

The PID 6+ Gas Coalition

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First meeting of the gas committee was held on Tuesday, July 29 at the old Kroger office building. 20+ people attended, from a group of about 40 that expressed an interest in working on this committee. Many that did not show did not get the word about this meeting as it did come about rather fast.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Aug 7 at 7pm at the same location – 5751 Kroger Drive, Keller, Tx.

Items discussed were:

Geographic Area – which was decided to be all of PID 6 plus the small area of homes between the PID boundary and the rail road track. This gives us some 4500 homes and 80 business, churches and schools. Not sure of the acreage but I would guess somewhere around 1500 to 1600 acres.

Name – PID 6+ Gas Coalition – due to our geographic area.

Mineral Rights Ownership – Mr. Singer handed me a copy of a deed he found dated January 1984 that shows that Texas Power and Light holds ½ interests in gas and mineral rights for a parcel of land roughly 250 acres in size located in the Bluffs area. Interesting.... I wonder how many more of those are out there.

I won't go into a lot of the details right now but I have placed an inquiry to an on-line legal advice website that has specialist in certain areas and this one had several lawyers from Texas that deal in mineral rights. Found one that I liked how he answered some other questions so I wrote to him, asking about a statute of limitations on mineral rights. A neighbor of mine whose son is in the oil and gas industry had told me about a statute of limitations that said something like if the previous owner had not exercised their rights to use the mineral rights, that after 10 years the rights will go to the current owner. I have not heard back from this guy but hope to hear something very soon as this could end any talk from Hillwood about them owning our mineral rights....

Speaking of which, our HOA manager and I will be meeting with Hillwood on August 11 to see what they have concerning mineral rights.

We broke into 3 groups – a Communications, Research and Negotiations. They met and exchanged contact information and developed goals and tasks. I hope to hear some good news next Thursday when we meet again.

I'm still getting 2-3 people a day wanting to join our committee and email group. I am sending this to all that I have email addresses. I have the pile of 300+ info cards from our general meeting that I have not entered their email addresses. I won't send an email to someone who has not requested the service, as some are using their place of employment e-dress and some companies frown upon personal emails.

Watauga Area Mineral Rights Association is in a bidding war between Spartan and Holland/XTO. Holland had offered \$10,000, Spartan \$13,000. Last Friday Holland upped the offer to \$18,500 an acre and word is quickly spreading that they are going door to door signing people on the spot, telling them that if they don't get on board now, they will lose out. WAMRA is hoping to stop that tactic and negotiate a better offer. Their negotiation team has not met with either Spartan or Holland. They hope to have a general meeting with Spartan in the near future.

Our next committee meeting is Thursday, August 7 at 7 pm at the Kroger Building. Seating is limited so please refrain from attending unless you are on the committee or can contribute to a committee.

I hope that we can have a general meeting soon – like in mid August for all those that could not attend the first meeting. We will have some speakers there, maybe Spartan or someone from the Fort Worth Gas Board. The meeting will be held at Central High. Date and time to be determined at our August 7th meeting. There will be a notice sent out to each homeowner, most likely a flyer as postage for 4800 homeowners would amount to more than I would like to spend right now. We are operating as a volunteer organization with no funds to work with.

Until then, encourage your neighbors to not sign with Spartan or anybody else and have them contact me to be added to the email list. Please feel free to pass this around.

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