

Minutes for Committee Ratification

Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (the Committee)
Meeting Minutes
Gull Lake Room, Red Deer Lodge
January 24, 2005
9:30 to 3:10

In attendance:

Mike Ekelund (chair)	Department of Energy
John Hermans	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Ken Hoppins (<i>alternate</i>)	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Dave Trew (<i>alternate</i>)	Alberta Environment
Sharil Baumgardner	Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District Clean Air People
Deryl Hurl	Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
Mike Gatens	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Dave Kopperson	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Allen Wright	The Coal Association of Canada
Else Pedersen (<i>alternate</i>)	Freehold Petroleum & Natural Gas Owners Association
Mary Griffiths	The Pembina Institute
Barry Cole (<i>alternate</i>)	Sustainable Resource Development
<i>Others</i>	
Quinn Goretzky (secretary)	Alberta Energy
Paul Batke (presenter)	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschnig (presenter)	Alberta Energy
Rhonda Wehrhahn (presenter)	Alberta Energy
Tom Byrnes (observer)	Alberta Energy & Utilities Board
Christine Maden (observer)	Alberta Energy & Utilities Board
Nga de la Cruz (observer)	Alberta Environment
John Squarek (observer)	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Dave Bartesko (presenter)	Sustainable Resource Development
Keith Beraska (observer)	Sustainable Resource Development
Sari Shernofsky (observer)	

Absent:

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 9:30.

Review/Ratification of Minutes

ACTION

- *Minutes from January 13 were accepted.*

Best Practices Manual

Mike Gatens indicated that well spacing had been added to the table of contents. He also encouraged the MAC to provide feedback on the table of contents.

ACTION

- *MAC members will send comments on the table of contents to Karen.*

Review of Mineral Land Tenure Recommendations

The MAC briefly reviewed recommendations that were discussed at the previous the meeting. Recommendations relating to the following Mineral Land Tenure working group report issues were reviewed:

- Obtaining shallow zone mineral rights
- Unique CBM/NGC agreement
- Multiple Agreements – Cumulative impacts on the surface
- Notification of activity in active coal mining areas
- Notification of sales results

ACTION

- *Rhonda Wehrhahn will send P&NG rights posting requirements to Don Bester.*

Review of Water Recommendations

The MAC discussed and reviewed the following recommendations contained in the Water Working Group report:

- Strengthen approval process
 - “Decision Tree” for approving NGC applications
 - Identify minimum conditions for groundwater diversion approvals.

ACTION

- *MAC members will send comments on the Water Decision Tree (Conceptual Diagram) to Dave Trew by February 4.*

Surface/Air Issues Working Group (SAWG)

Dave Bartesko of Sustainable Resource Development provided a presentation on the SAWG working group report. There were no unique surface/air issues related to NGC development. The SAWG report dealt with surface/air issues of a nature that were either general to oil and gas or strongly related to NGC activity. Six issues were identified: land management; environmental health; economics; communicating information; agents (licensed land, permit or mineral); and land enjoyment.

ACTION

- *MAC members will send comments on the SAWG report to Dave Bartesko or Keith Beraska by February 4.*
- *John Squarek (CAPP) to send information regarding p.22 of the report directly to Dave Bartesko.*
- *Dave Bartesko will send the revised report to Karen for distribution to the MAC.*

Release of Working Papers

The MAC discussed the structure of the preliminary findings document and the timing of the release of various working papers as backup information.

DECISION

- The working papers will be posted to the NGC website after the preliminary findings are released.

Future Agenda Items

- Draft Preliminary Findings:
 - o Tenure
 - o Document Structure
- Review of Water working group recommendations
 - o Discuss Water Decision Tree (Conceptual Diagram)
- Working Group Report – distribution
- Review of Royalty working group recommendations
- Update on out-of scope issues
- Review of best practices table of contents
- Working group thank you

Next Meeting (9:30 February 7, Red Deer Lodge)

Future Meetings

February 14
 February 22
 March 7
 March 14