

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday October 6, 2016

Location: Rifle Library, Rifle, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Chair Scott Stewart called the meeting to order at: 6:00 P.M. Vice Chair Robin Haney conducted roll call and read the EAB mission statement.

EAB members in attendance:

Kirby Wynn	Garfield County
Graham Riddile	Town of New Castle
Tom Rugaard	Town of Parachute
Marc Morton	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Don Mumma	Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Robin Haney	Colorado Mountain College (Vice Chair)
Howard Orona	Parachute/Parachute Creek
Scott Stewart	Roan Creek (Chair)
Hank Kracht	Rulison/Holmes/Morrisania Mesa
Tom VonDette	Taugenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek
Jason Eckman	Encana Oil & Gas
John Doose	Ursa Resources
Scott Ghan	Vanguard Natural Resources
Susan Alvillar	Terra Energy Partners

Invited Guests:

Chuck Anderson	Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Sarah Hankens	White River National Forest
Nita Smith	Community Counts

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The board reviewed the September meeting minutes. After a minor edit requested by Susan Alvillar and one from Robin Haney, Susan Alvillar made a motion to approve the August EAB Meeting Minutes, this motion was seconded by Robin Haney, and the board unanimously approved the amended September EAB Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom VonDette requested information on how notification regarding a proposed road change by the Forest Service could have been received in a timely manner through the EAB in advance of notifications being printed in the news at a later date. Kirby Wynn advised Mr. VonDette the Liaison's office sent out the notification as received without delay. Also noted was the suggestion that any member of the board receiving information/ notifications deemed important to forward that information as soon as possible to the Liaison's office so that it can be shared with the EAB in a timely manner. Communication within the board is key in addressing this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirby Wynn noted that the EAB had planned to have the next educational presentation on the state perspective of the economic impacts from oil and gas industry. Due to some scheduling conflicts he was unable to arrange that for October, but is hoping to schedule it for November. We also have pipeline related educational series coming up soon.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Chuck Anderson, Mammals Research Section Leader, Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Piceance Basin Mule Deer Ecology and Energy Development.

PowerPoint and video of the presentation are available from EAB web page: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

Chuck Anderson's presentation was followed by extensive Q & A.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marion Wells of Rulison asked Oil and Gas Industry members what volume of Piceance Basin gas is expected to go to Jordan Cove and will that mean more drilling in Garfield County. The other issue Ms. Wells raised is that the EAB has a citizen representative that does not live in the area they are representing and this is contrary to the rules you have set and contrary to history where this has not been permitted. Ms. Wells suggest the board needs to address this in order to be in compliance with their own rules.

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Community Counts Update – Nita Smith; Community Counts Colorado is a broad-based non-profit organization established to facilitate open and direct dialogue between communities and the energy and extraction industries that encourages timely response and resolution to matters of mutual concern.

September Concerns/Information/Information –

1. One Odor
2. Jake Brake reminder- Mesa County
3. 1 Rig Moves
4. Numerous Road/Informational Updates in all three counties

Current Rig Count – 3 Garfield County

1. Terra Energy Partners – 1 Garfield County – RU 22-7
2. Caerus Oil & Gas – 1 Garfield County – C23-697
3. Ursa Operating Company – 1 Garfield County – Monument B Pad
4. Statewide - 20

24-hour Response Line: 866-442-9034

Community Counts Board Meetings are held every other month on the 3rd Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Town of Parachute. Our next Board meeting will be November 9th, 2016.

Contact information is: Nita Smith, Executive Director, nita@communitycountscolorado.com (970.263.5315) (970.712.7317 or 303-916-4009) or Susan Alvillar, Board President susan.alvillar@terraep.com.

White River National Forest District Ranger: – Sarah Hankens; Four items to share. The first is an item we regularly publish on our website: it is the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA), we take a quarterly snapshot of all projects that are ongoing on the White River National Forest, we mail or email this to you, this 20 page document covers all projects that are being developed under analysis, recently completed or on hold and is also available on our website . One item within the SOPA discussed was the three oil and gas related projects currently reflected on in the Rifle Ranger District, Lava Boulder has been on hold and is related to another lease currently under analysis with the BLM, the second item is in the Beaver Creek area and is a categorical exclusion looking at the special use permit request for CPX's temporary pipeline, the third is the Teepee Park Ranch road re-alignment project. Information is available on the Forest Service website and there will be another opportunity to comment. The last item to share is that on Oct 4th vandalism occurred on a pad in Pitkin County. Ms. Hankens also stated that the Forest Service would work to improve their notifications to the public in the future. The link below where individuals can view the Schedule of Proposed Actions for the White River National Forest.

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/whiteriver/landmanagement/projects>

On the right side of the page is a link where individuals can create an account to subscribe to receive project email updates:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFS/subscriber/new?category_id=110215_NEPA

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Municipalities:

Town of Parachute – Tom Rugaard; Nothing to report.

Town of New Castle – Graham Riddile; Nothing to report.

