

GARFIELD COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 6th, 2018

Location: Garfield County Rifle Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION

Vice Chair Brackett Pollard 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 Mesas Oil & Gas Committee
Leslie Robinson	Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Brackett Pollard	Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association (Vice Chair)
Dustin Miller	Colorado Mountain College
Bob Arrington	Battlement Mesa/ Battlement Creek
Jeff Simonson	Divide Creek
Scott Brynildson	Mamm Creek/Hunter Mesa
Howard Orona	Parachute/ Parachute Creek
Tom Vondette	Taughenbaugh Mesa
Jason Metcalf	Una Bridge/Wallace Creek/Spring Creek
Jake Janicek	Caerus Oil & Gas
John Doose	Ursa Resources
Shawn Brennan	Terra Energy Partners (Secretary)

Invited Guests: N/A

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Brackett advised that the approval of August 2nd, 2018 meeting minutes would be delayed until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Leslie Robinson asked if Xcel Energy could be added to the Energy Advisory Board. She stated that after Stewart Clark's update at the August meeting regarding Xcel's involvement with oil & gas matters, she began thinking it may be a good idea to have them on the Board to speak about the retail side of the oil & gas industry. Kirby advised of the process to add a non-voting member to the Energy Advisory Board and stated that he will add it to the November agenda for EAB Chair Scott Steward to properly address. Tom Vondette advised that they may want to consider Source Gas as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Brackett advised that the requests made by Bob Arrington at last month's meeting regarding the URSA groundwater sampling test results will be spoken about during this meeting's member updates.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION(S)

N/A

COMMUNITY COUNTS AND STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES

Kirby Wynn provided Community Counts activity update, current rig count, informational emails update, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Blair, Grand Valley Fire Chief advised that on behalf of the fire district and Sarah Hankins with the Rifle Ranger District and the UCR, he wanted to thank the Oil & Gas industry for all of their help and the continued support with managing the Cache Creek fire.

JoAnne Rock, Eagle County resident, asked if she could receive more elaborate details on who will be speaking at the Initiative 97 October Ballot Forum. Kirby advised that he is still working on getting both proponents and opponents of the initiative for the Ballot Forum. He stated that the Forum will not be structured as a debate and both sides will get a chance to speak on the subject and answer any relevant questions on the topic.

EAB MEMBER UPDATES

Jake Janicek – Caerus Oil & Gas: Gave brief over-view and slide presentation of Caerus' current operating activity, infrastructure, and drilling and completion locations.

Brief Q&A followed the presentation.

Shawn Brennan – Terra Energy Partners: Stated that they have two active rigs in Garfield County. Advised they will be re-initiating fracking in in the near future as the drilling rigs catch up.

John Doose/ Dwayne Knudson– URSA: John Doose stated they have one active rig in Rio Blanco County and they are currently drilling and completing. Also, stated that they are trying to wrap up Phase I operations in Battlement Mesa. Advised they are down to flow-back operations on the Battlement Mesa BMC D well pad and they will be starting injections on the Thompkins well pad. Advised they have several interim reclamation projects going on in Battlement Mesa. Dwayne Knudson gave brief overview of groundwater monitoring results on well pads in the Battlement Mesa area. Advised of the three monitoring wells on the Battlement Mesa BMC B Well pad and stated that they have conditions of approval from both Garfield County and COCGG that they install three (3) site specific monitoring wells in March of 2017. Per the conditions of approval, they must conduct sampling every month during drilling and completion activities. Once the drilling has been completed, they reduced the sampling to quarterly and then down to annual. Summarized May, June, July, and August sampling data. Advised they did get a slight detection of methane in the June 2017 sampling, and advised that after the lab pulled another smaller sample from the original, it was determined to be below the required reporting threshold. He advised they still treated it as reportable and immediately reported the numbers to the COGCC. Stated that further monthly testing revealed that numbers continued to trend downwards and advised that they received responses from the COGCC that their investigation was completed and they found no concerns of health or physical hazards.

Extensive Q&A followed.

Kirby Wynn- Garfield County: Kirby advised that Garfield County is actively involved in a party that provided written testimony in a pooling and hearings process rulemaking and advised the hearing was supposed to take place at the regular COGCC hearing which will take place in Rifle on September 17th. Advised the pooling and hearings process has since been postponed due to a full docket and moved to

its own hearing date on October 3rd. The regular COGCC hearing will still occur on September 17th at the Garfield County Sheriff's Annex in Rifle. Also, advised that he has continually been involved with a Statewide Hydrocarbons Reduction Task Force representing Garfield County and 5 other counties with the state in a follow up to the 2017 AQCC Air Quality Rule-Making. Stated that coming up, he will be working on a financial assurance workgroup with the Oil & Gas Commission in the fall.

Reviewed other O&G activities in the area.

Scott Brynildson – Mamm Creek/ Hunter Mesa: Nothing new to report.

Bob Arrington - Battlement Mesa/Battlement Creek: Advised everything is relatively quiet in his area besides the recent earthquake. Stated that there was another earthquake in the Raton, New Mexico area and he believes there to be correlation between the two earthquakes. Also, stated that they had quite a few people from the surrounding areas carrying the petition for initiative 97 and advised that he would like clarification of the article that was in the newspaper regarding the Garfield County Commissioner's stance on initiative 97/proposition 112. He stated that he believed the newspaper article to state inaccurate facts about the percentage of public and federal lands in Garfield County. Kirby stated that this was a topic for the next meeting and gave clarification on the commissioner's stance in regards to Proposition 112.

Howard Orona – Parachute/ Parachute Creek: Nothing new to report. Stated that on a side-note Solvay Chemicals gave a tour of their sodium bicarbonate facility to the Board of County Commissioners last week and conducted a roundtable discussion regarding the facility.

Tom Vondette – Taughenbaugh Mesa: Advised that he took a tour of the Beaver Creek area on horseback and he could not believe the amount of trash and litter he saw that he believes to be left behind by oil and gas companies doing work in the area. He stated that while he supports the oil & gas industry, he does not support littering. Also, stated that several head of cattle had gotten out because a fence had been removed by industry and it was not properly replaced.

Jason Metcalf – Una Bridge/ Wallace Creek/ Spring Creek: Kirby gave update for Jason and advised that he had nothing new report.

Jeff Simonson – Divide Creek: Nothing new to report.

Leslie Robinson – Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance: Advised the Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance has also been involved in the pooling and hearings rule-making through the League of Oil & Gas Impacted Coloradans and they will be present for the hearing that will be held on October 3rd. Stated they will also have members present for the public hearing portion of the regular COGCC hearing on Sept 17th and they are currently awaiting news on Battlement Mesa BMC A Well Pad.

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

Brackett Pollard – Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association: Advised of normal cattle migration this time of year and stated that while he has never had any problems with industry traffic in the area, he would like to just remind them to keep the speed down.

Dustin Miller – Colorado Mountain College: Video cut out during this time.

Marc Morton- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission: The video cut out for most of this update.

Art Riddile – Town of New Castle: Nothing new to report.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

Vice Chair Brackett Pollard adjourned the September 6th, 2018, EAB meeting at 7:35 p.m.