

## **Clear Hills Watershed Meeting – Dec. 12, 2007**

The meeting was held at Eureka River Hall.

Mike Rudakewich, Mary Hayes, Donna Shilka, Darren Lubeck, Lindsey Wasylciw and Sherri Larsen were in attendance.

The meeting began at 7:50

Sherri read the minutes from the previous meeting and gave an update on the grant funds from ASN. This consisted of what funds were allotted where we've spent and what is remaining.

Discussion was opened for using remaining funding on the purchase of a laptop for meeting notes, data input, ppt. storage, books, photolog journal etc. as well as a projector and screen for presentations. Sherri will speak to the grant administrator on this.

Mike suggested doing an inventory on creeks in the area and the amount of riparian areas.

Darren mentioned we should have a budget for annual testing of water. This way you can note any changes.

Re: Dugout testing – should identify land locations with the sample ( check with owners?)

There was discussion regarding the amount of garbage inappropriately dumped in the county – some causing pollution to water. Was noted this has been brought to the attention of the county but with no action being taken. Mike R. mentioned he has spoken to Brian Harcourt to encourage a chemical roundup twice yearly. Discussion went to household chemical disposal, batteries etc.

Lindsey read a letter of funding available from DFO. Matched funding up to \$7,500 and Fish Habitat Restoration of up to \$24,000

There was discussion regarding a 'spring project' to create awareness and attract new members:

- ..Possible door prize of complete water analysis or water treatment system.
- ..Report on what we have done to date
- ..Report on what we'd like to do in the upcoming year
- ..Get people on side – have a 'statement' to encompass what we're doing in a positive way.
- ..speakers??....someone to organize this(?)

Newsletter: ideas were discussed as to what should go in the newsletter and that it should go out at the end of January, first part of Feb. Info. s/b to Lindsey by end of Jan.

Mary Hayes read info. from the Eco-Justice organization and that they help in protecting water and environmental issues from a legal stand point if necessary.

The nuclear issue was brought up briefly – was noted this is quite controversial.

Mike gave a quick report on Alberta Water Council meeting he went to in Slave Lake. (AWC drafted Water for Life in 2004. For each major watershed in AB a WPAC is formed – they are looking for one for the Peace. The provincial mandate to support WFL in assessing and inventorying their watershed, then draw up a water management plan. Haven't completed the framework yet, but will be coming up with workbooks for people. There are 140 watershed groups throughout the province. Gather data, awareness to public, best management practices to promote. WPAC would have one executive pd. full time, 12 executive and many volunteers to carry out the inventory and assessment.)

Need ideas for next ASN grant. Will meet again mid-Jan. to decide goals for 2008 and apply for grant.

Donna moved meeting be adjourned.