

Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (the Committee)  
Meeting Minutes  
Rom 206, Red Deer Provincial Building  
March 14, 2005  
9:30 to 4:30

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In attendance:

Mike Ekelund ( <i>chair</i> )	Alberta Energy
Jamie Wuite ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Phyllis Kobasiuk	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Ken Hoppins ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Sharil Baumgardner	Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Tom Nahirniak	Alberta Surface Rights Federation
Deryl Hurl	Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
Else Pedersen ( <i>alternate</i> )	Freehold Petroleum & Natural Gas Owners Association
Bill Brown ( <i>alternate</i> )	The Pembina Institute
Barry Cole ( <i>alternate</i> )	Sustainable Resource Development

*Others*

Gene Roach ( <i>facilitator</i> )	Community Development
Quinn Goretzky ( <i>secretary</i> )	Alberta Energy
Barry Rodgers ( <i>presenter</i> )	Alberta Energy
Matthew Foss ( <i>presenter</i> )	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschnig ( <i>presenter</i> )	Alberta Energy
Tom Byrnes ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Nga de la Cruz ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Environment
Sari Shernofsky ( <i>writer</i> )	

Absent:

Gene Rawe	Alberta Beef Producers
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District Clean Air People
Allen Wright	The Coal Association of Canada
Mike Gatens	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada

**Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting started at 9:30.

**Review/Ratification of Minutes**

***ACTION***

- *Minutes from March 7 and 8 were ratified with revisions.*

**Review and Discussion of Recommendations/Concerns – Royalty**

The MAC completed the review of recommendations made by the Royalty working group. Additional recommendations were discussed.

## **EUB Bulletin 2005-08 - Consultation Regarding Proposed Changes to Reservoir-Related Well Spacing Regulations, Application Requirements, and Application Review Process**

The MAC reviewed EUB Bulletin 2005-08. Most MAC members indicated the April 22<sup>nd</sup> response time was not sufficient to consider the proposal and respond adequately. The same members also expressed concern that the EUB may change well spacing requirements before the MAC recommendations had been finalized.

### ***ACTION***

- *The Chair of the MAC will send a letter to the EUB Chair requesting an extension to the Bulletin 2005 – 08 response deadline.*
- *Bob Willard will provide information on the current EUB process regarding oil and gas companies consulting with surface owners about well spacing.*

### **Parking Lot Issues**

The MAC identified additional parking lot issues and the previous list needs to be updated.

- Banking issue – banks are reluctant to accept agricultural land being used for energy activities as collateral for a loan.
- Orphan Well Funding – if appropriate, consider using royalties for funding the orphan well program.

### ***ACTION***

- *Karen Henderson will update the parking lot issues document to include those raised by the MAC.*
- *Nga de la Cruz will follow up on the banking issue and provide information to Sari for inclusion in preliminary findings document.*

### **Review and Discussion of Draft Preliminary Findings – General Issues**

The MAC completed a review of the Draft Preliminary Findings – General Issues.

### ***ACTION***

- *Sari Shernofsky will update the Preliminary Findings – General Issues to include edits requested by the MAC.*
- *Sharla Rauschnig to develop a draft high-level plan outlining the post MAC report process and general time lines.*

### **Communication Plan – Update**

A revised communication plan for releasing the MAC's Preliminary Findings was presented. The MAC suggested revisions to the time lines.

### ***ACTION***

- *The communication plan to be updated with the new time lines.*

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9:30 to 3:00

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In attendance:

Mike Ekelund ( <i>chair</i> ) after 2:00	Alberta Energy
Beverley Yee ( <i>co- chair</i> )	Alberta Environment
Jamie Wuite ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Ken Hoppins ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Sharil Baumgardner	Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Tom Nahirniak	Alberta Surface Rights Federation
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District Clean Air People
Deryl Hurl	Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
Dave Kopperson	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Else Pedersen ( <i>alternate</i> )	Freehold Petroleum & Natural Gas Owners Association
Barry Cole ( <i>alternate</i> )	Sustainable Resource Development
Norma LaFonte ( <i>alternate</i> )	Wheatland Surface Rights Action Group

*Others*

Gene Roach ( <i>facilitator</i> )	Community Development
Quinn Goretzky ( <i>secretary</i> )	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschnig ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy
Brenda Austin ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Tom Byrnes ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Nga de la Cruz ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Environment
Sari Shernofsky ( <i>observer</i> )	

Absent:

Phyllis Kobasiuk	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Gene Rawe	Alberta Beef Producers
Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Mike Gatens	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
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**Review and Discussion of Draft Preliminary Findings – Surface/Air Working Group**

The MAC completed a review of the Draft Preliminary Findings – Surface/Air Working Group (SAWG).

### **CBM/NGC Well Decision Tree**

The MAC reviewed and discussed the CBM/NGC Well Decision Tree. Additional work/discussion is required to complete the decision tree.

#### **Water Principles & Factors**

- Minimum volume must be place based
- The threshold has to account for cumulative impact
- Stakeholder input is required

#### ***ACTION***

- *EUB and Environment will incorporate MAC comments into the CBM/NGC Well Decision Tree.*
- *EUB/Alberta Environment will review the EUB's water proposal and discuss findings at the next MAC meeting.*

#### **Additional Water Recommendation**

The MAC discussed M. Ekelund's proposed new water recommendation.

#### ***ACTION***

- *Sari Shernofsky will provide the recommendation wording based on the discussion.*

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- Recommendation SAWG S2.2 and S2.3
- Water Cone of Depression Simulation
- Prioritize MAC Recommendations
- Follow Up Process
- New water recommendation
- Update decision tree
- Update on Best Management Practices
- Update on CASA

#### **Future Meetings**

April 18  
April 19  
April 25  
May 2  
May 3