

BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED SYNERGY GROUP

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September 5, 2013

A meeting of the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Lakedell Ag. Centre (Hall B) with Paul McLauchlin acting as Facilitator.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda

- Introductions
- Review of Minutes
- AER Updates
- AB Environment Updates
- Industry Updates
- Community Updates
- Water Well/Dug Out Testing and Test Wells
- Questionnaire results
- Next Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance were { 8 } residents, { 12 } industry representatives and government officials. (See the attached list.)

Addition to Agenda

- Age and state of pipelines

AER (Alberta Energy Regulator) Updates: Steve Harrington

1. Alberta Pipeline review released on August 23, 2013. 17 recommendations. A webpage can be found on the website (www.aer.ca) with pipeline specific. Includes AER pipeline links, requirement stats and information video. As well as the status of problem pipelines. Available for the public to see.
2. Dave asked why was there such a delay from when the report came in, to when it was released to the public? And why weren't the major spills of last Spring included in that report? Steve could not confirm the delay, and cannot give an answer to that.

3. Re: Land owner Registry. There may be a public consultation for people to take a look at to see what their thoughts are. Not sure when, but within the next few months. Pros and cons to land owners being on the registry. Issue, may be because it is all FOIPable.
4. Our AER FIRST (Field Incident Response Support Team) has purchased a mobile incident command unit, which is a 24 ft. trailer equipped with an onboard UTV. Allowing us to be more flexible and independent.
5. Re: the change, it is business as usual. When we start assuming responsibilities (in the New Year) of SRD and AB Environment.
Primary changes is the set up. Over the past years, a board looked at everything. Now, a part time position with 7 directors are solely governed in strategy and regulation change. CEO still running day to day operations.
 - Karl Z.- Is the ERCB still operational? Steve-ERCB is no longer, as of June 17, 2013
 - Dave D. -No oversight by dept. of environment on any energy issues? Steve-companies still go through regulatory system.
 - Dave D.-“Will the new single regulator have the same threshold for environmental protection as Alberta Environment did?” Steve-Yes, it will, including fines.
 - Michael-Benefit of Registry? Steve-Registering an agreement will provide the AER a means to enforce agreements between licensees and landowners that are not kept.
 - Bob W.- Bigger or smaller capacity of people? Steve-More people. Should be more efficient.

Discussion:

- Karl Z.- comment to inform and invite everyone to the Warburg/Pembina Surface rights Group. An AER representative to present on Oct. 8, 2013 at the Warburg Community Hall.
- Kathy-wanting to clarify that if they come into frac a well, there is no notification to adjacent neighbors? Steve- There is within a certain distance. Radius defined by type of well.
- Eleanor- understands that the purpose of the group is for Industry to inform Residents when activity is planned.
- Micheal-concerned that the community knew that there was new activity with BonaVista before the rep knew. Bonavista working on this.
- Bob-When sending out updates, please make the LSD's easier to read.

Discussion continued with concerns on industry notifying the residents. Agreed by both parties that there is still room for improvement.

Industry Updates:

BayTex: Terry Kreese

1.No new activity

Questfire Energy Corp: Ted Thompson

1.Has taken over the Advantage wells in the watershed boundary. No new activity planned at his time. Will plan on being a regular attender.

Bonavista: Eleanor Vokes

1. Working with the battle lake group on identifying some new locations for drilling and completions.

2. Just completed three well abandonments in Westeros area that we had purchased from another company. Currently working on 10-4-43-27W4 and 8-33-43-28W4 for abandonments. Service work on 13-5-45-01W5, 13-16-45-01W5

3. Drilling and completions finished on 1-31-42-27W4 and currently facility construction under way.

4. Drilling a double well pad at 13-26-45-2-W5. Notification of this sent out in Aug. to BLWSG Residents.

5. Eleanor shared the Wetaskiwin Synergy Initiative poster with the group Re: Conservation and Reclamation. Sept. 12, 2013, 4pm, at the Angus Ridge Hall.

