

**Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises
Zoom Meeting - Region 1
Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Minutes

Attending

Jennifer Besinger	County of Grande Prairie
Tom Moore	Westlock Regional Waste Commission
Dennis Lang	North Peace Landfill
Dennis Zahacy	High Prairie Regional Waste Commission
William McNaughton	Town of Whitecourt
Jessica Foley	City of Grande Prairie
Audrey Gall	Northern Sunrise County
Dwayne Sydorko	SOKS Enterprises
Mike Milhousen	Quantum Life Styles
Ron Pelensky	Saddle Hills County
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

Regrets

Art Sawatzky	Peace Regional Waste Management Company
Bruce Tompson	Town of Edson
Theresa Vance	Long Lake Regional Waste Commission
John Greathead	MD of Jasper
Brenda Burridge	Town of Fox Creek

1. Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Elections: Jennifer Besinger

Moved by Dennis Zahacy that Jennifer Besinger be elected to Region 1 for a two year term.....CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Dennis Lang that the Agenda be accepted as presented.....CARRIED

4. Old Business

- a) Alberta CARE Spring Seminar 2020' was held in Westlock was successful and 142 delegates attended.
- b) Alberta CARE Conference was held in Pincher Creek was successful. It was limited attendance due COVID. There was 100 delegates in attendance plus 9 catering staff.
- c) Freon Removal Courses were cancelled due to COVID.

Moved by Jennifer Besinger that Items 4(a) to 4(c) be accepted as information.....CARRIED

5. New Business

- a) Alberta CARE Spring Seminar 2020' Town of Stony Plain was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.
- b) Alberta CARE Conference 2021 will be held and sponsored by the MD of Bonnyville, AB.
- c) Alberta CARE HHW Courses were held in Wheatland County, Vulcan Regional, and Clayton Waste in Riley, AB. There was a total of 30 staff trained.
- d) Alberta CARE has been selling plastic lumber at municipal discounted prices.
- e) Green Cones and Earth Machines orders were delayed due to COVID and shipping issues

Moved by Audrey Gall to accept Items 5 (a) to 5 (e) as information.....CARRIED

6. Other Business

- a) Alberta CARE Board had a HHW Meeting with the Minister of Environment’s Staff (discussion followed)
- b) e-Waste Expansion Project – ARMA Zoom Meeting (discussion followed) ARMA Presentation on Alberta CARE website.
- c) EPR Recycling Regulations Discussion Paper (discussion followed), Alberta CARE Board of Directors will be having a meeting on June 30th at 1:00 with the Minister’s staff to add to the EPR Discussion Paper.

Moved Jessica Foley to accept Items 6 (a) to 6 (c) as information.....CARRIED

7. Information

- a) Alberta CARE AGM – Person to Person – cancelled at the Leduc Golf and Country Club, the location and date to be determined.
- b) Alberta CARE Regional Joint 1-5 Meeting – Friday, Dec 3, 2021 at the Executive Royal Hotel, Leduc, AB
- c) Alberta CARE Minutes 2020’ – Region 1

Moved by William McNaughton to accept Items 7(a) to 7(c) as information.....CARRIED

8. Round Table

Tom Moore reported that his site is busy and needs more plastic. He has hired one new staff. The Commission’s compactor caught fire. They will be repairing it. They have a Class I composting site and should be up and running in the next couple of weeks. The cost to rent a compactor is \$40,000.00 per month. Cardboard volume has increased. Hydro Vac pad cost \$20,000.00. He has spent thousands of dollars due to the rains for gravel and asphalt for fill.

Jennifer Besinger reported that they are in mud with all the rain. Our Recycling Event had 300 people attend. The County of Grande Prairie is tendering out for a cell Pond Leachate. They have done a solar expansion at the landfill. It has been a stressful time for staff during COVID losing all staff are on stress leave. They are in the process of hiring all new staff. They have installed a wind fence.

Dennis Lang reported that it was million dollar rain, but did leave a million dollar of mud. The leachate sprang a leak, but North Peace landfill had the assistance of Dwayne from Swan Hills and was able to mothball and close the leak. Its been a normal spring with maintaining equipment.

Dwayne Sydorko is pleased to be a new member of Alberta CARE. He owns SOKS Enterprises. Their company goal is Recycling. Some issues are to keep fresh water clean and costs effective of the pits.

Audrey Gall reported that she is on Council of Northern Sunrise County. There has been a down turn of Industrial Waste, which has had a substantial financial loss for the Peace Regional Waste Management Company. The Peace Regional Waste Management received a loan from the County to continue with Waste to Energy. Plastics on site is astronomical. The spring Round Up was completed.

Dennis Zahacy reported that High Prairie site is covered in mud all over the recycling area. They have been busy this past 6 months.

William McNaughton from the Town of Whitecourt has taken Dale Rankel’s position as Waste Manager as of December 1st, 2019. He feels that he has a great staff to work with. This is his first meeting with Alberta CARE and feels that it has been informative and will attend again.

9. Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.