

BATTLE LAKE WATERSHED SYNERGY GROUP

October 1, 2009

A meeting of the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group was held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at the Lakedell Ag. Centre with Paul McLaughlin acting as Facilitator for the meeting.

CALLED TO ORDER:

- Paul called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ATTENDANCE:

- In attendance were 17 residents, industry representatives and government officials. (see attached list)

AGENDA:

- Paul introduced the agenda and it was approved.
- He decided that since there weren't many people attending October's meeting, he would contact landowners and industry representatives for explanation.
- He had made note that there had been some changes to the group since the last meeting (June/09). He explained that he had received many emails back saying that some of the industry representatives had moved on to other companies or areas and would no longer be participating in the BLWSG. He also asked that as the BLWSG attendance list was passed around, if anyone needed to be added or subtracted from the list that it is done so that the list would stay up-to-date.

JUNE'S MINUTES:

- It was decided among the attendees that perhaps it would be better to review June 2009's minutes in November in the hopes that more members would be present. **ACTION ITEM #125**

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS:

- **#92** – Pilot Project Review. Steve Harrington, ERCB, explained that when the pilot was first done, it had been decided that a review by done in 2009 by the sub-committee leads and a rep from ERCB. It hasn't been done thus far. Right now they are waiting for the Trilogy decision. He also said he had talked to Calgary recently about this matter and it had been decided, probably in December. Maybe beginning of 2010. Depending on when the Trilogy decision is out.
- **#116** – As no one could quite remember how the issue was resolved in June; it will be discussed again at the next meeting in.
- **#118** – “Flaring” & “Weeds” BMP's will be pushed to the end of the meeting. It was unclear on how to proceed with them due to lack of members at tonight's meeting.
- **#120** – With regards to the Synergy Alberta Website sub-group, it was decided that in November, the BLWSG would fill in the Synergy Alberta Website forms as a whole, rather than Shane Koss alone. **ACTION ITEM #126**
- **#121** – Paul pointed out that he had attached the copy of the email from Intl. Sovereign to June's minutes.
- **#123** – Paul reminded the group that he did circulate a copy of Directive 38 (via email) back in June. He stated that he didn't hear any responses back.
- **#124** – Paul will bring the information re: pipeline removal that he received from Mike Todorow to November's meeting.

LANDOWNER UPDATES:

- **Jim Stevens**, a resident and member of the Pigeon Lake Watershed Synergy Group stated how he was very interested in what's

happening with MEC and Environment Canada, and also Trilogy. He expressed his thoughts on how the Trilogy hearing went. He considered the hearing to be open and fair. He considered the application to have been thoroughly reviewed and stated that he felt that the residents had been comprehensive about their concerns and had felt heard by Trilogy. He also said that he would try to participate at each meeting and relate the perspective from the Lions and also from the Pigeon Lake Watershed Synergy Group.

- Mike Todorow said that he had nothing new to report.
- Terry Kreese also stated that he had nothing new to report.

ERCB UPDATE:

- Steve Harrington discussed the Synergy Alberta brochures for the upcoming conference at the end of the month.
- He also mentioned that he had talked to Dave Doze recently. He explained that they had discussed that a few years ago; they had conducted a tour for industry, etc. to see what they were talking about. Steve said that someone on his staff had enjoyed the tour and so Steve thought it would be a good idea to have another tour in the spring and asked if anyone else would be interested.
- Darcy Allen concurred that a boat tour of the Battle Lake area had been done approximately 2 years ago. They also toured Mount Butte. He explained that it had been a full-day event. Darcy also said that if Dave Doze agreed to lead the tour, it would prove to be invaluable. Because Dave knows the area so well and the area's history, he would do it well.
- Paul will contact Dave to inquire if he would agree to lead the tour in the spring. **ACTION ITEM #127**

ALBERTA ENVIROMENT UPDATE:

- Dave Helmer stated that there were no updates regarding the MEC license application. He continued to say that there were still a few loose ends that needed to be tied up before a decision can be

made. When asked if MEC was still drawing water, he informed the group that, as of the end of April, MEC stopped diverting water.

PIGEON LAKE WATERSHED SYNERGY GROUP UPDATE:

- Jim Stevens wondered what the relationship to the springs feeding the lake or the artisan wells are to Pigeon Lake, when the levels are down. Because they have not had any success in finding this information, the PLWSG has commissioned a report to look into this matter.
- He went on to explain that AB Environment only looks at flow of water. Jim is interested in; do “below levels” affect the charging of the springs? If so, the consequences to the lake will be severe. The recreational use of the lake be affected, there’ll be a proliferation of vegetation. The water quality will be affected. Jim guessed that Pigeon Lake levels were 50–80cm lower than the previous year.
- He also commented that because PLWSG is commissioning this report, they have also asked for financial support from the summer villages, as well as, the province. He was unsure as to the length of time the report would take. He also said that there was a similar study done of the ground levels at Gull Lake that raised the questions didn’t provide the answers.
- When asked if Battle Lake levels were similar to that of Pigeon Lake, Jim did not feel that they were. But did feel that Wizard Lake was done also.

INDUSTRY UPDATES:

ENCANA:

- Darcy Allen reported that as of the last meeting, all assets west of Hwy #2 had been sold to Bonavista. It had been a \$700 million disposition. Everything has been finalized. They retained all assets and all minerals. EnCana will retain a royalty–override percentage on all fee lands operating and manpower. All of the operating and all of the manpower went with them. EnCana no longer has any

interests in the area. The sale closed mid-September, however there are regulatory issues will be on-going for the next 30-60 days. Any landowner concerns should now be directed to Bonavista. EnCana will be providing support to them until the end of the year regarding DRP. Until they get the final approval through the Board, because of the complicated process involved.