PennWest: Allan Browse and Rod Calder

1. September 25, practise emergency exercise to occur.

2. No new direct activity.

Scollard: Trevor Krauss

1. No immediate activity in the area.

Kingsmere:Dennis Miller

1.13-10-46-2W5 Finished drilling and completion. In the process of cleaning up the dirt work. Getting ready to put oil battery on and hopefully start production. Equipment to include pumpjack , tanks, separator building and incinerator. Applied to Conoco to tie in solution gas.

2.1-25-46-2 W5 well-in the process of swabbing and testing. Has been fraced. Hopefully production by the end of the month. Pumpjack to be installed and tied in to existing flowline.

3. Moving rig onto water injection well at 6-30-46-1W5 to repair packer.

Discussion ensued: Re: Water well testing and industry considerations when noisy activities going on.

County of Wetaskiwin: Kathy Rooyakkers:

1. Reminded the group of the Alberta Lake Management Society workshop on Sept. 26-28, 2013 at the Lakedell AG Society Centre. Focusing on management of the quality and quantity of water within the Battle River Watershed and land uses that will impact or affect the regions' freshwater resources. Go to www.alms.ca to register.

Community Updates:

Bob Whiteside:

Still has a concern with the noise level regarding a Baytex well. Would still like to see something done so the noise level isn't so bad.

Michael Black:

- Thanked Questfire for attending and for some contact information.
- With regards to BonaVista wanting to Frac under Battle Lake, The Battle lake Natural Area Preservation Society requested BonaVista to not Frac under Battle Lake. We received a reply and they plan on going ahead, the society has not returned their response. Billy Joe Waldo replied, that the offer stands to meet again and come to an understanding with the Society.
- Had a concern with activity during the week of Aug. 12, 2013 in the area of TWP Road 464 and RR 22, where an ambulance was on stand by. Questfire, Baytex and Trilogly are the operators in that area. Asked if any of these companies can enlighten Micheal as to what was going on. Questfire to look into it.

Ken Jenny:

- Briefly wanted to touch on Bonavista's proposed plans to Frac under Battle Lake, approx. 5/8ths of a mile from his yardsite. He received a notification letter which was signed by a Jeff M. Ken would like this gentleman to come out to the next meeting to discuss the letter further. Billy Joe to forward this info to Jeff M. Ken respectively disagrees with a statement in the letter that quotes "proposal is in the best interest of all Albertans".

Clive Buckley:

- Concerned with who is responsible for dust control in the area. We have been missed for the past 2 years. Trevor with Scollard says that they are given a list of roads that they use, that are looked after. Scollard elects to participate in the dust control program, where the County does the work. Scollard to look into this possible oversight.

Jim Stevens:

- Quiet summer in the Westeros area. Huge fair at Lakedell this past weekend that was well attended.
- Regarding agenda item-Test Wells-The Alberta Government has announce it is putting in new test wells. Maybe industry can help us understand how old these pipelines are and the test wells going into the province. Steven to look into Pipelines. Paul to contact David about the test wells.

Karl Zajes:

- There will be a report at our Warburg/Pembina Surface Rights meeting on Sept.10th.Re: the effects of oil and gas pipelines effecting Mortgages and Land Mortgages, where they can be cancelled or not issued as a result of certain activity.

Only received five questionnaires. Will circulate again for better insight.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2013

ATTENDANCE LIST

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INDIVIDUAL	REPRESENTING
Paul McLauchlin	Facilitator
Terry Kreese	Baytex
Steve Harrington	AER
Eleanor Vokes	BonaVista
Alan Browse	Penn West
Clive Buckley	Resident
Ken Jenny	Resident
Trevor Krauss	Scollard
Rod Calder	PennWest
Kathy Rooyakkers	County of Wetaskwin
Dennis Miller	Kingsmere
Michael Black	Resident
Jim Stevens	Resident
Dave Doze	Resident
Bob Whiteside	Resident
Karl Zajes	Surface Rights Consultant
Billy Joe Waldo	Vertex/Bonavista
Ted Thompson	Questfire Energy Corp
John GuilBeault	Resident
Bob Whiteside	Resident