

Minutes for Committee Ratification

Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (the Committee)
Meeting Minutes
Room 206 Provincial Building, Red Deer
February 14, 2005
9:30 to 5:00

In attendance:

Mike Ekelund (chair)	Department of Energy
John Hermans	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Phyllis Kobasiuk	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Dave Trew (<i>alternate</i>)	Alberta Environment
Glenn Winner (<i>presenter</i>)	Alberta Environment
Sharil Baumgardner	Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Tom Nahirniak	Alberta Surface Rights Federation
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District
Deryl Hurl	Clean Air People
Mike Gatens	Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
Dave Kopperson	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Kevin Heffernan (<i>presenter</i>)	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Else Pedersen (<i>alternate</i>)	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Mary Griffiths	Freehold Petroleum & Natural Gas Owners Association
Barry Cole (<i>alternate</i>)	The Pembina Institute
Bill Brown (<i>presenter</i>)	Sustainable Resource Development
	Wheatland Surface Rights Action Group
<i>Others</i>	
Gene Roach (facilitator)	Community Development
Ken Hoppins (<i>observer</i>)	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
Karen Henderson (secretary)	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschning (observer)	Alberta Energy
Rhonda Wehrhahn (observer)	Alberta Energy
Tom Byrnes (observer)	Alberta Energy & Utilities Board
John Squarek (observer)	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers / Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Sari Shernofsky (<i>presenter</i>)	

Absent

Gene Rawe
Robert Donick

Alberta Beef Producers
The Coal Association of Canada

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 9:30.

Review/Ratification of Minutes

ACTION

- *Minutes from January 24 were accepted.*

Working Group Papers

Mike Ekelund advised that when the various working group papers are released, the respective working group Chairs should review the names and organization information for each member to ensure it is current and accurate and that release of information is consistent with Section 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

New Representative from Alberta Environment

Peter Watson (co-chair) is the new Deputy Minister of AENV. Bev Yee will be replacing Peter as the co-chair.

Additional Meeting Dates

The MAC requested additional meeting dates be scheduled in February, March and April.

ACTION

- *Additional meeting have been added for February 23 and March 8.*
- *The meeting on February 23 will start at 9:00.*
- *Karen will send an e-mail to MAC members regarding availability for either April 15 or April 18.*

Best Practices Manual

John Squarek advised CAPP has hired a consultant to assist with preparation of the document and hope to have an outline drafted by March 31. They received some feedback from MAC members on the Table of Contents.

ACTION

- *MAC members will send comments to Karen or Mike Gatens.*

Draft of Preliminary Findings - Mineral Land Tenure

The MAC reviewed in detail the draft document provided on Mineral Land Tenure and suggested some changes. Recommendations with no consensus will be identified accordingly in the draft preliminary findings and will use wording similar to "There was no consensus by the MAC as to whether or not (*the recommendation should be supported*).

When possible, the document will specify the stakeholder group being referenced (e.g. industry, landowner, other).

ACTION

- *Sari will incorporate changes as identified by the MAC members.*

- *Once the MAC has concluded their review of all working group recommendations, a revised draft will be provided for their consideration.*

Review of Water Recommendations

The MAC reviewed the revised Water Decision Tree (Conceptual Design) and requested further changes.

ACTION

- *Dave Trew will have requested changes incorporated into the diagram for review by MAC at the next meeting.*

The MAC discussed and reviewed issues/recommendations contained in the Water Working Group paper, including:

- Strengthen approval process
- Improve scientific information
- Development of “best practices”
- Promote wise use and conservation of water
- Investigate potential for methane migration into water wells

The MAC will continue review of the recommendations at the next MAC meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- Draft Preliminary Findings:
 - Water (based on review to date)
- Continuation of review of Water working group recommendations
 - Finalize Water Decision Tree (Conceptual Diagram)
- Review of Royalty working group recommendations
- Update out-of scope issues
- Review of best practices
- Working group thank you

Next Meeting (9:30 February 22; 9:00 February 23, locations to be confirmed)

Future Meetings

February 22-23

March 7-8

March 14

April 15 or 18 (to be confirmed)