

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative  
Annual General Meeting  
May 9, 2007  
@Eureka River Hall  
7:30 pm

Lindsey Wasylciw called the meeting to order @ 7:50. Those present were: Donna Shilka, Mary Hayes, Beccy Montpellier, John & Maryann Schapansky, Pete Nykolyshyn, Mike Rudekawich, Gerald Raspberry, Don Thomas, Peter Frixel, Lindsey Wasylciw and Sherri Larsen

First on the agenda was the election of officers. - Sherri nominated Lindsey for President, Beccy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Maryann suggested that nominations closed. Lindsey was elected as President. Lindsey nominated Peter Frixel for Vice-President, Pete Nykolyshyn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion - all were in favor. Lindsey nominated Sherri Larsen for Secretary/Treasurer, all were in favor. It was mentioned that we are going with the standard by-laws for a society but can write our own by-laws at any time and change them for a fee of \$45.00. Four directors were elected: Mike Rudekawich, Maryann Schapansky, Donna Shilka and Rhonda Bjornson.

Testing/Sampling Areas:

It was discussed which areas should be tested in the county (creeks/rivers) and basically the following were considered: Jack Creek, Eureka River, Montageneuse River and Worsley's water before it goes into the treatment plant. (Willow Creek?) What to test for was never really decided.

Testing of personal dugouts - was mentioned that the county did some testing previously and may have some data. - could check with Audrey. It is really important to know what is in our dugouts now. There was some discussion started by Mike Rudekawich regarding health concerns and water quality re: heavy metals (Dr. Snider mentioned there was a significant # of cancers in this area that may be related to heavy metals). Thought it would be prudent to begin a testing protocol in this area.

Mike made a motion to request funding from the county to test six areas (drinking water dugouts) for complete tests of water, including heavy metals, throughout the county to begin to establish some basic data. Don Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor.

School Presentations:

Peter will look after this.

AWQA Day:

A suggestion was made that we might combine this with the County BBQ @ Many Islands? Will find out the date. Will also (Lindsey) check with Gerard Aldridge as AESA wanted to do something together if possible. Our test kit was ordered in April and should be here soon.

Should have our bbq by a lake/river somewhere possibly George Lake/Carter Camp.

Workshops/Conferences:

Handouts were circulated with regards to two upcoming workshop/conferences. One on June 11<sup>th</sup> @Nisku ASN workshop and a conference in Athabasca June 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup>. No one volunteered to attend @ the meeting. Some may be considering it.

Volunteers for Tasks:

Data collection/entry:

Newsletter:

Sampling/Testing: Mike R./Rhonda B - Jack Creek. Mary Hayes/Beccy M. Eureka River  
Research/planning meeting - Donna/Mary

Books - auditing:

Donna Shilka mentioned that the water co-op around High Prairie wasn't working very well as they were now wanting to pass on maintenance costs to owners - which was originally included in the initial price. Was becoming very expensive.

Pete N. talked about the Regional Water supply study the county did. Is just not affordable right now. Still looking at different possibilities.

Gerald Raspberry mentioned Aquaterra in Sexsmith as a possible source of information on water quality.

All agreed this (initiative) will go a long way towards improving our water quality.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda 2<sup>nd</sup> it - all in favor.