



PAMZ Issues Response Group (IRG) Meeting Minutes

Date: August 7, 2008
Location: Johnston Residence, Sundre
Chair: Ming To, Spectra Energy (Interim Chair)

Members	Wayne Boyd, AENV	Brian Goliss, Shell	Margo Jacobs, EUB
Attending:	Ila Johnston, Public	Wayne Johnston, Public	Jim McKinley, NRCB
	Ming To, Spectra Energy	Kevin Warren, Amarok	

Bolded items are action items.

- 1) Brian convened the meeting at 1010 hrs.
- 2) Kevin subconsciously agreed to take minutes. The agenda was reviewed and accepted with no additions or changes.
- 3) There was discussion of the need for a new chair and additional members. Ming To agreed to take over the interim Chair position from Brian Goliss and members committed to continue to search for additional representation from their respective sectors. Kevin has been talking to Tom Marr-Laing of the Pembina Institute about participation on PAMZ Board and other committees.
- 4) The minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting were accepted by the group. The action items arising from the August 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed.
 - Kevin will invite SRD to give a presentation on controlled burning to TWG. **Done** Maria Sharpe of SRD delivered a presentation at the March 28 TWG Meeting.
 - Ron will follow up with the report writer concerning an EUB report that indicated there were 45 blowouts in 2006 and report back to Martha. **Carry Forward.** Margo will check with Ron.
 - Martha, as IRG chair, will recommend to the board that the 11th PAMZ AGM be held in Olds in June 2008. **Done** Meeting was held at the Hainstock Hall just west of Olds.
 - Kevin will inform Greg Rathjen of the group's decision to hold the meeting in Bentley. **Done**
 - The PAMZ Communication Committee will arrange the logistics and promotion of the Bentley meeting. **Done**

- Martha will talk to John Donner about getting a speaker to talk about the biodigester. **Done** Presentation was given by Jim Jones of Alberta Agriculture on a feasibility study undertaken evaluating various waste reduction/treatment. The biodigester pilot was never undertaken.
- Wayne Boyd will talk to Rhonda King about facilitating the meeting. **Done** Rhonda facilitated the meeting.
- Jim will arrange for someone from the NRCB to attend the public meeting as he will be unable to attend. **Done** However, nobody from the NRCB attended the meeting.
- Kevin will send 2005 draft of Survey out to members who can review and provide comments within one week so that survey will be ready in time for home show. **Done** Comments were incorporated into the survey.
- Kevin will send an e-mail/fax to Board informing them of the group's recommended course of action requesting approval via e-mail/fax within one week of notification. No response will be taken as approval. **Done** Board approved the course of action
- Wayne will see if PAML 2 is available as well as funding for PAMZ to operate and let Kevin know ASAP. **Done** The PAML 2 was used for the monitoring in June.
- Kevin will work with the ERCB and make the necessary arrangements for the PAML 2 or Martha Portable depending on the result. **Done** Funding for the operation of the station came from the 2008 PAMZ Contingency budget with a local O&G Company CCS picking up the majority of the substantial costs involved with the installation.
- **ACTION: Brian will write a letter to Brent Duffin of CCS thanking him for his support of the monitoring program.**
- Wayne will see that Alberta Environment facilitates discussions re: establishing a new Airshed east of PAMZ. **Done** CASA is facilitating a teleconference on Aug. 20, 2008 AENV and Kevin are participating.
- Jennifer will share the EUB's incident information concerning pipeline break with Alberta Environment. **Status Unknown.** The Johnston's still have issues arising from the incident and offered to give committee members a tour of the site(s) after the meeting. Wayne and Ila are having difficulty obtaining the autopsy results from the veterinarian. There was discussion of PAMZ's role in issues such as the pipeline break. Ila expressed concerns that O&G companies are not evacuating soon enough once an incident is underway.
- **Action: Margo will follow up with ERCB concerning the Johnston's issues.**

