



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Oak Room
Lakeview Inn & Suites, Drayton Valley, AB

IN ATTENDANCE

Cecil Andersen	WCAS Chairman, Pembina Agriculture Protection Association
Kent Brandt	TransAlta Generation Partnership
Barb Schmidtke	Capital Power Corporation
Wes Tweedle	Brazeau County
Audrey Kelto	Leduc County
Ben Ludwig	Sherritt Coal
Chris Blurton	Teck Coal
David Helmer	Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
Mesbah Ahmed	Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
Bob Scotten	WCAS Executive Director
Patrick Andersen	WCAS QA/QC
Heather Plumb	WCAS Office Manager

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Susan Kelly	Public-at-large
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ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 1: Bob to provide WCAS board with letter to accompany Dr. Sievering's report.

Action Item 2: WCAS may proceed with the reclamation of the Hightower Site.

Action Item 3: WCAS to add a tracker or counter to the website to track interest.

Action Item 4: Bob to look into advertising on the new Leduc radio station "the One".

Action Item 5: Bob to schedule meeting with TransAlta and Capital Power regarding equipment replacement.

Action Item 6: AGENDA ITEM: WCAS to engage in a discussion regarding the future of Genesee Station.

Action Item 7: Bob to provide board with information critical to a discussion regarding the future of Genesee Station.

Action Item 8: Patrick to present some information in graph form for easier comparison.

Action Item 9: Bob to check with Elaine regarding the factors for not keeping the Tomahawk plot.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cecil Andersen called the meetings to order at 10:00 a.m.. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda

Accepted as presented with an addition to Other Business – Hinton tree situation.

3. Approval of the November 30, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Accepted as presented.

4. Financial Update: Heather Plumb

Bob will be meeting with the new third party organization. This organization is under huge pressure to have issues resolved by June: looking for consultants, bylaws, scientific program, funding, etc.. A significant component will be for public consultation. Currently, the Wood Buffalo region will be the template, with the possible ramping up future monitoring of the whole province. At some point, we may not be in charge of funding, we may submit an application to the "super board" and be funded via a levy. While some industries are not regulated or subject to permitting, 60-90% of emitters should be captured. In the near future we may see some standardization across the province for monitoring; corresponding with funding next year topped up by AESRD, then completely funded the following year.

In an effort to collect from both the organizations that are required to contribute to air monitoring and those whom are not, Bob has attended numerous meetings and outreach programs, with as many as 80 companies. While there have been some reassurances that Minister McQueen is hearing our concerns, the as yet unformed "third party entity" has resulted in a fair amount of uncertainty, in regards to long term sustainable funding.

5. Review of Previous Action Items

Previous Action Item #1: Bob to provide WCAS board with letter to accompany Dr. Sievering's report. **ACTION ONGOING.**

Previous Action Item #2: WCAS to contact purchasers and sell redundant equipment if possible.

The generators, batteries and solar system have been sold: still waiting to hear back from a potential buyer regarding the two wind towers. **ACTION COMPLETE.**

Previous Action Item #3: If a contract can be finalized, within the parameters provided, WCAS may proceed with the reclamation of the Hightower Site.

The decommissioning of the Hightower site has been delayed until spring due to a heavy, early snowfall. At that point some of the equipment will also be moved to the Hinton station to help report the AQHI. **ACTION ONGOING.**

Previous Action Item #4: WCAS to provide the board with costs associated with radio advertising.

The radio ads have begun running in Drayton Valley and can be cancelled at anytime, we will try to organize a talk show, with feedback. The ad's currently run Monday to Friday, three times a day, attached to the news, at \$450 per month. They have been running since early January, and Bob has a writer out of red deer he works with.

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ACTION COMPLETE.

Previous Action Item #5: Bob to meet with TransAlta and Capital Power by August 2013, to discuss 2014 equipment purchases, and the financing of said purchases.

As the equipment will be ten years old in 2014, it is in the best interest to replace equipment before uptimes and maintenance become issues. The replacement cost for all of the stations should be approximately \$350,000.

ACTION ITEM: Bob to schedule meeting with TransAlta and Capital Power regarding equipment replacement.

ACTION ONGOING.

6. Zone Managers Report: Bob Scotten

a) Network Status

- Our new technician is working out fine and our uptimes have been good across the network.
- Our annual invoices have been slow getting out, but will be completed shortly.
- Bob will be writing a letter to the Ministers, thanking them for the grant money WCAS received last year.
- Ag Program: Bob will be writing letters to our landowners, inquiring as to how they would like us to reclaim the plot sites.
- Violet Grove Station: The landowners have built a house in the vicinity of site, while there is nothing blocking within 30 degrees of site lines, the development is reasonably close to our site. It also appears that there are no former leases with our landowners.
- Genesee Station: It appears that the mine will soon be encroaching on the site. Lead time will be critical for the continuity of data, if there needs to be a new location.

