

Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (the Committee)
Meeting Minutes
Rom 206, Red Deer Provincial Building
April 25, 2005
9:30 to 5:00

In attendance:

Mike Ekelund (<i>chair</i>)	Alberta Energy
John Hermans	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Ken Hoppins (<i>alternate</i>)	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Sharil Baumgardner	Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Gene Rawe	Alberta Beef Producers
Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Tom Nahirniak	Alberta Surface Rights Federation
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District Clean Air People
John Squarek	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
Mary Griffiths	The Pembina Institute

Others

Gene Roach (<i>facilitator</i>)	Community Development
Karen Henderson (<i>secretary</i>)	Alberta Energy
David Breakwell (<i>observer</i>)	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschnig (<i>observer</i>)	Alberta Energy
Nga de la Cruz (<i>alternate</i>)	Alberta Environment
Dave Rushford (<i>observer</i>)	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada

Sari Shernofsky (*writer*)

Absent:

Phyllis Kobasiuk	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Bev Yee	Alberta Environment
Deryl Hurl	Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
Mike Gatens	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Allen Wright	The Coal Association of Canada

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 9:30.

Review/Ratification of Minutes

ACTION

- *Minutes from April 18 and 19 were ratified.*

Review of Draft Preliminary Findings (PF)

The MAC considered the overall format and category of issues for the document. The MAC reviewed the draft recommendations and noted those where consensus had been reached. In addition, the MAC identified issues without consensus that will require additional discussion before a recommendation can be written, how the issue will be handled if consensus is not ultimately achieved and appropriate placement of the issue within the document.

ACTION

- *Sari will incorporate changes identified by the MAC into the next PF draft.*
- *Recommendations identified for further discussion will be reviewed at the May 2, 3 MAC meetings.*

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

The MAC discussed alternatives to address the EUB Bulletin. A copy of the response received from the EUB was distributed. Options for response by the MAC include referencing the Bulletin in the PF, sending a letter from the MAC directly to EUB with comments or creating a recommendation for inclusion into the PF.

ACTION

- *The MAC will discuss this issue at a future meeting in May.*

Best Management Practices Draft

The MAC reviewed the draft and provided some additional comments. While feedback has been requested from the MAC by April 29, CAPP intends the manual to be a “living” document with changes and updates provided as required.

ACTION

- *John Squarek will provide a revised draft for MAC consideration at the May 13 MAC meeting.*

Additional Meetings

The MAC agreed that meetings will conclude at 5:00 p.m. If a MAC member can't attend, they shall make arrangements for an alternate to attend on their behalf. There may be a need for additional meetings into June to complete the preliminary findings document.

ACTION

- *Karen Henderson will provide potential meetings dates for June at the next MAC meeting.*