



Oil & Gas Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 1/15/2025

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Committee

Brad Pierce, Committee Member, Chair, Citizen
 Larry Quirk, Committee Member, Vice-Chair, Citizen
 Max Blair, Committee Member, Industry
 David Carro, Committee Member, Surface Owner
 Marc Cooper, Committee Member, Surface Owner
 Philip Holmes, Committee Member, Industry
 James Spehalski, Committee Member, Surface Owner
 Tom Tobiasen, Committee Member, Citizen
 Marsha Berzins, Committee Member, Citizen
 Industry - **OPEN**
 Citizen – **OPEN**

City Staff

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 - **ABSENT**
 Dave Scott, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney

1. Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
 There was a quorum of 9, 2 Advisory Committee Applicants: Ms. Polly Page and Ms. Katie Gillen.
 Chairman Pierce asked that City of Aurora Staff and members of the public to introduce themselves. All attendees are listed above.
2. Approval of November 20, 2024, minutes: Motion from Ms. Berzins, 2nd by Mr. Spehalski, no discussion. Unanimous.
3. Public Comment Period
 No comments
4. O&GAC Interviews - Questions listed below, each of the candidates answered the following for committee consideration.
 - 1) In your opinion, what is the purpose of an oil and gas advisory committee, why do you wish to serve, and what experience and skills or talents would you bring to the committee?
 - 2) When you hear the term “advisory” what does that mean to you, as far as your role on the committee?
 - 3) If you were to hold a different opinion from one of your co-committee members, how would you handle your difference of opinion, and would you be open to other points of view on oil and gas development?
 - 4) How is regulatory power balanced between the state and local government? As a committee member, how do you work within these confines? Will you be open minded to any changes regarding regulation of oil and gas?
 - 5) Due to the fact that oil and gas development affects many of Aurora’s population, how would you communicate or get information out to citizens concerning discussion topics heard at the oil and gas advisory committee meetings?
 - Ms. Polly Page – Citizen Applicant, Former Council Member and Arapahoe County Commissioner.
 Advisory committee is to study issues around O&G, advise council and educate others as you learn about current happenings. Previously worked alongside O&G industry, energy interest, had business with husband rebuilding engines. Educate yourself and others on what you have learned. Listening to others you learn, it is a process, communicating with others and learning others’ opinions. There have been several changes, positive changes have taken place to promote state regulation and abide from them. Work together to keep industry going to keep rates manageable for citizens. Using different city resources, websites and other sources to get info out and understand that role is to advise Council.
 - Motion to recommend City Council to approve appointment: motion by Mr. Blair, Mr. Holmes 2nd Unanimous.
 - Ms. Katie Gillen – Industry Applicant, Regulatory Manager Bison OG. 13 years of O&G and EHS Compliance.
 Works with a small operator, now having operations in Aurora. Advisory committee is important in having different stakeholders, citizens, business owners and surface owners understanding the different operations phases of a project having good communication. To advise, is to provide technical knowledge and to inform the best decision or path forward. To answer questions and be a resource. Exposing citizens to the industry. Engaging respectfully, open dialogue, and views as a learning experience encouraging transparent conversations. The State of Colorado local government has siting authority and engaging with citizens and the community. The balance between state and local government, state has downhole jurisdiction, whereas the local government has its own above surface jurisdiction. Different regulations. As an Operator, constant engagement with the community and it is an opportunity to be transparent and opens the door for educating and sharing information.
 - Motion to recommend City Council to approve appointment: motion by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Carro 2nd Unanimous.



5. Advisory Committee Business Matters

- a. Term Limits and Length of Terms
 - o Terms limits discussed amongst committee members.
- b. Citizen position to complete vacant seat, 6 months and then can get reappointed.
- c. Industry representatives 2 will vacate this year, not available for reappointment. 1 industry representative will be available for a 3-year appointment.
- d. Bylaws and Ordinance
- e. Chair and Vice-Chair Elections – 1-year seat holders
 - i. Brad Pierce – Chairman
 - ii. Larry Quirk - Vice Chair
 - o Motion to approve appointment: motion by Mr. Spehalski, Mr. Holmes 2nd Unanimous.

6. Staff Updates

Maria Alvarez, Senior Oil & Gas Planner, Energy & Environment Division, City of Aurora

- **Administrative Decisions / Notice to Proceed**

Aspen South – Administrative Decision issued December 4, 2024

Invicta – Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued November 13, 2024

- **Fieldwide Plans –**

Midstream – fieldwide plans have been reviewed and have been approved. These will be active for the next 2 years or unless there are changes to their Emergency Management Plan contacts.

Upstream/Wellsites – operator will be submitting once they have bundled their documents. The initial goal was to get this completed by 2024 but will be completed in 2025 Q1.

- **Permitting Updates –**

Creston Peak Resources/Crestone Peak Midstream-

Chico – Operator Agreement - currently in Rev2. Awaiting comments due January 16th scheduled AD January 29th.

Bijou-Invicta Lateral – awaiting RTC on Rev1, applicant has until January 21, but their timeline is at their discretion.

Bennett Station/Monaghan Gas Lift – library time has been requested for these applications.

- o Bennett Station - An existing oil site that is in Adams County, connecting Natural Gas (NG) lateral to site.

- o Monaghan Lift Line - This is an additional line that is going to be permitted to connect Monaghan Rd.

Magellan/Oneok –

Denver Expansion Scott City – DIA – still answering agent questions. Awaiting a request for a submittal meeting so the portal can be created, and application moves through the process.

Windler –

Trident Data Center Project – meeting request states possible line relocation within this project area. The applicant was advised about diagonal regional transmission lines belonging to CIG. Received email from ODA Project Manager. There are 2 diagonal lines that run through here, 30" and 16" diameter lines that carry natural gas the applicant needs to work with Colorado Interstate Gas/Kinder Morgan for the relocation.

- **Website Updates –**

All permitting documents are now available online on our website, except for Reserve and Property Reserve.

Wells that were annexed into the City, might have limited information and might need to get info from county who permitted the site originally.

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

- **Inspections –**

100% of inspections were completed for 4th quarter inspections.

Switching inspections from Wednesdays to Tuesdays in 2025.

Emergency Shut-Down signs; chat about getting more signs added to well sites.

- **General Division Updates –**

Minor text updates went through 2nd reading at City Council and are approved on January 13th.

Leases for Bijou and Aspen, both approved and going to City Council in 2 weeks.

Proposed easements on plugged and abandoned (P&A) wells, in process of review and talks continuing with development community.

Field Tour at wellsites, early December. 2 - Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commissioners went out to the sites with Staff. Mr. Moore offered these to the O&GAC members.

- **Year End Updates -**

- o 2024 Energy & Environment Year-End (presentation)

7. Open Items For Discussion

- Energy & Environment Symposium – April 2025

- o O&GAC members interested in going Mr. Holmes and Mr. Quirk



8. Next O&GAC Meeting –
March 19, 2025

Remaining O&GAC 2025 Meeting Dates:

- May 21, 2025
- Jul 16, 2025
- Sept 17, 2025
- Nov 19, 2025

9. Adjourn (At 5:32 PM)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Pierce". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Brad Pierce
Oil & Gas Advisory Committee Chairman

March 19, 2025

Date