

Northeast Alberta Information HUB

February 21st , 2025, Board/Membership Meeting Minutes

Two Hills Regional Center, Two Hills, Alberta

Attending: Gerald Aalbers/Lloydminster, Tim MacPhee/Vegreville, Mike Tarkowski/Two Hills
Jocelyne Lanovaz/Mannville, Sebastian Dutrisac/County of Two Hills, