



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Oak Room
Lakeview Inn & Suites, Drayton Valley, AB

IN ATTENDANCE

Cecil Andersen	WCAS Chairman, Pembina Agriculture Protection Association
Audrey Kelto	Leduc County
JoAnne Volk	Talisman Energy
David Brand	Sherritt Coal
Kelly Fyhn	Capital Power Corporation
Brian Novak	TransAlta Generation Partnership
Mesbah Ahmed	Alberta Environment
Bob Scotten	WCAS Executive Director
Patrick Andersen	WCAS QA/QC
Heather Plumb	WCAS Office Manager

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item #1: Heather to apply ConocoPhillips 2010 over payment to 2011 invoicing and refund the difference.

Action Item #2: Board to consider various future projects including a Pigeon Lake Station, upgrading the Edson station to monitor for the Alberta Air Quality Index and a joint project with Alberta Health and Wellness. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Item #3: Board to consider thoughts/ideas on the future direction of the CASA/Airshed relationship.

Action Item #4: Bob to discuss Peer Review with Dr. Sievering of Ag Study.

Action Item #5: WCAS to notify CASA regarding reversal of Genesee temperature readings.

Action Item #6: WCAS to consider compilation of data.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved as presented.

3. Approval of the November 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Approved as presented.

4. Financial Update: Heather Plumb

No Financials were presented as the year has just begun.

WCAS recently received a large over payment from ConocoPhillips for their 2010 invoices. Due to long wait times, consensus was reached that the cheque should be cashed and applied to outstanding 2010 and 2011 invoices and the balance refunded.

Action Item: Heather to apply ConocoPhillips 2010 over payment to 2011 invoicing and refund the difference.

*Future projects may include: additional monitoring in the Pigeon Lake area as well as enhanced monitoring in Edson in order to meet Alberta Air Quality Index (AAQI) objectives. The Pigeon Lake monitoring would require a Rationalization provided by Dr. Kindzierski. This station would fill a gap in the southwest of the WCAS region as well as supplement the passive monitoring provided by PAMZ in the area, to provide coverage for the development in the area, including oil and gas. Further enhancement of the Edson station including the installation additional equipment would cost approximately \$100,000.

Finally, Bob continues to work with Alberta Health and Wellness to develop a joint project linking health effects to air quality. This would be a pilot project with Alberta Health and Wellness contributing \$250,000 and WCAS contributing \$100,000. Bob will provide further details at the next meeting.

Action Item: Board to consider various future projects including a Pigeon Lake Station, upgrading Edson to monitor for the Alberta Air Quality Index and a joint project with Alberta Health and Wellness. To be discussed at the next meeting.

5. CASA Presentation: Norm MacLeod & Linda Jabs

Norm sends his regrets, but was unable to attend this meeting. CASA would like to begin a dialog with the Airsheds regarding the future direction of CASA/Airsheds relationship. CASA currently communicates with the Airsheds primarily through the Airshed Council and the Standing Committee between the Airsheds and CASA. CASA is meeting with all of the Airsheds and will then take all of the comments and suggestions, roll them up and present back to the Airsheds for dialog.

Suggestions/ideas/thoughts include:

- Providing templates to Airsheds
- Help communicate Federal programs, Agreements, Targets, Limits, etc.
- Help transition the Landuse Framework
- How to deal with PM and Ozone Management
- How to relate to Airsheds
- A more formalized relationship
- Looking at the Province as a whole but also regions

- How to negotiate trans-boundary issues
- AQMS's aggressive timeline
- The lowering of PM and Ozone thresholds
- The various funding mechanisms
- Resources such as human resources, board governance, strategic communications
- Public Relations and Education
 - making the public more aware, putting together standardized packages for schools, etc.
- Standardized messaging for all Airsheds
- The interpretation of data for the public
- The development of data into trends, health effects, etc.
- Becoming more "public friendly"
- Development of AAQI package for the media
- Encouraging public to join boards
- Board development programs

6. Review of Action Items: Bob Scotten

Action Item #1: Bob to apply for Alberta Environment grant to be used to review the WCAS's data.
Action Complete.

After speaking with the Grant Manager, it was clear the grant was solely developed for the Airshed struggling to meet basic expenses and therefore WCAS would not qualify.

