



<http://synergyalberta.ca/group/battle-lake-watershed-synergy-group>

A meeting of the Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at the Lakedell Ag Society Hall B with Paul McLauchlin 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 {9} residents, {6} industry representatives and government officials. (See the attached list.)

Review of Minutes:

Follow-up Action Items:

1. Journey – Dale to follow up on 4-14-46-2-W5 site information records.

AER Update: Leanne Chartrand

April 27, 2023, via email

This note is to advise you that our AER Engagement Team will not be available to attend Synergy Meetings scheduled for May and possibly June due to restrictions on our engagement and communication activities resulting from the upcoming election.

The next provincial election is scheduled to take place by Monday, May 29, with the writ expected to be dropped between now and the beginning of May.

During an election period, Government of Alberta guidelines require that all government agencies, boards, and commissions (the AER is considered an Agency) shift their communications; issuing or posting information that is deemed absolutely vital.

This means that news releases, statements, bulletins, external presentations, and even social media posts, as well as attendance at public meetings, are restricted during the pre-election period and the transition period unless emergency situations or matters affecting public health arise.

Media requests will be addressed promptly, but requests for information will be limited to technical information. Spokespeople will not comment on existing or proposed programs.

If questions or concerns come up, please feel free to contact our Engagement Inbox at engagement@aer.ca

INDUSTRY UPDATES:

Baytex: Jack Skjonsberg/Murray Phillips

Activity - Completing last well of 6 at 7-28-45-2.
Third well at 10-31-44-2 in the process of routing.
Plans for 2024 – 6-9 wells withing Wetaskiwin/Ponoka County.

Operations – Steady, facility work to accommodate new wells (7-28-11-30).

Facility Notification last week for 5-9-46-2. Currently has two producing wells that have been in production for six years. Expansion to 8 more (horizontal) wells off existing pad approximately 2025. No firm commitment yet.

Discussion: Residents requested Baytex meet with and discuss concerns with residents on drilling through sour zones to produce/develop sweet wells. Possibility for a Cumulative Impact Assessment. Baytex is willing to meet. Contacts were exchanged.

Journey Energy: Dale Guidi

Journey didn't drill any new wells in Q1 in the area. We have no plans for drilling in our current 2023 budget. We hope to have some drill locations next year but it highly dependant on commodity prices.

We had a minor piping leak on one of our locations that resulted in a small amount of sweet emulsion released. This was all on-lease. We responded immediately to the clean up. Any environmental contaminants have been successfully remediated. Surveyors were on site May 3, 2023, isolated flow in pipeline, to replace line or portion of line.

Location: 03-05-046-01W5

<https://www1.aer.ca/compliancedashboard/enforcement.html>

We have plans for integrity inspections on our group pipeline system. This is pro-active work to ensure the pipeline maintains safe operation going forward. This type of work is apart of our

corporate integrity plans in all our areas to ensure safe and reliable operation. This work will be performed post break up when the right-of-way is accessible.

Plans discussed at last meeting are on hold. More plans to come in 1-2 years.

Request: Public meeting when plans move forward regarding concerns residents have with fracking under the lake and in the watershed.

Discussion: 4-14-46-2-W5, located against RR 22 north of Highway 13, 2 wells. Winter of 2022-2023 work was done three times without notice. Originally and Encal site subject to Chrystal Pipeline Hearing conditions – permanently burned, surface water tested and returned to water cycle if clean. Are conditions being met? Are test results available?

A: Journey recompleted the site in the winter. Will follow up with information records related to the site.

Farmers Advocate Office: Darcy Allen

No update due to the Election restrictions. Can accept community feedback.

Renewables: AUC influence. Following pilot projects in Calgary, [Sollair Solar Developments](#) near Airdrie for Agrivoltaics.

County of Wetaskiwin: Kathy Rooyakkers

Open House May 5, 2023 from 11-2pm.

Beef on a bun, etc. Usually 400-500 attend. Graders on display.

Public hearing – no CFO's.

Two-year process on Land Use Bylaws.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Battle River Watershed Alliance: Sarah Skinner

https://alms.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/WLK_2020-2021_Final_20211202.pdf

https://alms.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/WLK_201920_FINAL_20210201.pdf

https://alms.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/WinterLakeKeepers_2019-Final.pdf

New Health in the water Atlas expansion on the 2011 version. Eco Network/Environmental Community Health. Health of the watershed information, digital pdf available. eBook version to come. Goal is to raise public awareness, calls to action for communities, municipalities, and Indigenous Nations.

June 12, 2023, BRWA AGM

8:30 am to 5:15 pm

This year's AGM and bus tour will include stops within the Battle Lake watershed, including the fern glades and lakeshore views of Mt. Butte. We will also have guest speakers on a range of topics, including local stewardship efforts, implementation of beneficial agricultural practices, and partnerships in lake watershed management.

The bus will start in Camrose, with speakers and stops planned within the Battle Lake watershed (including the fern glades).

Register for free at [eventbrite](#).

Dave Doze:

See Journey discussion.

Warburg Pembina Surface Rights Group meeting on May 9, 2023

Topic: AER/ AB Auditor General

Speaker: Dwight Popowich – Polluter Pay Federation

Michael Black:

Working with Baytex on mitigations of new compressor and well site.

Arnold Renschler:

Community Conservation. Retreats/campsites marketed on AirBNB etc. – quiet experience desired.

Concerned with oil and gas noise from compressors and traffic.

Discussion: Operating licenses should be obtained from the County. Concern for campfires, fire suppression/water use/transportation resources.

Graham Gilchrist, Consultant:

Fulton Decision – Lexum to pay full cost. Lexum/Bateman decision waiting to hear. Judicial review unjust enrichment.

Stakeholder Rights Committee (AER) – Landowners perspective: Imperial file improvements, leaks etc. communication of upgrades, tables, weekly community updates.

Independent communication.

Heat pipelines – moving heed brine (AEPEA) – Directive 89, liability management.

Later 2023: Hard rock minerals – geological survey – lithium/brine mine, Directive 93

Battle Lake Watershed Pilot Project Reports:

<https://www.battleriverwatershed.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Battle-Lake-Watershed-Development-Planning-Pilot-Project-2006-Summary-Report.pdf>

ERCB Review of the Battle Lake Watershed Development Planning Pilot Project, March 2011:

https://static.aer.ca/prd/documents/reports/BattleLakeReport_March2011.pdf

Meeting Dates for 2023:

September 7, 2023

November 2, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE LIST

| INDIVIDUAL | REPRESENTING |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Paul McLauchlin | Facilitator |
| Linda Black | Admin |
| Shane Koss | Baytex |
| Jack Skjonsberg | Baytex |
| Murray Phillips | Baytex |
| Kathy Rooyakers | Wetaskiwin County |
| Darcy Allen | FAO |
| Graham Gilchrist | Consultant |
| Sarah Skinner | BRWA |
| Dave Doze | Resident |
| Michael Black | Resident |
| Bob Whiteside | Resident |
| Denika Piggot | Resident |
| Joanne Broderson | Resident |
| Arnold Renschler | Resident |