

Synergy Alberta Board of Directors' Meeting
January 12, 2021
Video Conference

Attendees:

Brenda Knight, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Community, CAS	Peter Dobbie, <i>Treasurer</i>	Government, FAO
Bryce Liddle	Community, CAS	Karen Henderson	Government, Energy
Everett Page	Community, CMAG	Carey Patterson	Government, AER
Vanessa Cartwright, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Industry, Keyera Energy		
Kelly McTaggart	Industry, CAPP		
Behn Morris	Industry, Pembina Pipelines	Brenda Barber	SA Administration

Regrets:

Fraser Stewart	Community, WAG
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Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm

Acknowledgement of Michele DelColle's passing.

Action item: We will draft a letter of condolence to Michele's family.

Agenda Approval

Add future planning to New Business

Add AER request for funding to Financial

Motion to approve the agenda by Peter Dobbie/Karen Henderson. Carried.

Minutes Approval

September 30, 2020 Minutes were provided prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the September 30, 2020 Board Minutes by Behn Morris/Bryce Liddle. Carried.

Message from the Executive Committee

The Executive has discussed what we should be doing moving forward into 2021/22.

Financial

a) Financial Report

We have reduced spending where-ever possible and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

We have received a notice for funding from CAPP in the amount of \$25,000. We will look for the funding agreement.

Motion to accept the December 2020 Financial Report for information purposes by Peter Dobbie/Karen Henderson. Carried.

Peter has been in touch with Carey Patterson from AER to determine what we need to do to request funding.

Motion to ratify the request to AER for funding in the amount of \$35,000 for 2021/22 by Peter Dobbie/Behn Morris.

Motion to extend Brenda Barber's contract to the end of March, 2021 by Karen Henderson/Bryce Liddle. Carried.

New Business

Brenda Barber recommended a few ideas to do in 2021. It is the 15th anniversary of Synergy Alberta. While it would be nice to have an in person conference, it is unlikely we will be able to meet in person anytime soon. We can look at an virtual mini-conference,

Action Item: Brenda Barber send out an email to Synergy Groups and members (current and past) and start collecting information.

Roundtable

a) Industry/CAPP

Vanessa – Keyera like most have been fairly quiet, started winter clearing

Kelly – Planning for the year; CAPP’s biggest priority are at the Federal Level; climate is a big priority; intro of UNDRIP; carbon tax and economic recovery. Expect an increase in capital spending.

Behn – Pembina has just released budget; plan is to create stabilization and continued growth.

b) Community

Brenda – lean budgets in the County; zero increases for wages but also zero increases for taxes. Will be interesting to see how lease payments go; some landowners in the area have received payments. Family resource network in the area has been focussing on mental health, trying to address the mental health issues of the pandemic

Everett – there looks to be an interest to explore hydrogen production. SPOG is doing a methane mapping project

Bryce – not a big update; today’s Network meeting provided an update from RMA. Business as usual and waiting to see what will be happening in the next year.

c) Government

Carey – not a lot of updates from AER; focussing on budget; internal strategic planning

Karen – departments do not necessarily have capacity. Energy busy working on liability management.

Peter – continue to see lots of water problems with landowners (problem when there is extra water like last Spring); Surface lease issues can be directed to the FAO. Do not know what the deficit from this year will mean to budgets going forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 by Brenda Knight.