*Currently the Capital Ozone Project (COP) providing additional monitoring for the Edmonton area, is funded by an Alberta Environment Grant administered by the Alberta Capital Airshed Alliance. As of April WCAS will be receiving these funds directly from Alberta Environment. This grant will provide \$115,000 for the operations from April to September.

Action Item #2: Heather to add the following to the 2011 budget: \$10,000 - Ag Study Peer Review, \$51,000 - Upgrade Edson Station to monitor for AAQI, \$10,000 - Educational Programs, \$10,000 - Dr.Kindzierski Review of new Wagner and a possible 5th power plant location. **Action Complete.**

Dr.Kindzierski may not be available for a location review due to a busy schedule, but has suggested provided several suggestions.

* Additionally the early results of the Dr.Sievering Ag Study have indicated that impact will be significant enough to warrant a Peer Review.

Action Item: Bob to discuss Peer Review with Dr. Sievering of Ag Study.

* Dr.Kindzierski will present at the WCAS AGM on Acid and Mercury Deposition.

7. Zone Managers Report: Bob Scotten

a. Network Status

The new backup generator is currently being outfitted with a GPS locator and is completely operational. Greg would like to look at storing a seacan at the shop to secure the new generator.

Dr. Kindziarski discovered a reversal of the temperature readings at the Genesee station.

Action Item: WCAS to notify CASA regarding reversal of Genesee temperature readings.

b. CASA Airshed Council Joint Standing Committee

Nine Airsheds (8 endorsed), sit on the committee looking at funding issues, insurance, equipment, info sharing, etc.. Bob will co-chair with Bev Yee, Deputy Minister of Environment.

c. Heartland/Capital Region Developments

The Capital Region is in the process of developing a steering committee for the Capital region and how to manage initiatives, pressures, the Landuse Framework and Cumulative Effects Management System. Each area will determine their own triggers and their strategic management.

d. Grant Applications

Please see Review of Action Items.

e. Capital Ozone Project Audit

Audit passed.

f. Airshed Council Update

Meeting on March 2 & 3 will include a tour of the Nova Plant and a discussion regarding communication tools.

g. Data Management Project

As part of the Alberta Health and Wellness project, past data may be considered. As WCAS is now on its third data base system, it is getting more and more difficult to extract data. In the interest of future projects it may be worthwhile to compile the data.

Action Item: WCAS to consider compilation of data.

h. WCAS QA/QC Recommendations

Please see above.

i. Agriculture Program 2011

As the Ag Study produced by Dr. Sievering will not be complete until after the start of the 2011 growing season, the consensus was to continue with the program and review it in the fall.

8. Air Monitoring Update: Patrick Andersen (Appendix B)

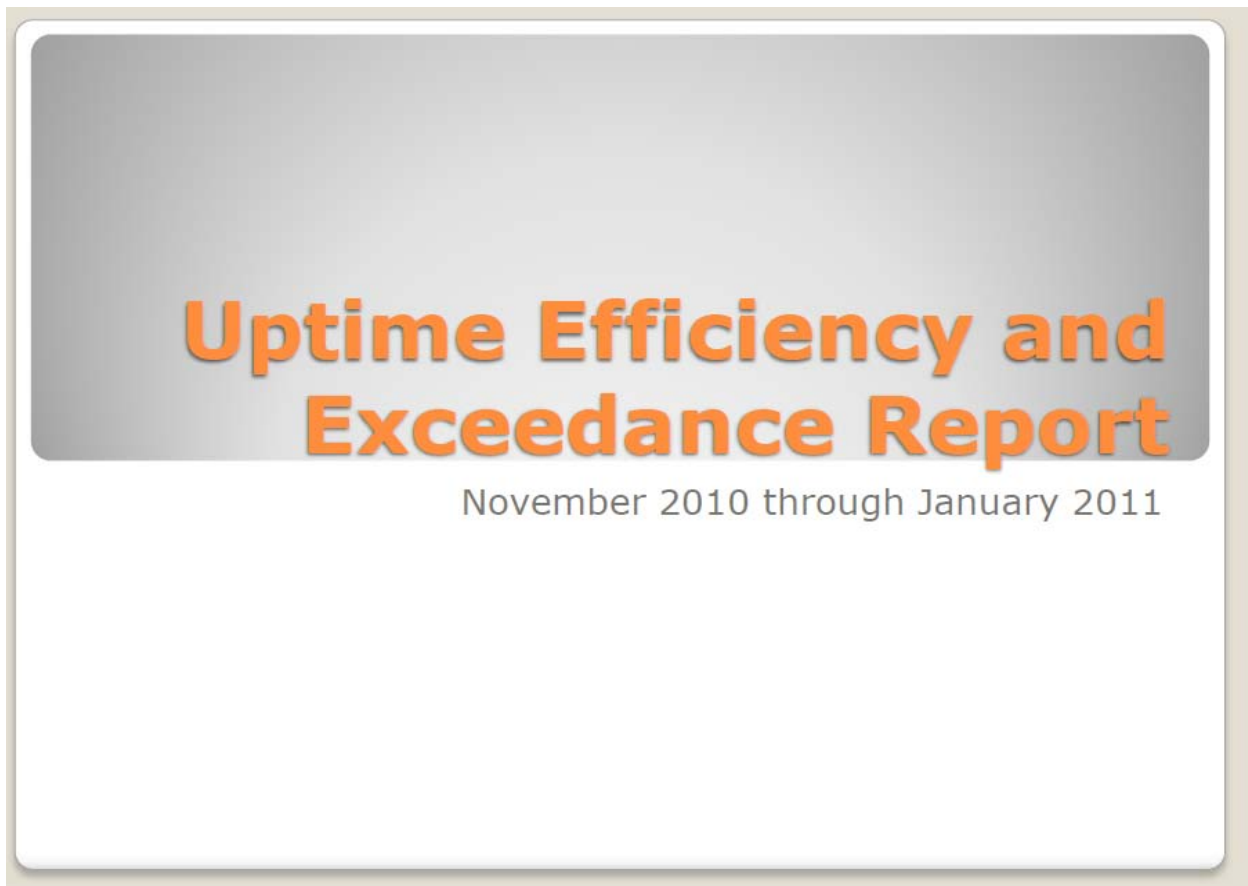
9. Other Business:

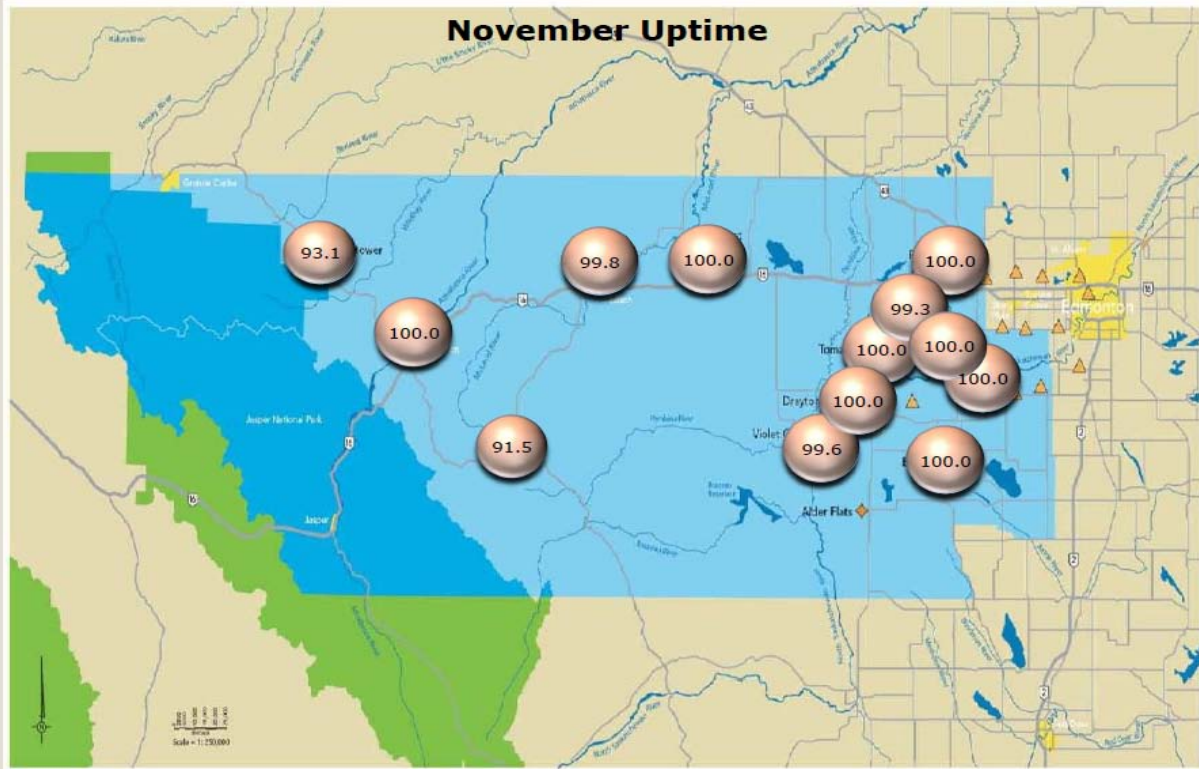
Recently, WCAS in response to its effort to fill the NGO vacancies on the Board, was contacted by Chris Serverson-Baker with the Pembina Institute, expressed interest in participation. His costs would include \$1500 plus meals and travel from Calgary. While Chris would bring value to the Board it was decided that the WCAS Board would continue to offer the CASA rate of \$150/day as payment. Further the Board felt that regional representation was crucial.

