

(DRAFT ONLY)**BATTLE LAKE WATER SYNERGY GROUP****December 2, 2010**

A meeting of the Battle Lake Water Synergy Group was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Lakedell Ag. Centre with Paul McLauchlin acting as Facilitator.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

ATTENDANCE:

There were 12 residents, industry representatives and government officials. *Please see attached list.*

NOVEMBER'S OPEN HOUSE:

Several members expressed their disappointment at the turnout of the Open House held last month. Michael stated that he felt that there had been adequately advertised in the community newspapers. Also, Ken Jenny had put out several signs on prominent intersections throughout the area. It was brought up that several of the residents from the Battle Lake area are only here once or twice through the year. Therefore, perhaps an open house held at the beginning of the summer season would have a better turnout.

SIGNAGE:

There was concern over how the Lakedell Ag. Centre sign (along Hwy #13) advertised the BLWSG meetings. There wasn't consistency and often times the signage was unclear as to what the BLWSG was about. Obviously, space is an issue on the sign, certainly when multiple events need to be advertised at the same time. Paul said that he would speak to the Lakedell Ag. Society regarding this issue. [ACTION ITEM #161.](#)

ACTION ITEMS REVIEW:

#155- Paul expected that the minutes would be online by the beginning of January 2011.

#159 – Steve Harrington said that Susan Hahler would probably speak at the February meeting.

#160 – The Communication Sub-Committee will look at updating the tri-fold brochure in the New Year.

Paul informed the group that he thought that they should post a disclaimer before each of the minutes to prevent things from being taken out of context. ACTION ITEM #162

BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS:

There was much discussion about whether to change the BLWSG meetings to every 2 months rather than every month. Some residents are concerned over staying informed about industry's activities during the months that there won't be a meeting. Steve (ERCB) informed the group that most synergy groups are bi-monthly, quarterly, even twice a year. He also said that the Battle Lake was the only monthly meeting that he attended within his area. He speculated that more members might participate if the meetings were less frequent. He continued that the BLSWG was primarily a discussion group whereas other groups have a more educational format. For example, he said, the Pembina group are planning a multifaceted presentation on water in the spring.

Cliff Ellis suggested that industry could send out updates to Paul on the months when there were no meetings which Paul could forward on to the residents. Many industry reps were interested in trying the bi-monthly meetings.

Paul informed the members that he would be unable to continue on as the facilitator if the meetings continued to be held monthly, however he would be able to facilitate sending information out via emails. He also said that he had heard from some senior reps that they would be able to attend some of the meetings if they were held every 2 months instead.

The attending members chose to try bi-monthly. Everyone agreed that if special circumstances arise, an additional meeting would be held if necessary; Paul could send out an email. Also, residents were encouraged to contact industry directly to discuss any concerns they might have (as they have been doing already).

Michael Black expressed his appreciation for all the industry reps on behalf of the residents for all the driving they have to do in order to attend the meetings so regularly.

Please Note: The BLWSG Bi-Monthly Meetings for 2011 will be: February, April, June, September, November and December.

ERCB UPDATE:

Steve Harrington handed out copies of *Bulletin 2009-41: Grizzly vs. Kelly*, as referred to in November's minutes. *See attached pages.*

He updated the group on the Pilot Project Review. He said that Marta would probably speak at the February meeting regarding the review. ACTION ITEM #163

Ken Jenny requested that when Susan Hahler comes to speak about drilling fluids that the County of Wetaskiwin attend as well. He is interested in the Agricultural Industry, along with the Oil and Gas Industry addressing the issue of garbage being left in the ditches. The new County of Wetaskiwin councillor, Kathy Rooyackers should also be invited to attend.

BREAK:

Paul announced a short break at 8pm.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Ken Jenny thanked Myles Aitken and Ken Moen for being on top of things regarding their rig just outside the watershed area. They are looking for gas using a horizontal well that heads north to 13-30. The old well won't be used unless it's necessary.

