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A meeting of the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group was held on Thursday November 4, 2021 via Zoom Virtual Meeting with Paul McLaughlin acting as Facilitator.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

### **AGENDA:**

- Introductions
- Review of Minutes
- Follow-up Action Items
- AER Updates
- Industry Updates
- Community Updates
- Next Meeting

### **ATTENDANCE:**

In attendance were {2} residents, {6} industry representatives and government officials. (See the attached list.)

### **Review of Minutes:**

### **Follow-up Action Items:**

N/A

### **AER Update: Leanne Chartrand**

Via email November 4, 2021

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- 1) New Expedited Decisions Manual, released November 1, 2021  
<https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/rules-and-directives/bulletins/bulletin-2021-43>
- 2) New Contamination Management Manual, released October 27, 2021  
<https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/rules-and-directives/bulletins/bulletin-2021-42>
- 3) New Statement of Concern Form, released September 28, 2021 <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/rules-and-directives/bulletins/bulletin-2021-38>

**Social Media:**

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<https://resource.aer.ca/>

The business of making sure that energy development happens safely can be complex. To help bring clarity to these complexities, the Alberta Energy Regulator created Resource, our website for sharing stories, images and videos on energy development and how its regulated in Alberta.

Feedback on SOC: better method of communication. Municipalities using for unpaid taxes purposes as a means of flagging companies with the AER.

Register Surface Rights Agreement with AER (publicly accessible). Provides accountability and enforcement options (fencing, weed control etc.).

OWA not always responsible for weed control.

**INDUSTRY UPDATES:****Baytex: Shane Koss**

Via email Nov 2, 2021

Baytex will be moving a service rig on to the existing 7-27-46-2 surface lease to perform a downhole well bore abandonment. This operation should take approximately one week.

In addition, construction on the same site will commence for the preparation of a first quarter drill.

**Resourceful Petroleum: Bill Dolan**

No update

**Journey Energy: Dale Guidi**

No update

**Sifton Petroleum Inc: Davin Chandler**

No update

**i3Energy: Ian Schafer**

Invitation to participate was sent via email August 31, 2021.

Response received October 20, 2021 from Ian Schafer (representative for Pigeon Lake area) requesting more information on the group. Further information on participation was shared on October 20, 2021, including BMPs, TOR, and previous minutes, and invitation to join Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting. Ian has been invited to attend tonight.

**County of Wetaskiwin: Kathy Rooyakkers**

No updates.

**Farmers Advocate Office: Darcy Allen**

OWA not always responsible for weed control. If remediation is occurring and weeds are present, OWA will control weeds at that time.

Concerns: Company insolvency and Surface lease payments, Property Rights Tribunal navigation, renewable energy

There are instances of Landowners blocking access. Refusal of access to OWA, well investigation for closure activities. Discussion with landowners with who OWA is and processes to follow under SRB and Property Rights Tribunal. Refusing access is not in the best interest of landowners as Tribunal can decide against requiring land payments being made by companies.

Landowner issues with definition of Ag. equipment crossing ROW. Conflict in understanding of equipment vs any vehicle used for ag purposes.

Refer to Pipeline Act. Ag. equipment definition has changed over 30 years. Equipment is much larger now. Landowners should have conversation with ROW owner, to avoid damage. Comes down to contractual obligations and legislations. Can lead to a civil process.

Q: How common is it that someone else owns lease on property?

A: Some landowners can retain the lease with sale of land. Difficult to regulate. Absentee leaseholder is not experiencing adverse affects but are benefiting from lease activity. Can be reassigned to the land title holder.

**COMMUNITY UPDATES:****Louis Bull Tribe:**

Via email Oct. 27, 2021

Land for prosperity – clean fill for sale, commenced clean up of the lands owned by 677626, commenced aquatic habitat restoration work at SE 11-46-2 W5 – removal of trash and old culvert, new culvert install.

**Battle River Watershed Alliance: Sarah Skinner**

Riparian Web Portal: Two Workshops coming up.

Webinar Nov. 25, 2021 for general interest.

Municipalities/login access Nov. 26, 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dive-into-the-riparian-data-our-intactness-project-tickets-170329677651?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

Lake sampling report is not yet available. Reach out to ALMS to share data when available.

Q: Possible to get wetland maps for specific properties.

A: Do not have the GIS capability.

KR: There is no data for Battle Lake area. GIS database needs to be started new. Satellite imaging is available. LIDAR in the process.

**Michael Black:**

Will contact Baytex regarding current drilling. Beautiful fall at Battle Lake.

Pigeon Lake Provincial Park has been busier than ever during pandemic.

Concern for community groups to open up trails (ATVs) on public lands. Residents have worked diligently to protect Battle Lake.

**Meeting Dates for 2022:**

**Confirmed**

February 3, 2022

May 5, 2022

September 1, 2022

November 3, 2022

\*Options for zoom or call in will be utilized as necessary for meetings to accommodate COVID restrictions of that time.

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Paul McLauchlin	Facilitator
Kathy Rooyakkers	County of Wetaskiwin
Leanne Chartrand	AER
Denika Piggott	Resident
Mike Black	Resident
Darcy Allen	Farmers and Property Rights Advocate Office
Sarah Skinner	Battle River Watershed Alliance
Linda Black	Secretary