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VIRTUAL MEETING Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024

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 - 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 Susan Sherman, City of Aurora, Senior Oil & Gas Inspector, Energy & Environment Division Dave Scott, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney

- 1. Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
 - There was a quorum at the start of the meeting, 8 members.
 - Introductions from both committee members and City Staff.
- 2. Public Comment Period
 - No comments.
- 3. Officer Elections
 - Chairman Pierce to remain as Chair.
 - Josh Reddell to remain as Vice-Chair (until June 30, 2024).
 - Mr. Reddell is at the end of his 3rd term in June. However, after his term expires, someone will need to be elected as Vice Chair after June 30, 2024.
 - Motion to approve by Mr. Tobiassen, 2nd by Mr. Spehalski to elect officers. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Meeting minute approval for November 17, 2023
 - Motion to approve by Mr. Quirk, 2nd by Mr. Bloodworth. Unanimous approval.
- 5. Staff Updates

Maria Alvarez, Senior Oil & Gas Planner, Energy & Environment Division, City of Aurora <u>Permitting</u> - Status of Applications Since November 17th

- a. Pending Neighborhood Meeting for Bijou North. Advised applicant okay to hold joint meetings to meet the terms of the Operator Agreement.
- b. Application Administrative Decision



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- King South Phase 2 December 19, 2023
- c. City Awaiting Submissions for Review.
 - Crestone Peak Resources Bijou North (2nd submission)
 - GMT Exploration Invicta (3rd submission)
- d. Future Submissions
 - Crestone Peak Resources Midstream Spine G Amendment connecting
 Watkins Pads
 - Axis Exploration Deuce
- e. Planning Commission Meeting
 - GMT Exploration Planning Commission meeting scheduled March 13th, via WebEX.
- f. Discussion on Neighborhood Meeting notifications
 - King South Ph 2 meeting waived, due to existing location and no Residential Building Units (RBUs) within 5,280 feet from location.
 - Bijou South and GMT Invicta will require a meeting and will need to notify landowners/tenants. It has been acknowledged that there are also no RBUs within a mile.

Susan Sherman, Senior Oil & Gas Inspector, Energy & Environment Division, City of Aurora

<u>Kudos –</u> Received kudos at the Colorado Groundwater Association, in the Water Operator's meeting.

 A professor at CU Boulder presented on the influence of oil and gas on shallow domestic wells. Attendees asked what he recommends, said the State needs to make sure that monitoring walls are being drilled if there's not domestic wells to be sampled. John Handzo (AW) stated that COA already does that. Ms. Sherman jumped in and followed with comments, stating this info is also included in our Oil & Gas Manual (OGM).

Inspections Presentation – (attached)

- 2023 Inspection Year in Review
- 2024 Year to Date (will be continued in March 2024)

Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager Energy & Environment, City of Aurora <u>General Updates –</u>

- Mr. Moore discussed making minor updates to the Oil & Gas Manual in the future, the work he has done to help the City purchase a fire truck to respond to oil and gas incidents, the arrest of 2 individuals responsible for shooting at an oil tank on a well site, and a a discussion of Committee member's expiring terms.
- 6. <u>Committee Master Roster and Board Member Eligibility</u>
- 7. Open Items for Discussion
 - Mr. Quirk any information for Sky Ranch 4-65 project. Wells go east/west for sharing with residential community.





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- Ms. Sherman checked the ECMC website for info. Confirmed they brought the rig back after Blue drilling.
- Mr. Blair confirmed that these have been drilled since the bradenhead test has been completed. Drilled and uncompleted.
- Chairman Pierce stated that he and Mr. Quirk will be attending the Energy & Environment Symposium in April.
- 8. 2024 Meeting Dates
 - March 20, 2024
 - May 15, 2024
- Sept 18, 2024
- Nov 20, 2024
- July 17, 2024
- 9. Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Minutes Approved: erce, Chairman O&GAC Brad

March 20, 2024

Date