

September 6th, 2018
3:30 p.m.
Leslieville Hall



Attendance:

Adam Payzant, Bellatrix
Amanda Richter, Mountaineer
Cal Rakach, CTI
Cam Ames, AER
Cole Thomson, TransCanada
Connie Sands, Community
Dave Baker, CNRL
Don Riddle, Keyera
Eric Peats, County
Gerald Knopp, Community

Graeme Purdy, Taqa
Jackie Murray, Community
James Lutes, Bonavista
Jeff Hartling, Town of Rocky
Jen Lough, AER
Judy Winter, Community
Kirby BigChild, RNFC/Community
Michelle Swanson, Community
Mike Sorensen, TransCanada
Murray Welch, Community

Paul Murray, Youth/Student
Ryan Sands, Youth/Student
Sarah Barcelo, Repsol
Shane Koss, Baytex
Tim Gazankas, Trican
Tim Hoven, County
Trevor Van Maarion, Paramount
Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera
Rick Anderson, facilitator

Introductions:

Review Agenda:

- Approved

Review May 2018 meeting notes:

- Approved

Updates / Action Items:

- Noted that there was an article on WCS in the Mountaineer's Energy Supplement
- Rick has distributed Youth Bursary application information for the coming year to the local high schools. Deadline is September 25th. Judy and Vanessa volunteered to be the Youth committee again this year. Cole will help out if needed.
- SPOG Neighbour's Day is set for September 12th in Sundre. WCS was offered booth space again this year. Group confirmed to have a booth. Rick will set up, etc. Any volunteers are welcome to come help out at the booth.
- Synergy Conference has been set for November 5th & 6th at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer. Theme is "Navigating a New Normal". Registration will be opening soon. Each synergy group has one complimentary registration again this year. Banquet and awards will be on November 5th.
- Synergy Alberta AGM is November 5th at the conference. There will be two Community Director seats and one Industry Director seat up for re-election this year.
- WCS Newsletter was published and print copies made available at the June Open House. Electronic copies were circulated to the group as well.

June WCS / SPOG Open House Debrief:

- Joint Open House was held June 7th at the Hub in Caroline.
- Topic was "Water Use in Industry"
- AER had three Subject Matter Experts presenting on the process for allocating, monitoring and regulating water use, including provision for protection of wildlife and habitat.

- Evaluations submitted were primarily positive.
- 65 registered attendees. Not all registered. (Rick's count was 72)
- Group felt that attendance was a bit less than we see in Rocky but many were faces not seen at our Rocky sessions.
- General consensus of the group was to focus our next session in the Rocky area and to be prepared to partner with neighbouring groups where opportunities seem appropriate.

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

AER

- The AER's Annual Report was released in June.
 - <http://www1.aer.ca/annualreport/index.html>
- Integrated Decision Approach – Participant Involvement: The AER has gathered feedback on how to update our participant involvement requirements. The regulatory team is currently drafting the requirements, anticipated to be ready for public comment winter 2018.

<https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/integrated-decision-approach/participant-involvement>

Baytex

- Mid September we will be completing a well at surface location 14-18-44-10 W5. Completion should take 6 weeks.
- August 21st Baytex merger with Raging River Exploration was finalized. The new entity will run under Baytex Energy.

Presentation:

- Roadway Watercourse Crossing Remediation Directive – Cameron Ames, AER Field Inspector
 - Cam provided an overview of the Directive and its intent to better manage watercourse crossings on a watershed basis, for remediating issues related to fish passage barriers and sedimentation issues.
 - Participants are working voluntarily with the regulating agencies to better plan and prioritize remediation projects.
 - For more information see the Directive at <http://aep.alberta.ca/forms-maps-services/directives/documents/WatercourseCrossing-2015-01-Mar2015.pdf>
 - If you are interested in participating contact Jody Foster, AER Water & Fisheries Technical Specialist jody.foster@aer.ca

Discussion Items:

- Fall Public Information session(s)
 - Discussion to focus on broader public session for the fall. Group members to bring ideas back to the October meeting.
 - Some discussion to consider a smaller group to do a “Lunch and Learn” type event at local high schools with a few folks from WCS presenting to the Grade 9 students regarding potential types of jobs in the industry, in order to aid in planning their future courses. Rick will work with Sarah and Marcie to follow up on this as time permits.

Next Meeting: Next regular WCS meeting will be October 4th, 3:30pm at Leslieville Hall, supper at 6:00pm.