AGENDA ITEM: WCAS to engage in a discussion regarding the future of Genesee Station.

ACTION ITEM: Bob to provide board with information critical to a discussion regarding the future of Genesee Station.

- Hinton Station: WCAS currently has several concerns including: the numerous exceedances observed at Hinton and the location of the existing station (east of the plant, along the main artery, a fair bit of traffic as well as a number of large trees which slow down of air movement). WCAS is considering a new location, north in an open field, for the continuity of data/historical values. We have portable monitoring station to test for a month or two. The point was also made that the site must be consistent with best location not the most convenient location, possibly better location to the west in a residential area, although the generator might be a bad idea, there would be no objections to testing a new location.

7. Air Monitoring Update: Patrick Andersen – see Appendix A

ACTION ITEM: Patrick to present some information in graph form for easier comparison.

8. Other Business

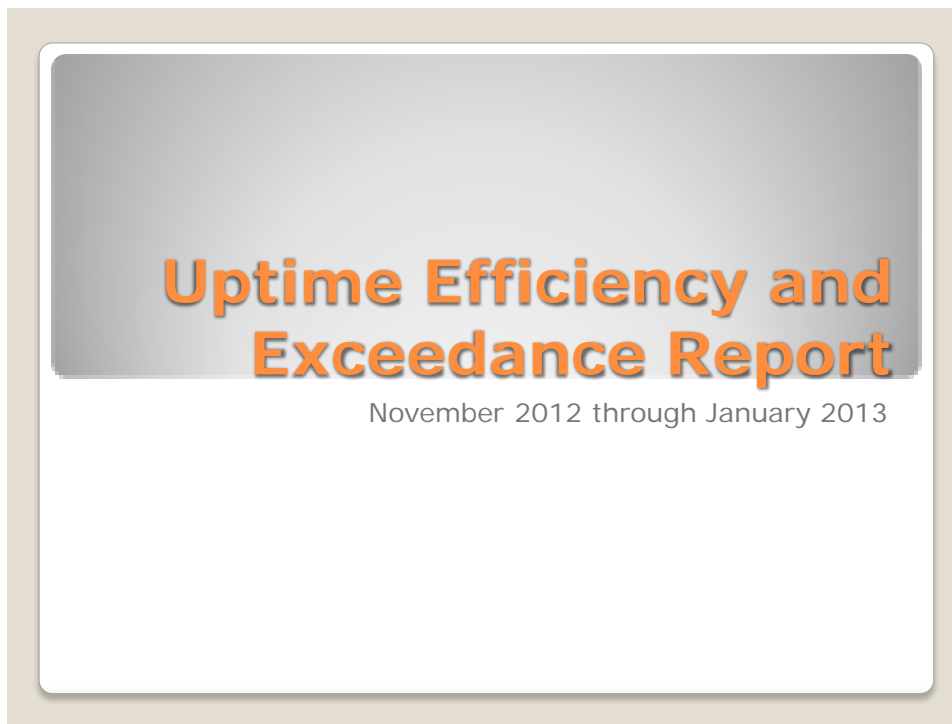
Following a meeting regarding the future of the Ag Program the decision was made to continue operations at Violet Grove and Genesee: one in a power generation region and one in an oil and gas region.

ACTION ITEM: Bob to check with Elaine regarding the factors for not keeping the Tomahawk plot.

Next Meeting Dates: May 16: Annual General Meeting (to be held in the evening),
September 27, November 29

Adjourned

Appendix A



	November Uptime	December Uptime	January Uptime
Tomahawk (901)	100.0	99.9	100.0
Violet Grove (902)	100.0	99.9	99.9
Carrot Creek (903)	100.0	100.0	100.0
Steeper (905)	99.9	100.0	99.2
Hinton (906)	99.6	99.0	100.0
Power (907)	100.0	99.9	99.2
Meadows (908)	100.0	100.0	100.0
Genesee (910)	99.8	100.0	99.4
Drayton Valley (911)	99.9	95.7	100.0
Edson (912)	99.9	100.0	100.0
Breton (913)	99.9	100.0	99.9
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Network Summary

Exceedences	1-hour			Objective (ppb)
	November	December	January	
Hinton TRS	13	8	2	10
Max Value (ppb)	20.34	24.75	12.36	
	24-hour			
	November	December	January	
Hinton TRS	1	2	0	4
Max Value (ppb)	6.03	6.68	-	

Exceedences