

Battlement Mesa Oil & Gas Committee

Meeting August 11, 2009

Present: Committee members – Bill Nelson (Chair), Don Mumma, Lynn Shore and “Mac” McCurdy

Also Present: 10 members of the public

The main topic of discussion was the redacted copy of the Surface Use Agreement between the Battlement Mesa Companies and Antero Resources.

It was pointed out that the Agreement was effective on 1/15/2009, signed by Eric Schmela on 3/2/2009, by Exxon on 3/17/2009 and by Antero on 4/14/2009. It has no expiration date but will terminate automatically after 24 months of continuous inactivity.

One copy of the Agreement was supplied to Paul Light.

An emotional discussion followed on what each person felt should be the course of action for the Oil & Gas Committee. Paul Light felt that BMSA and the GVCA should be pooling their resources and be making constant contact with the County and the COGCC.

Paul Light brought up the subject of polling the community by random selection. There was some discussion of this item. It was mentioned that Gordon Elliott and Mike Steirs were contemplating circulating a questionnaire in their respective villages. Paul Light cautioned that without care in selection of candidates and proper phrasing of questions, the results could be distorted. It was commented that a proper poll of the community would probably require the approval of the BMSA Board.

The BMSA's actions regarding the retention of legal counsel was explained in answer to questions on the matter.

It was also explained that information on the SUA and also details of drilling distances from houses would be posted on the BMSA website as soon as the slides were received from Antero.