- Kevin will contact Alberta Sustainable Resources & Development, Alberta Environment, and West Fraser to arrange a meeting to discuss local biomass burning, its effects and the new PM_{2.5} objective. **Done** The meeting was held in Rocky Mountain House on March 10. It was agreed that the conflicting policies of SRD and AENV concerning particulate matter need to be addressed at a higher level by the respective ministries. SRD and AENV representatives who attended the meeting committed to take the issues back to their management.
 - Jennifer will contact SPOG and inform them about PAMZ's booth and see if they have any literature they would like to have on display. **Done** No information was received.
 - Kevin will send copy of Ming To's proposal to Jennifer to distribute to those at the ERCB who may be interested in funding a system that could generate air quality maps. **Done**
 - Jennifer will e-mail logistical details of the presentation to IRG members. **Done**
 - All IRG members will actively try to recruit a public or NGO member for the IRG Chair position. **Ongoing**
- 5) PAMZ Issues Response Survey. A total of 83 surveys were completed but 13 were invalidated because they were not completed properly. The results have not been fully compiled yet and Kevin is having difficulty trying to determine how results were weighted in previous surveys. He expects to have the compiled results available for the September Board meeting. Preliminary Indications:

Nearest City/Town	Types
Red Deer 21	Greenhouse Gases
Bentley 21	Ozone/Smog/NO ₂
RMH 5	Acid Rain
Lacombe & Olds - 3	Odours
Sources	Priorities
Transportation	Need to Reduce Pollution
Sour Gas Plants	Climate Change
Oil & gas wells	Increase in Number of Plants
ILOs	Communication
Effects	
Human Health	
Animal Health	
Soil & Vegetation	

Property Values

6) Portable Trailer Locations for 2009

The recommendations of the May 8 public meeting in Bentley were reviewed as well as the AENV, NRCB, ERCB and SPOG records.

Bentley Meeting Recommendations:

Site Weighting

1	47	Town of Bentley
2	20	Idling School Bus Dropoff-Pickup
3	8	South of Bentley (Watson Residence – old site)
3	8	Two Hours of Red Deer (Ozone)
3	8	SE 22-44-26 W4 Wayne Ungstad's Residence (Host of Issues)
4	7	Highway 2 (Lacombe Valley)
5	6	Highway 12
6	4	Oil & Gas Plants in the Zone
7	3	Downwind of Biomass Burning
7	3	City of Red Deer
8	2	Joffre Area
9	0	Flares

AENV

44 Public Complaints
33 Odors (4-5 NH₃ application)
3 Burning (2 relating to Fires)
1 Human Health
4 Visible Emissions
2 Dust
1 Flare

There were two clusters of complaints: one north of Eckville, in the vicinity of Medicine River Oil Recyclers, the second around the Harmattan Gas Plant..

NRCB

The hog farming industry, historically the source of the largest number of air-quality related complaints, has essentially collapsed over the last year. With 60% of producers out of business, the number of complaints has fallen dramatically. However, of the 92 odor complaints, 66 were related to the Kingdom Farms facility near Bentley.

The remaining 26 complaints were mostly related to hog farms. The future prognosis for the industry is not good. Country of Origin labeling in the states may

severely reduce the amount of hog imports from Canada. Alberta Agriculture is currently working on strategies to save the industry. Some producers have recently received payments to depopulate their animals.

ERCB

A detailed record and map of the ERCB complaints was presented and was sent out to members in an earlier e-mail. There were two notable clusters on the map in the Cheddarville (SE of RMH) and James River areas.

The locations for the Peregrine Station in 2009 in order of priority with weighting indicated as agreed to by the IRG are:

Site Weighting

1	7	Cheddarville
2	6	James River
3	4	School Bus Idling Zone
3	4	Harmattan Gas Plant
3	4	Highway 2 (Lacombe Valley)
4	3	Town of Bentley
5	2	Red Deer
6	2	North of Eckville

7) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 from 2:00-4:30 PM at the Johnston's.

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.