

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday November 2, 2017

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Scott Stewart called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Secretary Jake Janicek conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Tom Rugaard	Town of Parachute
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Amy Provstgaard	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Luis Ylannes	Town of Carbondale
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College (Vice Chair)
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattleman's Association
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/ Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Parachute/ Parachute Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Hank Kracht	Rulison/ Holmes/ Morrisania Mesa
Brian Gardner	Summit Midstream
Don Simpson	Ursa Resources
Pat McCown	Williams Midstream
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas (Secretary)

**Invited Guests: Sarah Hankins, White River National Forest
Steve Ficklin, BLM**

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Leslie Robinson and seconded by Amy Provstgaard to accept the meeting minutes for the September meeting. A motion was made by Tom Rugaard and seconded by Hank Kracht to accept the October meeting minutes. Both September and October meeting minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Leslie Robinson spoke about reactivating the Education Planning Committee they used to have a few years ago. The committee was made up of about 3 people and used to brainstorm what type of education programming they should have during EAB meetings. She advised that she thought it would be beneficial to reactivate the program since Kirby no longer has an administrative assistant to assist with meeting planning. She stated that she believed the individual oil and gas companies may have several good options for guest speakers during the meetings and is hoping to have a fellow industry member on the committee. Brian Gardner, Scott Stewart, and Kirby Wynn advised that they would be willing to be on the committee. Action Item: Scott Stewart asked Kirby to take the lead on communications for the Education Planning Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirby Wynn gave update on Officer Nominations Committee and advised that Leslie Robinson, Jeff Simonson, Jake Janicek, and Kirby make-up the committee. He stated that they have met and discussed viable candidates for the upcoming year and reviewed the current by-laws. Leslie Robinson stated that after reviewing some of the by-laws they found that the EAB is the only county board that has term limits for its officers. She stated she would like to propose that they remove term limits so they can have more established leaders be able to lead for longer periods of time. Kirby provided current bylaws onscreen, showing the section in the by-laws suggested for removal. Scott Stewart moved to have section in by-laws removed that states re-elections may occur for a maximum of 2 years. Motion was seconded by Jeff Simonson. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. *Action Items: Kirby prepare updated bylaws for signature by Chair at December meeting. Nominations Committee present a slate of recommended 2018 officers at December meeting for discussion and a vote at February meeting.*

Jake Janicek asked Kirby to clarify Tom Vondette's question at the last meeting regarding an article he had read in the newspaper. Kirby advised that he followed up with Tom's question and the article was a public notice for Caerus for a Spacing & Pooling Order done through the COGCC.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

N/A

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Brian Gardner provided Community Counts activity update, current rig count, and the few concern calls received in the last month on behalf of Nita Smith, Executor Director of Community Counts. 24/7 Call line is 866-422-9034

Steve Ficklin, BLM, provided a PowerPoint presentation update. Provided a reminder that they will have a lease sale on December 7, 2017. Stated that they have begun to plug 6 orphan wells in Western Garfield County. Gave current activity update of oil and gas work being done by several different operators. Scott Stewart asked if there was a way to start the orphan well process at the beginning of the year, so as not to effect property owners and livestock. Steve Ficklin advised that their fiscal year begins in October and that is when the money is given to complete projects.

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

Sarah Hankins, White River National Forest gave a brief 2017 activity summary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marion Wells – Noted that her 3 minutes for public comment is not a lot and is important to her to be able speak about all the negative impacts the Oil & Gas industry has on her and her property. She believes it necessary to advise of negative experiences because she feels the industry presence is overwhelming at EAB meetings. She listed numerous issues that she has had on her property from the Oil & Gas industry being present, as well as health issues. She stated that she would like to inform people of the other side of the coin regarding Teresa Wagenman's finance presentation last month and the negative fiscal impacts the industry can have. She read off a list of reported spills from different companies operating in Garfield County and Rangely area and asked why the public is not told about these types of negative impacts.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Brian Gardner – Summit Midstream: Getting ready to take on new gas operations in Battlement. Just finished a pipeline in De Beque in Mesa County.

Don Simpson- URSA: Ursa participated in the Garfield County High School career fair on Sept 26th. Also, stated that same evening they had their Battlement Mesa Community Update meeting with about 53 attendees. Advised they will be sponsoring the Veteran's Day Dinner on November 11th in Parachute. Gave a quick production activity update. Advised of the Battlement Mesa PUD Phase II BOCC hearing dates and locations and that Ursa & COGCC agreed to re-notice property owner's for the BMC A Pad and increase notices to mobile homes within 1000 ft. Also, advised when notices for the BOCC hearing went out. Informed they are still on track time wise to complete Phase I operations within 3 years in the Battlement Mesa PUD.

Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas: Advised they have the same two rigs running on Logan Mesa that they did last month. Stated that last Tuesday they purchased and closed on the Marathon assets on Puckett property located northwest of Parachute.

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Kirby provided a brief summary of the Air Quality Control Rule Making hearing that took place in September and explained the hearing addressed oil & gas emissions and ozone on the Front Range. He also stated what the process will be moving forward in regards to the hearing outcome that includes a 2-year study of additional emission reduction opportunities. Reviewed other O&G activities in the area. Presentation slides and video may be viewed at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

Bob Arrington – Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek: Could not make meeting due to prior obligations but sent in an email report: Kirby summarized that report. Stated that Bob would like to comment about the BMC A Pad re-notice to mobile homes and make sure that was brought up. Also, asked if the State and County property noticing is the same as one another. Kirby advised they are not. Kirby stated that County process to review the BMC A Pad will continue on schedule as URSA rectifies mobile home owner notifications required by COGCC before the state will accept a resubmitted A Pad application.

Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek: Nothing to report.

Luis Yllannes – Town of Carbondale:

Amy Provstgaard - Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee: Nothing to report.

Leslie Robinson- Grand Valley Citizens Alliance: Advised that while she was not directly involved with the Air Quality Rule Making hearing, the GVCA, along with other environmental groups believe that air does not know boundaries and that Air Quality regulations should cover the whole state and not just the Front Range. Stated that they have applied for party status for the upcoming flowline regulation hearings. Advised they will be hosting community meeting along with the Battlement Mesa Concerned Citizens at the Battlement Mesa Fire Station on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00pm. They will be voicing their concerns regarding the proposed injection well and the location of BMC Pad A.

Scott Brynildson- Mamm Creek/ Hunter Mesa: Advised that he has nothing new to report. Stated that he believes in order to make meetings friendlier to the general public, the 3 minute allowance per person for public comment, should be looked at. He suggested that they strike the 3 minute allowance for public comment.

Scott Stewart - Roan Creek: Nothing to report.

Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: Provided industry activity update and advised of number of pending and approved drilling permits in Garfield County for 2017. Stated he also wanted speak about the reason Ursa's Battlement Mesa BMC A Pad application was temporarily rejected. Indicated Ursa needed to provide advance notice home owners within 500 ft. of the proposed A pad prior to submitting an application to the state. Stated he would like to encourage operators with any questions about the rules to come and speak with COGCC staff to clear up any concerns or questions they might have during application submittal process. Advised of Flowline Rule Making hearing in Denver and stated that anyone who would like to be granted party status for hearing, needs to review the pre-hearing orders and revised deadlines. Indicated monthly industry operator trainings that can be attended each month via teleconference. Stated the next COGCC hearing will be December 11th & 12th in Denver and they will be hosting the Northwest Forum meeting December 7th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the CMC Rifle Campus.

Robin Haney- Colorado Mountain College: Nothing to report.

Howard Orona - Parachute/ Parachute Creek: Nothing to report.

Pat McCown – Williams Midstream: Stated that early last week they had a leak within containment on one of their compressor sites. 10 to 11 barrels were leaked into containment which functioned as it was designed to. They believe it to be a manufacturing defect in the seam weld of the tank. The spill has been cleaned up, the soil has been removed, and they are in the process of bio-remediation. All tanks on the site are being replaced with new tanks that are lined both internally and externally. Advised that he agreed with Leslie's comment and stated they recognize the fact the air knows no boundaries but they believe there is no current scientific, credible data that there is a justification for extended regulations on dump controls in the attainment area of the Western Slope. Stated that Williams has volunteered to be a part of CSU Air Quality study that will take place at 4 of their facilities for 3 days. Will host a tour of the land department for CMU.

Tom Rugaard - Town of Parachute: Nothing to report.

Brackett Pollard – Holy Cross Cattleman's Association: Would like to say thanks in advance to many individuals in the room who will be donating to upcoming scholarship funds through their association.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Kirby Wynn noted that the EAB needs to do their quarterly update in December and that this should have been in New Business.

Action Items: Kirby prepare updated bylaws for signature by Chair at December meeting. Nominations Committee present a slate of recommended 2018 officers at December meeting for discussion and a vote at February meeting. Kirby Wynn to lead communications for education planning committee that includes Brian Gardner, Leslie Robinson and Scott Stewart. Jake to provide quarterly EAB update to BOCC in December.

Scott Stewart adjourned the November 2, 2017, EAB meeting at 7:22 p.m.