COGCC:

COGCC – Marc Morton; The COGCC will have a roll out of a new feature on the website that will be called the “daily activity dashboard” which will allow the viewers to look a large amounts of data in the form of graphs and pie charts on a county by county or statewide basis such as permits that are open for public comment, production data, notice of violation data. For for more information you can visit our website at: <https://cogcc.state.co.us/dashboard.html#/dashboard>

Second item; Adams County has entered into an IGA with COGCC to have their own field inspector, they also have their own LGD and Liaison that serves similar role to Kirby Wynn’s Garfield County role. This is the second county in the state to pursue this option, they will receive training through COGCC.

School Districts:

Colorado Mountain College – Robin Haney; Nothing to report

Organizations:

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee – Don Mumma; Nothing to Report

Grand Valley Citizens Alliance – Leslie Robinson; First, on behalf of Bob Arrington; The Battlement Mesa group is glad that the Lacy Park Pad project is off the table for now but discouraged that the injection well plans are still in the works in the Battlement Mesa area. Grand Valley Citizens Alliance will be sending out letters to the editor in support of the BLM’s draft rule on methane capture to improve air quality.

Citizen Representatives:

Taughenbaugh Mesa – Tom VonDette; Interested in knowing how truck routes are set up, since it looks like they are not using routes that are already busy with traffic and instead using roads with not much traffic, the other thing is trucks are still running through our area too fast, have noticed it late night, early morning, we have cattle coming down from National Forest right now and these black cows will be hard for truck drivers to see, especially when they are driving too fast. The EAB Chair requested that information on cattle being moved be shared by ranchers with Community Counts so this notice can be sent out to industry and shared with contractors like trucking companies.

Rulison – Hank Kracht; Nothing to Report

Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek – Jason Metcalf; Nothing to Report

Parachute/Parachute Creek – Howard Orona; Nothing to Report

Roan Creek – Scott Stewart;

Operators:

Enterprise Products – Shawn Brennan via email to Kirby Wynn; Standard operations, nothing new to report.

Encana Oil and Gas – Jason Eckman; Encana sold 49% of working interest in approximately 54,000 undeveloped acres in Mamm Creek South Parachute Field, as a restructuring, this sale was made to Steel manufacturer Nucor Corp. of Charlotte, NC.

Vanguard Natural Resources – Scott Ghan; Normal production with one workover rig moving on a weekly basis, we are coordinating with the landowners on that workover rig with very low impact.

Ursa Operating Co. – John Doose; We had a Battlement Mesa update meeting last night October 5th. We had good attendance and gave a presentation on our upcoming developments. We are currently drilling on the Monument Ridge B pad and after the Monument Ridge B Pad, probably mid-November, we'll move over to the B&V Pad, this pad is near the hotel in downtown Parachute. we'll do one occupation with 24 wells. Phase 1 of the Battlement Mesa Project is the B pad and the D pad and we are preparing to go back in front of Garfield County to get all the conditions of approval together and hopefully have one set and hopefully get a permit and start phase 1 operations in 2017. We just completed big piece of pipeline.

Terra Energy Partners – Susan Alvillar; We have one rig operating in the Beaver Creek area, it will remain there on private property for some time. We have a work over rig that is north of the interstate not in the town limits. We have production of almost 700,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day that equates to 2.5 million homes to provide energy. We provided sponsorship to all three fairs, livestock auction, Oktoberfest in Parachute, Veterans Day dinner coming up, Grand Valley High School, Rifle High School and Coal Creek High School.

County:

Garfield County – Kirby Wynn; Wynn introduced himself as the Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison. PowerPoint and video of his update is available on the EAB website at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>

There is an email sign up list available if any new attendees would like to be added to the mailing list for EAB and other notifications, or you can contact npayne@garfield-county.com or call 970-625-5915. (Provided as a PowerPoint presentation available online at: <http://www.garfield-county.com/oil-gas/energy-advisory-board.aspx>)

Resident calls to the office for September 2016 are; 4 Traffic/Haul route, 1 Odor, 33 Information requests.

There are 3 rigs currently drilling in Garfield County. 340 drilling permits have been approved so far in Garfield County this year. Annual well starts in Garfield County 84.

Kirby encourages citizens who are having issues or questions regarding oil and gas to contact him to get the matter resolved quickly. If folks have questions about oil and gas topics or would like to report an issue please contact Kirby Wynn, Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison, office 970-625-5905 or cell 970-987-2557 or email at kwynn@garfield-county.com.

General Information:

Tom Rugaard asked that anyone who may be able to contribute funds for a young couple who has a little girl in need with medical issues, you can donate at www.gofundme.com/olyvia

Robin Haney: CMC is celebrating their 10th year of their Common Reader Program. This year we are reading ‘The Distance Between Us’ and we encourage community members to read the book and come meet the author for a book signing October 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. CMC has copies of the book, along with all the local libraries.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Scott Stewart adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is here in the Garfield County Rifle Administration Building on November 3, 2016.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING

Approval of September meeting minutes

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Can someone from the oil and gas industry address Ms. Wells question about what percentage of Piceance Basin gas is expected to go to Jordan Cove and will that increase drilling in Garfield County?

Tom VonDette asked to have his name added to the BOCC Agenda email list (This was done after this meeting.)