- Darcy assured the group that any outstanding community relations that EnCana had made would still be honoured. But any previous imitative that EnCana been working on, would now be left to Bonavista to decide if they will proceed. The Production Coordinator for this area went with Bonavista. They are familiar with the group and the area.
- As of Nov. 1/09, EnCana will split into 2 companies. EnCana will keep the gas, but the oil will go to Cenovus. EnCana will keep the International division. EnCana will still have Manville coal rights.
- Darcy requested that he still receive the BLWSG minutes via email for his own interest, because he doesn't expect that EnCana will be back in the area for quite a while.
- Darcy also expressed how he felt about the BLWSG, the members and the changes that had been brought about as a result of the BLWSG. He thanked the BLWSG board, ERCB, AB Environment and the landowners. And encourage them to keep up the momentum.
- Darcy and Don Letwinetz' offices will still be in Ponoka and to contact them if they have any questions.
- Bonavista contacts are: Harold Gold (Superintendent) or Hank Spence (VP). As well as, James Hennig (Production/Operations). His number is 403-783-1554.
- Then, Paul thanked EnCana, Darcy and Don for all their efforts in making BLWSG such a success and he expressed his regret that they were leaving.

MEC OPERATING:

- No activity at this point, they are still waiting for approval of application.

BAYTEX:

- Shane Koss reported that they are submitting another holding application and meeting with residents in the area regarding any objections.
- They aren't drilling in the immediate future on Section 22; they will wait until it makes economic sense.
- But they are still applying for the holding applications because they want to remove the 100m spacing that is in place now.

LEDDY EXPLORATION LTD:

- Although they are new to the BLWSG they reported that they have been around since the 1970's. They don't have anything to report; they are just working on routine jobs. They also said that currently they are just outside the watershed area.

SCOLLARD:

- Nothing to report.

CONOCO-PHILLIPS:

- Paul reported on behalf of Conoco-Phillips that they had nothing to report and that they sent their regrets for not attending the meeting.

TRILOGY:

- Paul reported that they also had sent their regrets for not attending the meeting and that they were waiting for the hearing result.

WATERSHED PLANNING and ADVISORY COUNSEL SUMMIT

- Darcy informed everyone that the WPAC Summit dates were October 26-28, 2009 in Camrose at the Norseman Inn. These are the same dates as the Synergy Alberta Conference. Darcy will circulate the agenda for on the Summit.

COFFEE BREAK:

- Paul called for a 10-minute coffee break at 7:45pm.

- Reconvened at 7:56pm.

FLARING AND WEEDS – BMP

- Shane Koss suggested that the BMP should be discussed in November, when more landowners were present. Therefore, more review would probably need to be done so maybe it should be done next month. **ACTION ITEM #118**
- Darcy Allen concurred as he didn't have his computer with him to track the discussion anyways.
- Paul agreed to bring an extra computer to track the BMP's in real time, as Darcy wouldn't be attending the meetings anymore. **ACTION ITEM #128**

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Darcy Allen suggested that having one member present a community calendar that could present the community events, etc. to the group. Then industry would be able to make certain that some operations (move a rig), etc. to not happen during those times. For example: family reunions, farmer's markets, school functions...
- Jim Stevens said that he would look into how the group could find out about community events. **ACTION ITEM #129**

DONATIONS:

- Darcy Allen stated that EnCana would donate all of the materials that Darcy has brought up to this point. Paul agreed that he would continue to bring the materials to the meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- Paul adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 5/09 at the Lakedell Ag. Centre

ATTENDANCE LIST

INDIVIDUAL	REPRESENTING
Dave Helmer	Alberta Environment
Terry Kreeese	Baytex
Shane Koss	Baytex
Pat Schmaltz	Baytex
Darcy Allen	EnCana
Don Letwinetz	EnCana
Larry Goulding	ERCB
Steve Harrington	ERCB
Duane Kremp	MEC Operating Co.
Jim Stevens	Pigeon Lake Watershed Synergy Gr.
Mike Todorow	Resident
Terry Wildman	Resident
Myles Aitken	Scollard
Dick Koetsier	Leddy Exploration Ltd.
Evan Rodin	Leddy Exploration Ltd.
Paul McLauchlin	Facilitator
Michelle Payne	Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

#	ACTION	RECOMMENDED DATE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DONE
	From April 2/08 Meeting			
63	Determine items to be posted on website.	Each meeting	All in attendance	
	From Dec. 4/08 Meeting			
92	Sub-committee leads and rep from ERCB review administration of Group.	December 2009	Leads and ERCB	
	From May 7/09 Meeting			
116	Industry discuss internally how to implement noise practices in BMP	November 2009	All industry reps.	
118	Discuss "Flaring" & "Weeds" BMP	November 2009	All in attendance	
	From June 4/09 Meeting			
120	Need a sub-group for Synergy AB website.	November 2009	All in attendance	
124	Paul to receive info re: pipeline removal and circulate.	November 2009	Mike Todorow	
	From October 1/09 Meeting			
125	Discuss June/09 minutes at next meeting.	November 2009	All in attendance	
126	Fill in Synergy AB website form as a group.	November 2009	All in attendance	
127	Ask Dave Doze to act as tour guide for the Battle Lake Watershed area.	November 2009	Paul McLauchlin	
128	Bring extra computer to track BMP in real time.	November 2009	Paul McLauchlin	
129	Select someone to bring community events to the group for planning purposes.	November 2009	Jim Stevens	

