

## **BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED SYNERGY GROUP**

<http://synergyalberta.ca/group/battle-lake-watershed-synergy-group>

A meeting of the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group was held on Thursday Nov 5, 2015 at the Lakedell Ag. Centre with Paul McLauchlin acting as Facilitator.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

### **Agenda**

- Introductions
- Review of Minutes (Sept. 10, 2015)
- AER Update
- Industry Updates
- Community Updates
- Governance Review
- West Central Stakeholders Group-Open House Invite
- Synergy Alberta Conference Highlights
- Next Meeting

### **ATTENDANCE:**

In attendance were {3} residents, {8} industry representatives and government officials. (See the attached list.)

### **Review of Minutes:**

Sept. 10, 2015 meeting notes had been distributed and now accepted.

### **AER Update: Darcy Allan**

**News Release 2015-10-28** AER CEO Orders Hearing to Review Ferus Application:

<http://www.aer.ca/about-aer/media-centre/news-releases/news-release-2015-10-28>

**Bulletin 2015-33:** St. Albert Field Centre Relocating

<http://www.aer.ca/rules-and-regulations/bulletins/bulletin-2015-33>

The Alberta Energy Regulator's St. Albert Field Centre is closing Friday, November 6, 2015, with all staff relocating to the Edmonton (Twin Atria) Office by Monday November 9th.

In tandem with this move, the name of the Twin Atria office will be formally referred to as the Edmonton Regional Office effective November 9th. This name reflects the diverse work that takes place at the office.

Darcy's office phone number is 780-642-9289

The new contact information for the former St. Albert Field Centre will be:

**Edmonton Regional Office**

**Suite 205, 4999 – 98 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2X3**

**Phone: 780-642-9310**

**Fax: 780-642-9385**

**News Release 2015-10-21** Alberta Energy Regulator seeks input from Albertans on regulatory excellence in Alberta – University of Pennsylvania delivers final framework for regulatory excellence:

<http://www.aer.ca/about-aer/media-centre/news-releases/news-release-2015-10-21>

**News Release 2015-10-19** Charges laid regarding October 2013 Apache Zama City pipeline spill:

<http://www.aer.ca/about-aer/media-centre/news-releases/news-release-2015-10-19>

**News Release 2015-10-16** Charges laid regarding October 2013 Obed Mountain Coal Mine spill:

<http://www.aer.ca/about-aer/media-centre/news-releases/news-release-2015-10-16>

**Bulletin 2015-31** Invitation for Feedback: Draft Requirements for Hydrocarbon Emission Controls and Gas Conservation in the Peace River Area:

<http://www.aer.ca/rules-and-regulations/bulletins/bulletin-2015-31>

**Bulletin 2015-30** Amendments to Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting:

<http://www.aer.ca/rules-and-regulations/bulletins/bulletin-2015-30>

**News Release 2015-09-21** The AER Responding to a Natural Gas Well Blowout near Fox Creek:

<http://www.aer.ca/about-aer/media-centre/news-releases/news-release-2015-09-21>

<https://www.encana.com/news-stories/in-the-news/duvernay-fox-creek-incident.html>

**Enforcement Orders, Environmental Protection Orders, and Water Management Orders**

Bonavista Energy Corporation Section 104 of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act - October 29, 2015

<http://www.aer.ca/documents/orders/BonavistaOGCAs104.pdf>

**AEMERA**

<http://aemera.org/>

## **Orphan Well Association**

<http://www.orphanwell.ca/>

Follow up from Sept. 10, 2015 meeting. The AER will try and send an alternative rep if Darcy cannot attend a meeting.

Member? Why when the Nexus spill happened, why didn't safe guards kick in? Why was it considered a minor spill? How can these things be so under reported?

AER response-This incident is still under investigation. The AER did not classify it as a minor spill.

## **Industry Updates:**

### **Resourceful Petroleum: Keith Ingstrup and Chris Kirby**

- Nothing new planned.

### **Questfire Energy Corp: Ted Thompson**

- Preparing for winter and maintaining regular operations. No new activities are planned.

### **BonaVista Energy: James Lutes**

- Abandon well 100/02-16-46-02W5 as per Directive 20, cut and cap 2.5 meters below ground level.
- Other: West Central Stakeholders is hosting a Public Information Night in Rocky Mountain House at the Lou Soppit Community Centre for all interested. Topic is Water use in Industry. Nov. 17, 2015 (poster attached).

### **Baytex Energy: Terry Kreese (sent his regrets-emailed update)**

- Business as usual.

### **ConocoPhillips: Jill Salus (sent her regrets-emailed update)**

- No new activity in the area
- Other: Follow up from last meeting:
  - Incident report and oil analysis provided to local landowner on Sept 22
  - Westrose North/South operators live anywhere between 3 and 30 minutes from the facility
  - There are no changes to the ERP plan. ConocoPhillips followed criteria set out by the AER and their risk matrix to determine we did not have a level 1-3 emergency.
  - After the upgrades, the facility was restarted on Monday Oct 27

## **Community Updates:**

### **Michael Black:**

Just a reminder to keep gates closed/locked, especially during hunting season.

**Clive Buckley:**

No concerns.

**Ken Jenny:**

Questions directed to the AER:

Can you speak to the entity of AEMERA (Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency) ? It is a provincial organization responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on key air, water, land and biodiversity indicators.

Orphaned well fund? Went back to industry and was able to double the budget.

**Graham Gilchrist: Consultant**

Referenced a Surface Rights Board case where the industry partner had gone bankrupt.

Noted to refer to Section 36 of the Surface Rights Act for steps to follow.

**Governance Review**

Giving the group more time to take a look at the "DRAFT Governance Review" to give more feedback and re-visit it.

**Projected Meeting Dates:**

**January 7, 2016**

**March 3, 2016**

**May 5, 2016**

**June 16, 2016 (Bar-b-Que)**

**September 8, 2016**

**Nov. (TBA)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2015**

<b>#</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Request Date</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Status</b>
177	Cumulative effects of Industry (land value)	Sept. 11, 2014	Deneen	In progress
178	Bring in speaker for more information of the logistics of Seismic	Nov. 6, 2014	Rhonda-AER Industry Side	Complete Jan. 8, 2015
179	Pilot Project-Update BMP's	Nov. 6, 2014	Paul	In

				<b>Progress</b>
<b>180</b>	<b>Follow up Re: Consultation</b>	<b>Jan. 8, 2015</b>	<b>AER</b>	
<b>181</b>	<b>Hydraulic Fracing-More Information-add to BMP's</b>	<b>June 25, 2015</b>	<b>Members</b>	

## ATTENDANCE LIST

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Paul McLauchlin	Facilitator
James Lutes	Bonavista Energy
Michael Black	Resident
Clive Buckley	Resident
Ken Jenny	Resident
Chris Kirby	Resourceful Petroleum
Keith Ingstrup	Resourceful Petroleum
Deneen Evans	Minute recorder
Ted Thompson	Questfire
Graham Gilchrist	Consultant
Darcy Allen	AER