

Minutes of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
City of Aurora, Colorado
September 20, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

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

Jeffrey S. Moore, City of Aurora, Energy & Environment Division Manager
Maria Alvarez, City of Aurora, Senior Oil & Gas Planner, Energy & Environment Division
Susan Sherman, City of Aurora, Senior Oil & Gas Inspector, Energy & Environment Division
Jeannine Rustad, City of Aurora, Director, Planning and Development Services
Dave Scott, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney

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1. Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.
 - There was a quorum of 6.
 - Chairman Pierce asked that City of Aurora Staff and members of the public to introduce themselves. All attendees are listed above.
 2. Approval of July 19, 2023, minutes: Motion from Mr. Blair, 2nd by Mr. Quirk, no discussion. Unanimous.
 3. Public Comment Period
 - o No comments
 4. Staff Updates
 - Maria Alvarez, Senior Oil & Gas Planner, Energy & Environment Division, City of Aurora
 - Permitting – Administrative Decision
 - Chico Watkins South – Administrative Decision 7/12/2023.
 - Watkins 30-5 North – Administrative Decision 7/12/2023.
 - Lussing Trust – Administrative Decision 7/19/2023.
 - Permitting – Current
 - King South Phase 2 – currently under Review 1 – Response to Comments.
 - Permitting - Future
 - Crestone Resources - Bijou North – received notification that they will submit application 1-2 weeks (September – October 2023)
 - GMT Exploration – Invicta 3-65-28 – received notification that they will submit within the next week. Will be processed through the Oil and Gas Manual, there is no existing Operator Agreement, 2 Phase process, Schedule 2 total time 6 months (2-12 weeks; 2-3 review cycles).
 - Discussion –
 - Provided information about checklists on Energy & Environment website.
 - Provided conversation about Crestone/COA Staff fieldtrip.
 - Phase I: drilling
 - Phase II: completions
 - Phase III: production
 - Discussed concerns pointed out by staff and will be providing feedback on all applications moving forward. The Fire Life Safety (FLS) items discussed amongst staff isn't in the Operator Agreement but would be a good addition to the Oil & Gas Manual (OGM).
 - Susan Sherman, Senior Oil & Gas Inspector, Energy & Environment Division, City of Aurora
 - Crestone Site Tours for Staff
 - Photo presentation on the different sites that were inspected during the 3rd quarter.

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- 8/17/2023 - Tour of Blue - drilling, Jamaso - frac, Eastern Hills - production
- 9/14/2023 - Tour of Blue - drilling, Prosper Farms - frac, Fraser - production.

Inspections

- (6) spills
- Inspected (37) pipeline laterals and (34) well pads. Used FLIR camera detected methane, looked for leaks and also looked for staining on ground for spills. Due to the floods that happened earlier in the year, some fences were down and these have been added to the inspection reports.
- Attended (6) cementings.
- (1) frac on Jamaso, (1) Orphan Well on KPK site, had road damage due to flooding from storms (July/August), KPK worked with Inspector on access.
- Re-entering King Ranch 1 (PA)

Comments:

- Chairman Pierce – gave kudos to City Staff on thorough work.

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

General Updates

- Presentation: Proposed Easement Around Plugged Wells (Attached)

Comments:

- Mr. Blair – gave kudos to City Staff on good work and representation and different scenarios. Mentioned he attended a study session that Arapahoe County hosted, and they are looking at a varying range of setbacks depending on the age of the well as well as what stage that might be in.
- Mr. Moore did confirm that the only setback he is looking to having changed is for P&A wells. There is a 150' setback between equipment and residential, which is called a reverse setback.

- Lowry Ranch updates

- COA Energy & Environment Staff went on a site area tour with Crestone. Not visible, other than traffic, at some locations truck and vehicle traffic in and out of the sites may be a nuisance but recommended some type of fencing or buffer for traffic.
- Well site locations outside of public view, potentially impacted by headlights in one of the locations, but recommended some type of visual mitigation/screening for that site.
- Outside of the City of Aurora, in Unincorporated Arapahoe County and State of Colorado.
- Getting close to submitting application with Arapahoe County.
- Approximately 18 months before they can move forward in the permitting process.

5. Open Items

- Mr. Quirk asked about Sky Ranch 4-65 well pad, they have commenced drilling outside of City limits but has info on updates.
- Ms. Sherman stated that (Patterson 345) drill rig was relocated from Blue pad that is at Sky Ranch (Patterson 345) drill rig was relocated, surface drilling.
- Mr. Blair stated (7) spud notices have been issued.
- Discussion on risk associated with the area where the drill is taking place, as well as positive economic impacts happening in the County.
- Mr. Blair asked about the term ending June 30, 2023, and renewable terms. Chairman Pierce confirmed that Mr. Reddell, Mr. Blair are term limited (have served 3 terms). Everyone else can apply.
- Chairman Pierce will be sending a list of in field personnel from Schlumberger and Haliburton.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 PM

2023 Meeting Dates (listed below).

- November 15, 2023

Minutes Approved



Brad Pierce, Chairman

____11/15/2023____
Date