



Voice of Community and Land Society
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2009 7:30 PM at Tofield

Present: Bill Sears, Scott Stauffer, Clayton Maurer, Jon Kauffman, Robert Janzen, Julie Ishida, Jane Orcheski, Norma Williams

Regrets: Lonnie Lauber, Brian Schultz

A. Bill Sears called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

B. Agenda

MSC Schultz/Maurer: That the agenda be approved as distributed.

C. Minutes: Julie read the minutes from August 10, 2009.

MSC Ishida/Janzen That the Minutes of the August 10th meeting be approved as distributed.

D. Old Business – Stories for the newspapers – None at this time.

E. Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Jane let us know that we have \$9333.32 currently.

MSC Orcheski/Ishida That the report presented be adopted.

2. Chair's Report: Bill was just interviewed by a PhD candidate working on water issues, and he attended a 2 day conference on Net Zero housing in Edmonton.

MSC Sears/Orcheski That the Chair's report be adopted.

F. New Business:

1. Financial Statements: Bill has been unable to contact Tony Darby to have him sign the financial statements in the new format the government requires. After some discussion, it was decided we would send in the statements with a note explaining that Tony signed the earlier version and now we are not able to contact him.

2. Fall 2010 Conference: Rural Sustainability Conference. Bill has spoken to Lars Hollstrom and we will be participating in this conference.

3. Annual General Meeting: Set the date for February 24, Wednesday. Will be held at Bardo. We need to think about a guest speaker. Ideas included Carbon Capture, Wood & biomass burning for Energy.

ACTION: Bill will book the Hall, and we should all think about potential speakers.

4. Agri Spirit funding. We will not be pursuing as this funding is for a capital project.

5. AEN CAE Myles Kitagawa: We would like to find out more about this group.

ACTION: Clayton was interested and will pursue.

6. Land Use Framework Advisory Committee: Haven't heard anymore about this from Ed Stelmach. We would like to participate.

ACTION: Bill will talk to Andy Lamb about it.

7. Future Strategies: We would like to promote alternative energy. The Canadian Renewable Energy Workshop was mentioned. Focus on our AGM for now.

8. Environmental Law Centre Webinars: Robert forwarded information on this to the committee. Please feel free to attend this webinar on the new Land Stewardship Act – Dec 9. Another will be on Water Allocation January 13 from 12 -1 pm.

G. Next Meeting Time: January 13, 2009 at The House, Tofield. 7.30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Norma Williams