Meeting Adjourned

2011 Meeting Dates: May 27 (Annual General Meeting), September 23, November 18

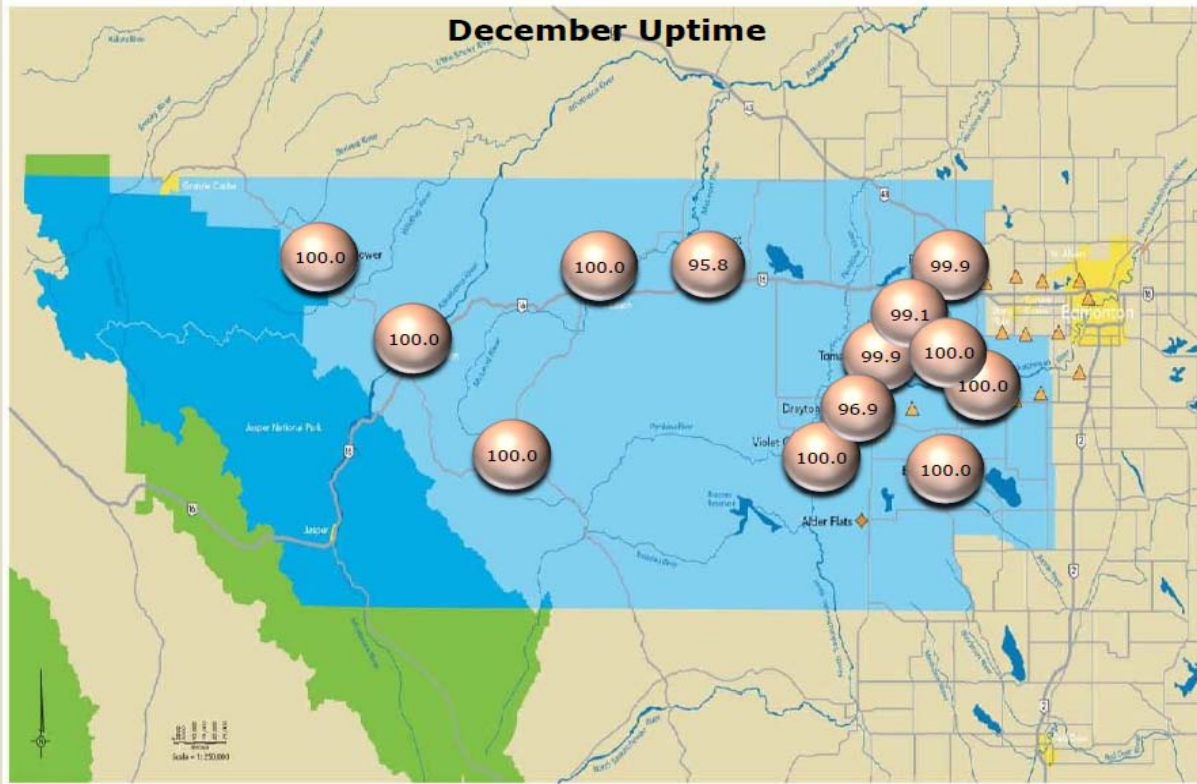
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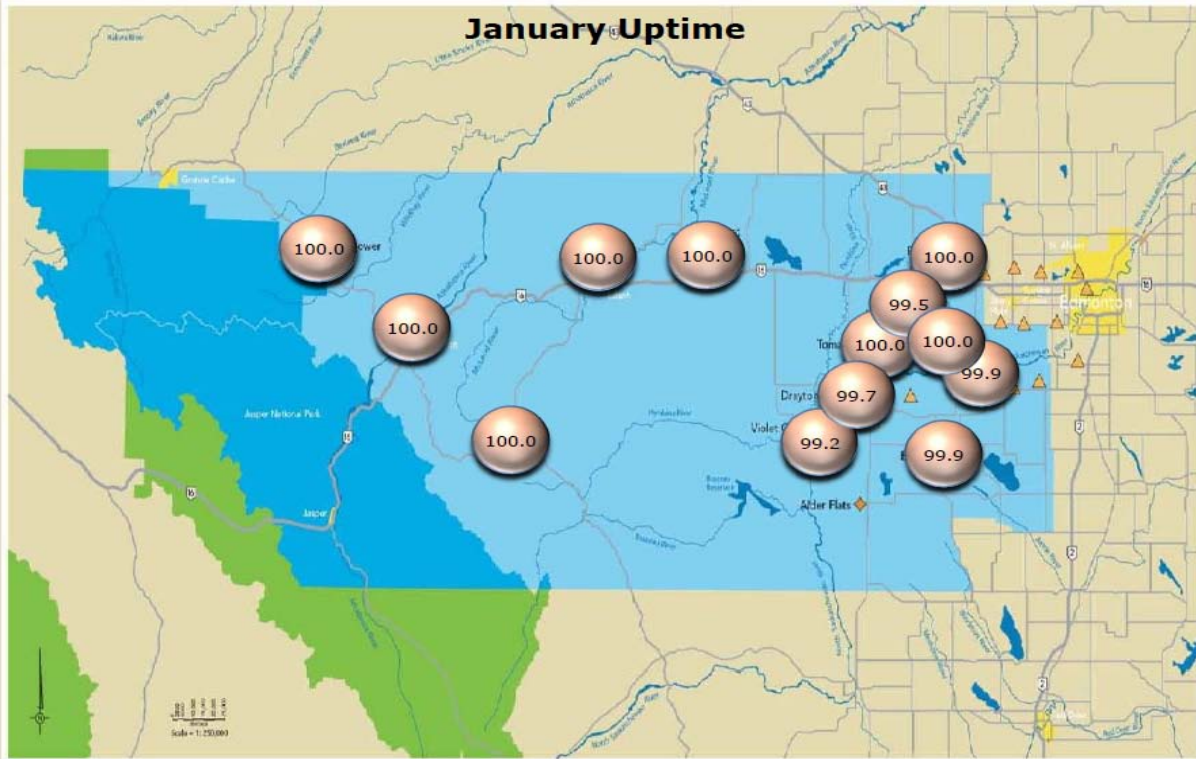
- Average network uptime: 98.7%
- Exceedances
 - Hinton (TRS)
 - 3 one-hour in excess of 10 ppb H₂S
 - Maximum concentration of 14.8 ppb
- Monitoring notes for November
 - Nothing of interest to report

November



- Average network uptime: 99.4%
- Exceedances
 - Hinton (TRS)
 - 45 one-hour in excess of 10 ppb H₂S
 - Maximum concentration of 56.2 ppb
 - 8 24-hour in excess of 4 ppb H₂S
 - Maximum concentration of 11.0 ppb
- Monitoring notes for December
 - Power failure at Carrot Creek (95.8% uptime)

December



- Average network uptime: 99.9%
- Exceedances
 - None to report
- Monitoring notes for January
 - Nothing of interest to report

January