

Rimbey Regional Synergy Group Meeting  
Sept. 19/2019 1 p.m.  
Location: Bonavista Office, Rimbey

ATTENDANCE:

James Lutes, Bonavista  
Nancy Hartford, Ponoka County  
Murray Ormberg, Landowner  
Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera  
Sarah Barcelo, Repsol  
Irene Steeves, Landowner  
Dana Kreil, Lacombe County  
Jody Schafer, Gain  
Norm Rieu, Cenovus

Pat French, TAQA  
Teri Ormberg, Landowner  
Steff Stephansson, Kiwetinohk  
Tim Alberts, Kiwetinohk  
Behn Morris, AER  
Ray Dube, Landowner  
Ben Mahe, Tamarack  
Ed Kreil, Landowner  
Michele Del Colle, FAO  
Rick Anderson, Facilitator

Guest: Michele Del Colle, Farmers' Advocate Office

Meeting chaired by Rick Anderson and called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Teri Ormberg.

MEMBER AND GUEST INTRODUCTIONS – Welcome. Introductions were done.  
Attendance list circulated.

REVIEW OF AGENDA – Agenda approved by consensus.

PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES – May 16/19. Minutes presented at the meeting.  
Approved by consensus.

FOLLOW UP – Bank balance July 31/19 at \$16,969.05.

- Social media committee – Andrea and Adam Payzant are happy with the site. They are monitoring for activity. Reminder for face book users to like us and share. Let them know if there are any community events we could put up on the site.

PRESENTATION – Michele Del Colle gave a presentation on the Farmers' Advocate Office. Here are some of the highlights:

-It has a Provincial mandate for agriculture and forestry established in 1973 and has an office of 5.

-Some of their duties are: advocacy, dispute resolution, Energy, Utilities and Surface rights, Farm Implement Act, nuisance complaints, AFSC review and appeals and well water restoration and replacement program. They empower landowners with knowledge.

- Now they are dealing with rental reductions, companies failing to pay annual rentals and incorrect registration of builder's liens.
- Weed control act – county administers and can serve notice to landowners.
- Electrification companies – cannot bill landowners for unpaid industry facility bills
- Rental must be paid until reclamation is done. Companies/landowners are allowed right to review every 5 years from initial rental. Some companies now are not waiting until 5 years to ask for the review. Accepting partial rental payment does not mean rent is being reduced. Annual compensation is to pay for adverse effect and loss of use in all aspects of your farming operation. Surface Rights does not negotiate annual rent.
- If landowners are receiving no payment they can put in an application under Surface Rights Section 36. Application states who the operator is, location and lease information, condition of site, whether fenced, any building structures, if site is being visited, etc. Be specific. Submit pictures with application. Landowners should file this one day after date payment is due. Helpful to have original agreement to review specific use of land and any provisions for farming activities. Check stub will also have information on the site information. Statutory declaration must be signed. First step is a demand notice from Surface Rights for payment within 30 days. Keep all documents. By denying access it stops right to file future applications.
- Builder's liens – If they are on title could impact use of land. Check title carefully to ensure correct address on land titles.
- Surface Rights Board website was hacked and off line for 2 weeks.
- Landowners are recommended not to go on lease site to do any clean up, weed control, etc because of liability.
- Farmers' Advocate Office tries to work with industry as well as landowners.
- Thank you Michele for your excellent presentation.

MEMBER UPDATES & ROUNDTABLE – written updates attached to minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Potential events /outreach – Public event was discussed such as the BBQ in the spring. Discussion on how to get ideas of topics people interested in.
- Central Alberta Synergy group – Teri Ormberg has been attending their meetings at the Lacombe County office. They have finished their terms of reference. They asked if Rimbey Regional Synergy would be interested in joining their group. This group did not express an interest in joining.
- Synergy Alberta Conference – It will be held Nov. 4-5/19 In Olds. Information on sessions coming soon. Synergy Alberta will provide a complimentary registration fee for one delegate per group. RRSRG will assign this on a first come, first serve basis. There is a possibility of company sponsorship for a landowner delegate for hotels, etc. Each synergy group has one vote at the Synergy Alberta annual general meeting. Community member fee is \$75. Early bird registration deadline is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a vacancy from a one community person and one industry person on the board, and one other community position up for election/re-election. As well there is an Award of Excellence and “Synergy Pioneer Spirit” awards
- Please let Rick Anderson know if you are interested in going as the Rimbey Regional Synergy Group delegate.

Next meeting- Nov. 21/2019 at 1 p.m. Bonavista office, Rimbey.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

### **RRSG Written Member Updates for September 2019**

Additional member updates were provided verbally at the meeting.

#### **Cenovus**

We had a back to school BBQ at Bluffton last week.

Donated cash and food to the Rimbey food bank from our safety meeting

Lots of theft in the Rimbey/Pigeon lake area....cutting high voltage power cables and removing them

All turnarounds complete for the year.

Normal operations activity with no drilling or construction planned in 2019.

#### **AER**

[Insolvency webpage](https://aer.ca/regulating-development/project-closure/insolvency) is now live on aer.ca. This is a high level overview of what an insolvency is, and outlines some of the parties that are typically involved, as well as the role of the AER. <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/project-closure/insolvency>

The AER has also updated the [Alberta Water Use Performance Report](https://aer.ca/protecting-what-matters/holding-industry-accountable/industry-performance/water-use-performance) which includes information about water allocation and use by four main oil and gas extraction technologies.

<https://aer.ca/protecting-what-matters/holding-industry-accountable/industry-performance/water-use-performance>

<https://aer.ca/protecting-what-matters/holding-industry-accountable/industry-performance/about-water-use.htm#types>

#### **Ponoka County**

Construction on schedule

County dealing with \$3.9 million in default taxes currently

\$1 million in farm and commercial

A new road maintenance company is doing the highways (Mainroad Group) in this area

#### **Keyera**

Gilbey Gas Plant is currently down (Sept 16-22). Atco is upgrading their Gilbey Metering Station that required Keyera to shut down so we are taking advantage of this time to conduct some cleanings and inspections on process.

Rimbey Plant is steady. Keyera conducted a full Emergency Response exercise at the Rimbey facility on Sept 18 as part of our ongoing commitment to training and as a regulatory compliance requirement.