

Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises

Meeting Minutes of Regions 1

Friday, June 9, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Microsoft Team Call

MEETING

Present:

Tom Moore	Westlock Regional Waste Commission
Art Sawatzky	Peace Regional Waste Management Company
Jennifer Besinger	County of Grande Prairie
Dennis Lang	North Peace Regional Landfill
Doug Luck	North Peace Regional Landfill
Ian Willier	High Prairie Regional Waste Commission
Zac Saling	MD of Greenview
Ryan Ropcean	Aquatera
Jessica Ross	City of Grande Prairie
William McNaughton	Whitecourt Regional Waste Commission/Town of Whitecourt
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

Regrets

Theresa Vance	Long Lake Regional Waste Commission
Michelle Gardner	City of Grande Prairie
Brenda Burrige	Town of Fox Creek

1. Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Elections: Jennifer Besinger - for a two year term as an Alberta CARE Board Director.

Moved by Art Sawatzky to elect Jennifer Besinger by acclimation for a two year term with Albert CARE ...CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Art Sawatzky to accept the agenda as presented.....CARRIED

4. Old Business

- a) Alberta CARE Spring Seminar was held in the Town of Strathmore and proved to be very successful. The Seminar brought in increased delegates and the Hotel and Restaurant meals were excellent. A good time by all who attended.
- b) HHW Course in the Town of Strathmore had 14 attend.
- c) HHW Course in the Town of Cochrane had 8 attend
- d) Freon Removal Course was held during the Seminar in Pincher Creek with 10 attendees
- f) 20 Earth Machines were received by the County of Grande Prairie, AB

Moved by Dennis Lang to accept items 4(a) to 4(f) as information.....CARRIED

5. New Business (ED to report)

- a) Alberta CARE Conference will be held in the County of Grande Prairie, our Host Sponsor on Sept 6-8th, 2023. This Conference has been jam packed with good information. Several delegates has booked their rooms for this and sponsorships have been forthcoming.
- b) HHW Course, SWANA Landfill Course, and Landfill Financial Workshop are being held on Tuesday, the day prior to the Conference. Discussion followed as to having these items the day before the conference.
- c) Alberta CARE is developing two courses: Risk Management and Safety Course. Tom Moore reported that these courses will be completed by this fall. Each course is approved by Alberta Environment with 1.2 CEUs.
- d) Alberta CARE is coordinating with the Composting Council of Canada to do the composting exam from from the course held last September in the City of Leduc.

- e) EPR Committee information was presented by Art Sawatzky. Some of the highlights are that a handout will be developed to reach the communities. The 2025/26 is still the targeted date of implementation. Discussion followed as to “opt in or opt out”. Bottom line seems to be it is too soon to tell. Executive Director reported that ARMA was on the conference agenda for Friday morning, and included in their presentation will be registering for the new EPR Program. And answering more questions from our delegates.

Moved by Jennifer Besinger to accept items 5(a) to 5(e) as information.....CARRIED

6. Information

a) Alberta CARE Draft Meeting Minutes 2022'

b) Alberta CARE AGM will be held Friday, July 28th, 2023 Venue to be determined

Moved by Art Sawatzky to accept Item 6(a) as information.....CARRIED

7. Round Table

Dennis Lang reported that he is retiring from the North Peace Regional Waste Commission as of June 30th, 2023. Dennis introduced Doug Luck as his replacement, a resident of Fairview, AB. Doug is realizing that Waste Management is a lot more than you realize. North Peace landfill has a close call with fire which advanced so close. He used the storm water ponds and sprayed down the garbage, but during that time they had a break-in to the facility, but was able to stop it in time.

Tom Moore reported that he is retiring in October, 2023. He has formed his own consulting company and and a new email. The Westlock recycling area is expanding. Composting is expanding and doing well.

Ryan Ropcean reported that Aquatera has just completed their 5 year Strategic Plan. Discussions are ongoing with the transferring to EPR. He is looking forward to this year's Conference in the Grande Prairie Region.

Jessica Ross reported that the City of Grande Prairie are having ongoing discussions with Aquatera as to the EPR Program.

Jennifer Besinger reported that they have a new landfill manager for the County of Grande Prairie. Ray Collier has been with them for the past month and things are working out well. Cell 4 is nearing completion, the cell is in place, and will finish off with electrical work. They are getting a tarp shed installed for equipment. They are currently looking at a mobile fire fighter device. They have purchased a Thermal Energy tool that indicates hot spots. They are changing to having the recyclables dropped off before the scale. This will need more attendance supervision. The access tags for the County residents and 1000 kms maximum and there after paying fees is working out well. There have been more positive comments than negative ones.

Ian Willier reported that they had a similar fire which was 1 ½ km from the site and a break in, which left them down for 1 day. Dennis Zahacy will be back on the job soon.

Zac Starling reported that MD of Greenview had fires come into the regional landfill. They also had a 6 day evacuation order.

Art Sawatzky reported they are doing some changes to their Eco Centre, cleaner recycling site, less contamination. It is their one year anniversary of the Waste to Energy Pilot Program, which has been very successful and are looking at a busy year ahead. They had a fire at their Transfer Station, damage to gates, fence and blue bins. They have completed their 10 year approval which expires in November, 2023. The SWANA Conference is next week, June 13-16th, 2023.

8. Adjournment at 10:45 a.m.