

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

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

## **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION**

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
Jeff Layman	Town of Silt - Administrator
Craig Burger	Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association <b>(Chair)</b>
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
John Doose	Ursa Resources
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners <b>(Secretary)</b>
Shawn Whitmore	Williams Midstream
Bryan Hotard	Terra Energy Partners

## **Invited Guests:**

Theresa Wagenman	Garfield County Finance Director
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## **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Brackett Pollard presented the February 7, 2019, meeting minutes for approval. Leslie Robinson made a motion for approval. Shawn Brennan seconded. No discussion. Unanimous approval vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Brackett presented an application for a new member of EAB. John Kuersten applied to represent Silt Mesa and Peach Valley. Kirby introduced him as a surface owner with professional ties to the Oil & Gas industry, with family owning mineral rights in Garfield County. Mr. Kuersten spoke to his interest in being an EAB member. Jeff Simonson made a motion to recommend to BOCC to appoint Mr. Kuersten as a new member of EAB as a citizen representative of Silt Mesa and Peach Valley. John Doose seconded. No discussion. Vote take with one dissention and one abstention. Kirby will take this information to the BOCC for final approval.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kirby Wynn followed up regarding a gentleman, who at the previous meeting, had some questions about how to obtain information from COGCC regarding pooling of mineral. Kirby, in his capacity as the Oil & Gas Liaison took it upon himself to assist this citizen. Kirby connected the citizen with John Doose, Ursa Resources, who volunteered to help the citizen navigate the COGCC site. Mr. Doose had the citizen visit his office and spent time showing him how to find the information he wanted, as well as

other information available on the website. The citizen was appreciative of the quick response from Kirby and John in assisting him.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)**

Theresa Wagenman, Garfield County Finance Director, The Energy Industry's Economic and Fiscal Impacts to Garfield County. Presentation, as well as questions and answers, 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](http://www.cogcc.state.co.us). Presentation is available for review at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marion Wells, Rulison, Colorado, concern about appointing another citizen rep who has industry interest. Her concern is that industry will outweigh citizen representatives.

Marion Wells, Rulison, Colorado, concern about consistent odors all winter, three workover rigs, tank issues. Flowmeter should be utilized to measure Hydro Carbons. Did not report odor issues for investigation as they occurred.

Michael Tucker, Rifle, Colorado, liked presentation of Mr. Kuersten to BOCC. Spoke to the level of safety and health that Oil & Gas is working toward. Also spoke about the level of change, moving too quickly from O&G would have far reaching effects.

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

**Community Counts:** Brian Gardner, on behalf of Nita Smith, Executive Director, provided Community Counts activity update. February there was one call related to flooding on County Road 320 that made the road icy. Garfield County Road and Bridge had already been made aware of the problem. Calls and emails were sent to operators warning them of potential flooding and ice with instruction to call Garfield County Road and Bridge or community Counts if problems areas were identified. Informational emails were also sent to operators reminding them of spring time livestock moves that will begin. 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 or to request information is 866-422-9034.

**Federal Update:** Kirby is working with Forest Service and BLM to get a representative to provide periodic updates to EAB.

### **EAB MEMBER UPDATES**

#### **Operators:**

**Shawn Whitmore – Williams:** Update on pipeline rupture; investigation is not complete and root cause is not yet identified. The hole is backfilled and pipe replaced.

**Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas:** Jake reported they currently have two rigs north of Parachute, they have taken one down. They are doing well completions on their property in Parachute.

**John Doose – URSA:** Rig is laid down in North Piceance and looking for a half year rig program on that. Still wrapping up completions in Battlement Mesa. Also working on interim reclamation that is going well, in Battlement Mesa. Several plans for reclamation this spring. He spoke to the importance of accepting volunteers to the board and pointed out that as members of the Board, they talk to each other about industry problems.

**Shawn Brennan – Terra Energy Partners:** Production is good. Currently two rigs; one coming down in a couple of weeks. Completion activity still to follow for wells drilled by those two rigs.

**Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream:** Nothing new to report.

#### **Government Agencies:**

**Kirby Wynn- Garfield County:** Amy's one call regarding odor at D Pad. Add email to list by signing up on list in the hallway. Garfield County also participated in legislative hearings on SB19-181. Kirby provided comments on behalf of BOCC. Kirby noted that in the writing of the bill, input was not sought from any of the top ten producing counties in Colorado, including Garfield County.

**Jeff Layman – Town of Silt:** Nothing to report.

**Craig Burger Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:** Craig Burger, Western Area Engineering Supervisor, for Marc Morton. Commission hearing in Denver on March 11-12. Sign up online for public comment. At that hearing there will be report of acting director of Jeff Robbins. Also a report from Dan Gibbs who is new director of Department of Natural Resources. Locally, Northwest Forum April 4, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Colorado Mountain College in Rifle. New school setback rules are in affect.

#### **Organizations:**

**Amy Provstgaard – Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee:** Already talked to Kirby about the odor complaint near D Pad. Ursa was on site almost immediately and took care of that. Aware of and monitoring law suits filed on A Pad. Cautionary note that County Road 300, just outside Battlement Mesa was washed out. Thanks to Ursa for reclamation work.

**Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance:** Participated in the public hearing portion of SB19-181. Voted no on the new member because she believes we need more diversity on EAB and more women. Additionally, GVCA has sued the COGCC twice once when they felt drilling was getting too close to the atomic bomb blast and just recently over Pad A as they felt it affected health and safety for those that live close by the pad.

**Brackett Pollard – Holy Cross Cattleman's Association:** Ground is thawing and more icy conditions are remaining. As things thaw, cattle will start moving. Reminded the Board to have their companies be aware. Thanked volunteer for application.

**Citizens:**

**Tom Vondette, Taughenbaugh Mesa:** Aside from flooding as discussed, pretty calm. There are a few trucks that still speed by.

**Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek:** Most activities were already discussed by Leslie and Amy. Citizens who did not talk to legislature wrote letters and contacted legislators.

**Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek:** Nothing to report. Also spoke to new board applicant and how he is community invested.

**Tom Vondette – Taughenbaugh Mesa:** Maybe December or January, Knowles truck spilled 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:** Kirby reported on his behalf. Jason was out until early morning working with the county on flooding issues. East end of Una Bridge is closed for the next week due to flooding. Use caution.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

Next meeting April 4, 2019.

**ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

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