

Minutes for the Morgan County Marcellus Shale Committee

Morgan County Courthouse

September 29, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM- Present: Larry, Mark, Brenda, Jim, Tim, Carol, Linda

Motion to approve minutes from September 15<sup>th</sup> - Jim, second by Linda. Motion approved to accept minutes as amended.

Tim: Report on compilation issues including the Health Department. Lee Fowler of the Board of Health was contacted. He can provide information on water in the community as well as campgrounds, number of water/well permits, including commercial permits. Sleepy Creek and Warm Springs flow rate (cfs's) as a source for withdraw from specific water sources.

If there are issues such as threat to water wells, concerns with surface blow outs at drilling pads, or the concern of toxins the Health Dept can shut a well to establish impact of event.

Carol: Update on John King and Eric Lewis. Eric Lewis will speak on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Brenda: Update from Rural Water USGS-2006 publication. Contact information 1800-ASK-USGS or [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov)

*Hydrological, Aquifers, geochemistry, and ground Water Quality in Morgan County Report 2006-5198 Publication by Carol J Boughton and Kurt J McCoy*

Need to know about Morgan County commercial ILP Process to see if a process can be established prior to permitting for water use. Also, does a person need a permit to pour a concrete pad? Is this a change of land use issue? What storm water management plans would need to be in place for a permit?

Rose Baker is contact for Wetzel County scheduled for 10/15.

Review of 2010-current gas/oil leases. There have been name changes and mergers on some leases. Some leases have been renewed at the yearly cost of \$14.00. This may indicate potential resource exists with current lease(s). Some existing leases have been sold, and current leases are still active, although some are dormant or inactive. Need to contact USGS to see what is the likelihood of drilling on these leases.

- Linda will contact Hampshire County for an update and report back. She will find out the process of research to issue a permit for a well.
- Larry-Rule of Capture-Historic background from English Law. This pertains to the owner of the surface (soil). If production from source is restricted, Rule of Capture is OK. This is different from pooling. Currently there is a pooling statue in the State of WV that allows for sharing of resource. A prorate share (\$) is paid to land owner. Deep gas resources are the only source for pooling.

No meeting October 27<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>, meeting is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> when John King will speak to members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 by Larry.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coryea