



Voice of Community and Land Society
Meeting Minutes
Feb. 4, 2009 7:30 PM at The House, Tofield

Present: Bill Sears, Owen Forster, Clayton Maurer, Robert Janzen, Julie Ishida, Norma Williams
Regrets: Russel Stauffer, Brian Schultz, Jon Kauffman

A. Bill Sears called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

B. Agenda

MSC Forster/Maurer: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

C. Minutes –

MSC Ishida/Maurer That the minutes from Nov. 26, 2008 and Jan 13, 2009 be approved as distributed.

D. Old Business

1. Stories for Newspapers:

Julie has written a story about Ryan Mason and Devin Keay (Augustana students) which she will be submitting to the papers for printing, along with the ad for our annual general meeting.

ACTION: Julie will submit this article and advertisement to Tofield Mercury, Camrose Booster, Camrose Morning News, Farm & Friends, and CFCW community events.

2. Annual Meeting Planning

a. Will be held February 25th at 7:30 pm at Bardo Hall. Bill has booked the Hall.

ACTION: Clayton will phone members without an email address to advise them about our annual meeting. Norma will email a list to him.

Norma will be sending out notification via email to our contact list, as well as doing a mail out.

b. Format of the Meeting:

Speakers from Lakeland are coming to speak on Wind, Solar (power and heat) and will briefly touch on biofuels. This will take about 30-45 minutes.

Hoflins will also be coming to talk about life off the grid. Jon has arranged.

Owen has been in touch with Tim Weis from Pembina Institute who is putting together a DVD for us on Renewable Energy and feed-in tariffs. Owen will put together something for our meeting by editing this DVD, and he will introduce it.

Norma already invited Devin Keay to attend the meeting to introduce himself and then we will show the video that Devin and Ryan produced.

ACTION: Owen will talk to Jon about using his laptop and getting a screen & projector set up for the meeting.

ACTION: Bill will get the microphone from the Legion.

ACTION: Julie will talk to Sandy Lusc and ask her if she will provide lunch and we will pay her to do so.

ACTION: Bill will check with Robert re: chairs for the meeting.

ACTION: Bill will talk to Lyle Heiberg to ask if he is willing to run the meeting during the election of officers.

ACTION: We should let the politicians we have met with know about our meeting. **Bill please send Norma a list and she will email.**

ACTION: Robert will give his treasurer's report to Jon so it can be shown on the screen at our meeting.

The first part of the evening will be our short meeting where we will read the minutes from last year, Bill can give a brief overview of the highlights of the year. We need to give thank you's to the board members who are leaving, Bill McElhanney, Wild Oats and Notes, and RH-DAPA.

ACTION: Julie will call Cheryl McCartney re: the picture to put on our thank you cards.

It was decided that we would give a \$75 honorarium in a thank you card to the speakers who are attending our meeting. We need 1 for Lakeland, 1 for Hoflins and 1 for Devin Keay.

We will ask for two volunteers to audit our books for this past year, as well as again for the upcoming year.

We need to elect two new board members, as Owen Forster and Russell Stauffer have resigned their positions.

Clayton Maurer is willing to let his name stand for Vice Chairperson.

We need to think of names of persons who might be willing to sit on the board of directors.

ACTION: Bill will forward the Agenda for the meeting to Norma when it is prepared. She will print 50 copies. On the back will be a list of the activities we have done over the past year.

E. Reports

1. Clayton – Cumulative Effects Workshop – Clayton made sure we all knew about the upcoming Land use Framework meeting in Round Hill on Feb. 19th. Rhonda King of Alberta Environment has contacted Clayton requesting a meeting. Clayton will find out more information.

2. Chair's Report – Bill talked to Ben Ludwig from Sherritt and asked for an update. Their new product for the plant is possibly synthetic diesel fuel. Sherritt will be having meetings in February and March to determine what their final product is. They have been "short-listed" for receiving the government money promised for carbon sequestration, although we don't know what that means. Sherritt has given themselves a March 31st deadline to determine their product and market.

3. Treasurer's Report – Robert presented his report.

MSC Janzen/Williams That the treasurer's report be adopted as presented.

F. Correspondence – Bill passed around articles that he had cut from the Journal. Bill has been invited to attend the opening of the legislature on Tuesday, Feb. 10th.

G. New Business

1. John Parkins – University of Alberta. Field trip for the students in Rural Economy will be taking place February 23, 2009.

2. Alberta Environmental Network – Clean Air Energy Caucus Plan. The meeting in Calgary to be held Jan 23rd was postponed indefinitely.

3. Meeting with Premier Stelmach. No luck in getting a hold of him yet.

4. Alberta Surface Rights Federation (Glenn Norman) – no news

5. Meeting with Dr. David Swann and Mr. Laurie Blakeman Feb. 12 at 4:00 pm. Bill will attend. Julie and Norma are checking to see if they can make it, as is Clayton.

H. Next Meeting Date: March 25th, 2009 The House, 7:30 pm.