

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 4, 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
Art Riddle	Town of New Castle
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 Cattlemen's Association (Chair)
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
John Kuersten	Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jason Eckman	Caerus Oil & Gas
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners (Secretary)

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Leslie Robinson made a motion to accept the March and April minutes as is. Seconded by Tom Vondette. Unanimous approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Leslie Robinson brought up the idea of creating a group to revisit the citizen group territories and fill some of the vacancies on the board. With June field tour and July break, this would be the time to visit this topic. Kirby explained that there is a nominating committee for new member applications. Possibly the nominations committee could take over realigning citizen group areas, with additional volunteers. Shawn Brennan made a motion to charge the nominations committee with reviewing the existing distribution of the representatives and make a recommendation to the Board. Leslie Robinson seconded. Amy suggested email all members so that people who are not present have the chance to participate. Unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirby Wynn followed up with discussion about the June field tour in lieu of regular EAB meeting. Site selection is still in process. Kirby will set up shuttle to get everyone from the Rifle Administration Building to the site with still getting everyone fed. Time of the meeting would still be the same; meet at the Admin building at 5:30 and leave for the tour at 6:00. Go to a site for an hour or so and learn about oil & gas and operations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Steven Soychak from Colorado Mesa University presented *Colorado Mesa University Energy Management and Professional Landman Program*. The educational presentation and video may be viewed at <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Community Counts: Kirby Wynn, on behalf of Nita Smith, Executive Director, provided Community Counts activity update. Community Counts did not have any direct calls regarding complaints or concerns in the last month. Current Rig Count includes four active drilling rigs, drilling new natural gas wells in Garfield County. Rigs are being operated by: Terra (1), Caerus (2) and Laramie (1). Total statewide is 30 rigs. Community Counts next board meeting is May 15 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 Brennan, Terra Energy Partners: 680 million cubic food a day production. One rig. Frac crew. Completions and flow back happening behind that one rig. Single rig for foreseeable future.

Jason Eckman, Caerus: Running two rigs in the northern part of Parachute Creek Basin on Caerus land. Will continue running those two rigs throughout the year. Planning reclamation on some pads, as well as P&As.

Government Agencies:

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Recap of symposium hosted by Garfield County and CMU Unconventional Energy Department. Approximately 260 attendees with most of them being local government from all over the state. Twenty five speakers over two days; field tour; networking with state, local and federal government. Survey indicates 90% of very or extremely satisfied participants. Videos will be available on Colorado Mesa University website and our YouTube channel.

No complaints this last month from Battlement Mesa. One complaint related to truck trafficking speeds in one part of Garfield County. Also a complaint a dark cloud that was also reported to Police and Fire.

Garfield County will be participating in rulemaking for SB 19-181. The first meeting is coming up May 15 for anyone who considers themselves to be a stakeholder for the first rulemaking, dealing with the "500 series." They are looking at changes to provide that the commission could appointment administrative law judges to conduct hearings. Also looking to amend the evidentiary requirements for pooling and drilling and spacing unit applications. That is just the first of probably many rulemakings of Oil and Gas Commission and Air Quality Control Division.

Art Riddile, Town of New Castle: Thank Steve for presentation. No other report.

Marc Morton, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: A lot going on related to the passing of SB 19-181. Brief on some of the changes. SB181 changes mission to, "Oil and Gas development in a manner that is protective of public safety, health and environment," from a "fostering"

roll. Provides more opportunities for local government to be involved in the process at their discretion. They can do more arduous regulating of surface. The local government will have a permitting process that has to be completed before the permit goes in front of COGCC. They took public comment on signing criteria for sites. New email for questions of implementation of SB 19-181: dnr.ogcc@state.co.us. Series of upcoming rulemakings will be upcoming with details about the law. No schedule yet. Commission make up is changing. The next year it will continue to be volunteer and they are accepting new volunteer applications. After next year it will be a paid, full time staff. Change over entire commission with new volunteers via new application.

Tom Vondette, Taughenbaugh Mesa: Pretty quiet.

Scott Bryndlison, Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa: Quiet on Mamm Creek.

John Kuersten, Peach Valley/Silt Mesa/Silt: No update

Howard Orona, Parachute/Parachute Creek: County Road 215 is still a mess. No other update.

Bob Arrington, Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Leslie & Amy already covered. Bob differed to Dave Devaney who had hearsay of an odor complaint. No formal issuance of the complaint though.

Organizations:

Brackett Pollard, Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association: Nothing new to report.

Leslie Robinson, Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance: Attended symposium, one of few citizen group. Talked to many participants about EAB and communities with high impact, just as Erie and Weld, were interested to hear about EAB and the program. Conservations groups came together, they presented one package to the COGCC with criteria that felt would be good for changing rules and regulations

Amy Provstgaard, Battlement Mesa Service Association: Quiet around Battlement with Ursa not doing a lot. They are keeping an eye on the lawsuit that involves Pad A that Ursa is looking to do. Amy also found Symposium very information.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Next meeting June 6, 2019, field tour for members by RSVP to Kirby only.

Next Regular Meeting August 1, 2019.

ACTION ITEMS

N/A

Chair adjourned the May 2, 2019, EAB meeting at 7:25 p.m.