picked up especially after May 18. Noted detailed forms were shared with Kirby and that Kirby and John Doose were called directly by complainants in some cases. Noted a couple of complaints indicated rotten egg smell and was concerned that could indicate possible hydrogen sulfide. Did not believe reporting of complaints provided effective resolution/prevention. Provided copy of log to Kirby and EAB officers and Ursa at meeting.

Marc Morton – Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: Remanded Bob that residents must formally notify the state if they would like investigation of issues. Rifle office will be moving to a new location, but not sure where just yet. New Environmental staff member, Steve Arauza, in the Rifle office. He replaced Carlos Lujan. Craig Burger in Rifle office is now the Western Area engineering supervisor. COGCC hearing is Monday in Greeley. People can listen in online.

There is a new document on COGCC website that outlines a very busy decade of rules and policy changes as regulations and enforcement have been strengthened. Website is: www.COGCC.state.us

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Discussed the complaints issues around Battlement and ongoing statewide stakeholder/rulemaking topics. Details of update can be reviewed at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Tom Vondette mentioned new 811 call before you dig rules. Farmers and ranchers used to be exempted for placing new fence posts but that is not the case now.

Bob Arrington would like an update on the Ursa B pad monitoring wells sample data.

Scott Stewart adjourned the June 7th, 2018, EAB meeting at about 7:45 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

None.