

Minutes of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
City of Aurora, Colorado
May 17, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Brad Pierce, Committee Member, Chair, Citizen
Josh Reddell, Committee Member, Vice-Chairman, Citizen
Max Blair, Committee Member, Industry - **ABSENT**
David Carro, Committee Member, Surface Owner
Marc Cooper, Committee Member, Surface Owner - **ABSENT**
Philip Holmes, Committee Member, Industry
Larry Quirk, Committee Member, Citizen
Greg Bloodworth, Member, Citizen
Industry - **OPEN**
James Spehalski, Committee Member, Surface Owner
Tom Tobiassen, Committee Member, Citizen

Jeffrey S. Moore, City of Aurora, Energy & Environment Division Manager
Maria Alvarez, City of Aurora, Senior Oil & Gas Planner, Energy & Environment Division - **ABSENT**
Susan Sherman, City of Aurora, Senior Inspector, Energy & Environment Division
Dave Scott, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney
Ian Best, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney

1. Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
 - There was a quorum of 8.
 - Chairman Pierce asked that City of Aurora Staff and members of the public to introduce themselves. All attendees are listed above.
2. Approval of March 2023 minutes: Mr. Carro moved to approve minutes, second by Mr. Tobiassen Approved unanimously amongst Committee members.
3. Public Comment Period
 - No comments
4. Staff Updates
 - Jeffrey Moore, Manager Energy & Environment Division, City of Aurora
 - Permitting - Current
 - Chico Watkins South – Rev1 complete, pending Operator response to comments.
 - Watkins 30-5 North – Rev1 complete, pending Operator response to comments.
 - Lussing Trust – Rev1 complete, pending Operator response to comments.
 - Permitting - Future
 - King South Phase 2 – ATEC area, north of I-70, east of E-470 change in Crestone Peak Resources OA. Cancelled previous application (King North), went to City Council. Working on final grading.
 - General Updates –
 - David Scott, New City Attorney taking over for Ian Best.
 - Environmental Compliance Attorney, 20+ years, recently for State of Iowa.
 - Susan Sherman, New Senior Inspector taking over for Forrest Thorniley.
 - COGCC State Inspector 10+ years in Aurora
 - Environmental sampling in Colorado and familiar with Aurora O&G wells.
 - Also has experience with Superfund Sites Region 8, EPA, worked as an Environmental Consultant with CH2M Hill, Adjunct Professor at Trinidad State Junior College
 - Dual Bachelor's Degrees in Biology and Agronomy and a Master's in Biology.
 - Rocky Flats sampling
 - Starts May 30th.

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- Energy and Environment Symposium – Rifle, CO in April. Mr. Moore was a presenter, and he will provide (attached) presentation. Symposium attendees: Mr. Moore, Ms. Alvarez, Mr. Scott, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Blair and Mr. Best. Next year's Symposium will take place on April 16-18, 2024.
Feedback –
 - Mr. Holmes – impressed with the quality of the presentation and speakers. Gave kudos on the environmental initiatives that the State of Colorado is working on.
 - Mr. Scott – fantastic quality of presentation, recommended O&GAC attendance for next year.
 - Mr. Best – local government presentation that is really relevant.
 - Mr. Moore – best conference he has attended with speakers, facilities and food.
- Dr. Scott Tinker, Energy Transition & Dual Challenge of Global Energy Access with Environmental Protection - presentation available online at: <https://switchon.org/presentations#>.
- Mr. Jeffrey Moore – Plugged Wells: The Journey Continues – presentation (attached).
 - Mr. Carro and Mr. Moore discussing a surface location Mr. Carro is familiar with on a plugged location near an existing residential and a proposed residential community, up north, not in Aurora.

- Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager Energy & Environment, City of Aurora

General Updates

- No changes to membership for 2023. O&GAC
- Name change from Oil and Gas Division to Energy and Environment Division coming. Drafting verbiage for community and City Council. These changes should be official in July 2023.
- Changes will be made to the Oil and Gas Manual in the future with name changes and titles.

5. Open Items

- Mr. Quirk asking about any information that might be available on Prosper Farms (outside City of Aurora), he is a part of the HOA in that area and asked about the 2A permit applications (COGCC).
 - Mr. Moore met with Civitas for Sky Ranch well drilling under Adonia Neighborhood (outside City of Aurora).
 - Blue drilling – mid-July
 - Sky Ranch drilling - August/September
 - Lone Tree North – 60% completion
 - Jamaso – fall 2023
 - Proper Farms – fall 2023
- Mr. Spehalski asking about drilling east of Aurora Reservoir?
 - Moratorium on O&G applications
 - 04/28/2023 Civitas resubmitted documents for CAP

6. Next meeting July 19, 2023.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 PM

2023 Meeting Dates (listed below).

- July 19, 2023
- September 20, 2023
- November 15, 2023

Minutes Approved



Brad Pierce, Chairman

July 19, 2023
Date