



Voice of Community and Land Society  
Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2010 7:30 PM at the House

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Present: Bill Sears, Scott Stauffer, Jon Kauffman, Clayton Maurer, Norma Williams, Jane Oracheski,  
Regrets: Lonnie Lauber, Brian Schultz Robert Janzen, Julie Ishida

A. Bill Sears called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

B. Agenda

**Motion by Jon Kauffman: That the agenda be approved after adding 2010 AGM under item #3. Carried.**

C. Minutes

**Motion by Stauffer/Maurer: That the Minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting be approved as distributed. Carried.**

D. Old Business

1. Stories for newspapers – None at this time.
2. 2008 financial statements – were sent in by McElhanney's office. Tony Darby (one of our reviewers) is currently in Vancouver and unable to sign the new format required for the financial statements, but because he had signed the old format we hope this will pass inspection. We have not heard back yet.
3. Augustana Conference 2010 – No news has been heard about this conference as yet.

E. Reports

1. Treasurer Jane Oracheski presented her report, which is attached to these minutes.

**Motion by Jane Oracheski/Clayton Maurer That the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented.**

2. Chairman Bill Sears has been contacted by Leila Darwish, past employee of the Sierra Club. Leila was so helpful to us in the past, and she needed a sponsor to help her study organic farming in Cuba. Bill agreed to sponsor her. Bill also attended an Environmental Law Centre Webinar today on Water rights. The Alberta Government is considering amendments to water allocation and water licence transfer systems in the province. This review is being driven by issues of overallocation of water in some areas of the province and the economic and environmental issues that overallocation has caused. Jason Unger, Staff Counsel with the Environmental Law Centre, presented a summary review of the three reports that are informing the government's review, as well as issues that arise from a "First in Time, First in Right" (FITFIR) system, such as whether the licence transfer system is equitable and whether transfers and FITFIR adequately address environmental and economic concerns. Clayton mentioned that the movie "Blue Gold" is also an excellent resource discussing water issues.

G. New Business:

1. AEN CAE Meeting on Nuclear Power and agriculture – Feb 8, 2010 This meeting was announced.
2. AEN CAE Meeting with Alberta Environment on Cumulative Effects – to be held January 25, 2010. Clayton Maurer will try to attend and report back to us.
3. **2010 AGM Planning:** Will be held February 24, 2010, Wednesday Evening at Bardo Hall.  
The agenda will be similar to last year. We need to get new reviewers for our financials – Bill will ask May and Cheryl Lawson if they would consider doing this for us. Scott Stauffer will act as our nominating committee. We need 4 positions and 6 directors. Bill will ask Lyle Heiberg to Chair while elections are going on.  
Speakers for the meeting will be one of two options:
  1. Bill will contact Ben Ludwig from Sherritt and the Environmental Law Centre. We would like to know from Sherritt what is going on now, if anything, and if they will update us on the project. We wonder if the EIA will have to be redone now. In addition, we thought that the Env Law Centre would be able to advise us on possible courses of action. Would Sherritt notify us if they begin the project again, and when in the process might they do this? We discussed what our future plans should be. Norma suggested that we think about devising a plan so that

if Sherritt begins the project again we have a plan to mobilize. In the interim, we discussed what VOCAL might do. We should ask our membership what their expectations are.

2. Steve McKnight, is a local owner of wind power, and Toso Bozic, an expert in using wood fuel and biomass for energy are also options for speakers. Toso is available, as Bill has already contacted him.

Bill will forward agenda information to Norma when he hears back about the speakers.

Membership fees – we decided that we would extend memberships for another year.

Lunch – Bill will ask Julie if she will organize the coffee and refreshments again.

Bill will talk to Robert about tables/chairs.

Jon will get a screen and get a projector.

Bill will find a PA system.

Norma will put ads in the Camrose Morning News, the Tofield Mercury, Country Connections (Jane will forward information regarding that paper) and the Camrose Booster. She will also email our contact list to inform them of the meeting. Norma will send an updated contact list to Clayton, and Clayton will phone all the contacts.

Norma and Jane will share information to see if we can update our email addresses.

Norma will print up the agenda, a Year in Review, and last year's AGM Minutes. She will get 50 copies made and bring to the meeting.

H. Next Meeting Time: April 21, 2010 at 7:30.

I. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Norma Williams

1/15/2010

VOCAL Income/Expense  
2/13/08 through 13/01/10

INCOME

Donations	16,918.39
Interest	0.44
Memberships	2,800.00
Signs	830.00
Reversals (Outstanding Honoraria)	150.00

TOTAL INCOME 20,698.83

EXPENSES

Advertising		
Billboard	2,126.25	
Newspapers	2,334.92	
Photocopying	147.76	
Signs	1,449.50	
Website	905.00	
Rack Cards	94.50	
Fridge Magnets	168.00	
TOTAL Advertising		7,225.93
Bank Fees	120.20	
Food	50.00	
Guest Speakers	300.00	
Legal/Professional Fees	687.88	
Misc.		
Receipt books	32.53	
Repayment of Advance	2,000.00	
TOTAL Misc		2,032.53
Rent	1,040.00	
Telephone	231.61	

TOTAL EXPENSES 11,688.15

OVERALL TOTAL 9,010.68

BANK BALANCE as of December 7, 2009 9,010.68