Michael Black explained how the meeting with Trilogy went regarding the sour gas lease, as mentioned in November's minutes. He said that the spot is actually in the woods, and that they will replant the forest area 2-1 (meaning they will plant twice as many trees as they remove). He stated that they were large grove trees, very mature. Also, it's not a Tier 1 site, nor is it swamp or a bog. Therefore he felt that mitigation will be good and that Trilogy has agreed to do it wherever the landowner wants it. Also, Trilogy will take of the wood from the trees so that it won't be left to rot.

Ken Jenny brought up Baytex' hydraulic plunger at the site (8' from where Trilogy is going). He was concerned because it was leaking hydraulic fluid. Unfortunately, Baytex wasn't at the meeting to respond. It looked temporary while Baytex is electrifying the site. Ken inquired if this was normal because there is a similar situation near him, but that company at that site doesn't want to put in electricity, they would rather use a diesel engine (pump jack). The benefits are that it takes up less space and is less expensive than a submersible pump (rotary) and quieter. A down hole pump can cost \$250,000.

Karl Zajes stated that Carol Goodfellow would be the guest speaker at the next Warburg Surface Rights meeting at the Warburg Community Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 7th (1st Tuesday each month) at 7:30pm. She would be speaking on Landowner Property Rights, Amendment Act 2006, the Alberta Parks Act, Public interest on Public domain, and many other vital topics to landowners. He invited everyone to attend.

He also informed the members of the Wetaskiwin Synergy Group at the Angus Ridge Hall and one of the topics for the meeting would be Long Term Contract Management.

Also, in January at Tomahawk (not sure of the date), the meeting would discuss 20 years of research on how H₂S and how it effects livestock.

INDUSTRY UPDATES:

ADVANTAGE:

Monte had nothing new to report but he suggested as a potential presentation on the New Application Process (an enhanced application) available on the website of "Sustainable Resource Development" (SRD) www.srd.alberta.ca .

The elaborate site covers all the information from other sites such as: Fish & Wildlife and Alberta Environment which means that you can plot the location of the Battle Lake Watershed into the site and it will tell you all the concerns to look for. This will be a huge benefit to everyone.

TRILOGY sent their regrets.

BAYTEX sent their regrets.

SCOLLARD:

Myles explained that they were drilling a horizontal glock. The surface casing is about 380m (to make sure they are past the surface water, etc) and the well is at about 1500m down.

PENNWEST:

Cliff stated that they had nothing new to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Paul will ask for approval of September and October's minutes via email. November's will wait until February.

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS LIST
December 2, 2010

#	ACTION	RECOMMENDED DATE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DONE
148	Invite "Water Balance Study" Guest Speaker	TBA	Jim Stevens	
154	Invite David Schindler (water expert) to speak	TBA	Arnold Renschler	
155	Post all accepted minutes on the Synergy Alberta website	Beginning of January	Paul McLaughlin	
159	Invite Susan Hahler to speak about drilling fluids.	Probably in February	Steve Harrington	
160	Update BLWSG tri-fold brochure	In the New Year	Communications Sub-Committee	
161	Contact Lakedell Ag. Society re: signage	ASAP	Paul McLaughlin	
162	Precede each month's minutes with disclaimer	ASAP	Paul McLaughlin	
163	Invite Marta Darwent to speak re: the Pilot Project Review	Possibly in February	Steve Harrington	

ATTENDANCE LIST
December 2, 2010

INDIVIDUAL	REPRESENTING
Monte Hurt	Advantage
John West	Advantage
Steve Harrington	ERCB
Alan Browse	PennWest
Cliff Ellis	PennWest
Michael Black	Resident
Dave Doze	Resident
Ken Jenny	Resident
Karl Zajes	Surface Rights Consultant
Paul McLauchlin	Facilitator
Michelle Payne	Recording Secretary