

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**Leslieville Hall**



**Attendance:**

Alister Wilson, CNRL	Gregor Lee, Community	Ron Hallahan, Community
Barbara Lee, Community	Gunnar Frognes, Guest	Ron Murray, Community
Brenda McKenzie, Community	Helge Nome, Community	Sarah Barcelo, Repsol
Cammie Laird, County	James Lutes, Bonavista	Stephen Lindop, Eavor
Chad Bunch, Bunch Projects	John Reid, Community	Thalia Aspeslet, Shell
Connie Sands, Community	Judy Winter, Community	Tim Hoven, County
Craig Acott, Community	Marcie Nieman, Shell	Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera
Eric Peats, County	Michelle Meatheringham, Chamber	Wyatt McDonald, Youth/Student
Frank Gazdag, Community	Murray Welch, Community	Rick Anderson, facilitator
Gerald Knopp, Community	Ongegre Nome Frognes, Guest	
Grace Thompson, Youth/Student	Paul Murray, Community	

**Introductions:**

**Review Agenda:**

- Approved

**Review September 2019 meeting notes:**

- Approved

**Updates / Action Items:**

- Two student bursary applications came in. The Bursary Committee reviewed and accepted both applications. Wyatt McDonald from Caroline High School and Grace Thompson from West Central High School.
- Reminder that the Synergy Conference is November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pomeroy Inn & Suites in Olds.
  - WCS has received one complimentary registration available to a group member
  - There will be the Award of Excellence and the Pioneer Spirit Award opportunities
  - The AGM will be in the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> and there are currently two Community Director positions available for election/re-election on the Synergy Alberta Board of Directors. Ron Hallahan nominated Judy Winter for a Community Director position and will provide a completed nomination form to Rick to take forward to Synergy Alberta.

**Member Updates / In the Neighborhood:**

*Members present gave verbal updates. Only written updates submitted are included in the meeting notes. Attendees shared activity updates, and information about local events.*

**Written updates**

**Keyera**

- Turnaround at Ricinus completed September 23. Otherwise, business as usual in the region.

## **AER**

- The Government of Alberta has announced a review of the AER. The Departments of Energy and Environment and Parks are reviewing the AER and will identify if changes are required to its mandate, operations and/or governance. The review will focus on increasing investor confidence, improving application timelines while preserving Alberta's reputation as an environmentally responsible resource producer. The AER is cooperating fully with the review, providing information as required. In addition to workshops with stakeholders and regulatory experts, the government has also invited members of the public to provide feedback through an online questionnaire.
- The GoA has also announced the appointment of an interim AER board. Board appointments are made by the Government of Alberta. The interim board has been appointed for a period of nine months, and will continue to oversee the AER's work, approving regulatory changes and setting performance expectations. The board will not be participating in the AER review.

Here is some information from the AER on Eavor's demonstration site near Stauffer.

- The two wells and the pipeline that connects them are regulated by the AER. The wells are greater than 150 metres deep, so require AER licenses under *Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules*. The drilling of these wells was subject to *Directive 036: Drilling Blowout Prevention Requirements and Procedures*. The pipeline that connects the wells is subject to the AER's Pipeline Rules.
- An inspector out of Red Deer field centre did an inspection of the drilling operations and noted that it was a good inspection.

## **Murray Welch**

- One of the presentation topics at the Synergy Alberta conference (Nov. 4-5) will be rural crime and its impact on industry. There is a common interest in rural crime across the province. Murray has agreed to speak from a generic perspective without mentioning any company names. A panel of 1-2-3 other speakers will co-present on various themes. Murray invites any industry partners to provide input of examples, stories, impacts, dollar losses, frequency of events, collateral damage etc. Please email them to Murray or to Rick to forward to Murray.
- There is a new documentary by Vivian Krause to be released next week titled "Over a Barrel". It will be an extension of the theme from our last Info Night talk by Cody Battershill.
- Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) has a monthly newsletter available on an email subscription from the RDRWA website. It is a great summary of happenings and initiatives in the Red Deer River watershed and beyond.
- RDRWA is developing a "statement" about fresh water usage in fracking, and several folks from the WCS table have been involved in providing input.
- Clearwater Community Crime Watch (CCCW) reported on their public information night Sept. 10, the RCMP info night Sept. 17, the Red Deer/Lacombe RCW presentation by the Crown Prosecutor, and two upcoming presentations in Caroline (RCMP Oct. 09 and CCCW Nov. 12). CCCW has invited the Crown Prosecutor to present in Rocky or Leslieville and that will be a presentation to attend. A date will be announced soon.

**Presentation:**

- Geothermal Project – Stephen Lindop, Eavor
  - Stephen provided an overview of the recently completed demonstration project south of Rocky Mountain House.
  - The project is a different take on accessing and geothermal energy and involves utilizing horizontal drilling processes and equipment but does not entail any hydraulic fracturing.
  - The system is a closed loop that powers itself and has an estimated 50 year lifespan.
  - The Rocky area was chosen as an opportunity to demonstrate the viability in even a moderately suitable geological location.
  - The demo was successful and a project is planned for Brazeau County/Drayton Valley.

**Discussion Items:**

- Fall Information Session
  - The group confirmed their next Public Information session would focus on actual reclamation activities; looking at how it works and featuring some success stories vs. common myth. Also, will plan for presentations that are more visual (pictures / videos) with actual examples and with much less focus on text, graphs and charts.
  - Rick has confirmed with CAPP (Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers) and FAO (Farmers' Advocate Office) regarding their willingness to participate.
  - Decision to target event timing for the first part of the new year rather than for this November.

**Next Meeting:** Next regular WCS meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm, supper to follow, at Leslieville Hall.