

Northeast Alberta Information HUB

October 1, 2024, Board/Membership Meeting Minutes

Lamont Recreation Center, Lamont, Alberta

Attending:

Gerald Aalbers/Lloydminster, Tim MacPhee/Vegreville, Bill Parker/Cold Lake
Sonny Rajoo/Two Hills, Jocelyne Lanovaz/Mannville, Lindsay Haag/EMW
Sebastian Dutrisac/County of Two Hills, Alice Wainwright Stewart/Lakeland
College, Ross Krekoski/St. Paul County,
Karl Hauch/Bruderheim, Lorne Halisky/County, Daniel Warawa/Lamont County
Smoky Lake, Linda Sallstrom/STEP, Warren Griffin/Boyle, Al Harvey/Lamont,
Jason Boorse/Elk Point, Trudy Smith/Chipman, Murray Phillips/Two Hills County,
Mike van der Torre/Vermilion, Rob Olsen/Redwater, Camille Wallach/Athabasca
County, Nancy Broadbent/Portage College, Donna Rudolf/Myrnam, Tammy
Thompson/Vilna, Marianne Prockiw-Zarusky/Smoky Lake, Evelynne Kobes/Smoky
Lake, Debbie McMann/Innisfree, Paul Miranda/Vilna,
Ryan Donald/Fortis, Daru Pretorius/Cold Lake, Jennifer Kirkpatrick/Athabasca
County, Mark Lavar/Bonnyville, Nancy Broadbent/Portage College
Kathy Dmytriw/Crossroads, Daryn Galatiuk/Glendon, Bob Bezpalko/Alberta HUB,
Don Slipchuk/M.D. Bonnyville, Mervin Haight/Andrew, Jason Wallsmith/St. Paul
County, Loni Leslie/Vilna, Kylie Rude/Andrew, Maureen Miller/St. Paul, Joey
Natziger/Minburn County, Don Slipchuk/M.D. Bonnyville,

**Regrets: Rob Pulyk/Vermilion, Cliffton Cross/Frog Lake First Nations,
Lorin Tkachuk/Lac La Biche, Harold Bylan/Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement,
Darrell Younghans/St. Paul County, Mike Tarkowski/Two Hills**

Special Guests: Honorable Jackie Homeniuk, MLA Scott Cyr, MLA Garth Rowswell

- 1.0 Chair Gerald Aalbers called the meeting to order at 10:05am
Roundtable introductions
Welcome - Lamont Councillor Al Harvey
Welcome/Greetings – Honourable Jackie Homeniuk
- 2.0 Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of
10.0 Chairs report.
Alice Wainwright Stewart moved the approval of the agenda with additions. Carried
- 3.0 Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the August 21st board meeting minutes.
Tim MacPhee moved to approve the August 21st board meeting minutes. Carried
- 4.0 Financial Statement as of February 29, 2024 – Jocelyne Lanovaz/ Bob Bezpalko
**Jocelyne Lanovaz moved to approve the financial statement as of August 31st, 2024.
Carried**

- 5.0 Alberta HUB (REDAs) Current State Summary / Value of Alberta HUB Survey – Chair Aalbers
Gerald spoke to the state of the REDAs across the province and the advocacy that has taken place to restore operational funding.
Alberta Hub will be sending out a survey to its members asking about the value, and the direction of Alberta HUB as well as the importance of economic development on a regional scale.
Gerald asked that if anyone has questions for the survey, please forward them to Bob by October 15.
- 6.0 Funding re-cap – Operations – Bob Bezpalko
Bob provided operational expenses (average) over the last 3 years. Moving forward Bob Recommended that Alberta HUB requires between \$180k - \$200k per year to operate and make an impact. As of March 31, 2027, the GOA funding will end. They have been providing \$125k per year for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 with conditions.
Bob advised that 25% (\$31,250.00) of the \$125k (if conditions are met) on a specific project For the 2025/26 operating year. This will be increased to 50% (\$62,500.00) for the 2025/26 operating year.
Bob continued with agenda #8.....
- 7.0 Funding options: Chair Aalbers Round table discussion
Chair Aalbers began the discussion about the sustainability of Alberta HUB. Chair Aalbers spoke to numerous options including a per capita increase which hasn't been increased since 2011 as well as increases to annual fees. Pay per service options... concierge service.
A general discussion took place about possible options and the need to take these back to Each members decision makers for further dialogue.
- 8.0 Current projects / Activity – Bob presented the projects he is currently working on as well as Future activities and potential opportunities. Please see the attached presentation.
- 9.0 Next meeting: Friday, January 31 Cold Lake.
- 10.0 Chairs report: Chair Aalbers advised the membership that this will be his last term as Chair of Alberta HUB. Elections to take place at the AGM in June.
- 11.0 Gerald Aalbers asked for a motion to approve a letter of support for Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement in their advocacy to build a “school” in their settlement.
Bill Parker moved to provide a letter of support for Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement supporting their request to establish a school within their settlement. Carried

Adjourned at 2:30pm.

Gerald Aalbers
Chair
Northeast Alberta Information HUB

Jocelyne Lanovaz
Secretary/Treasurer
Northeast Alberta Information HUB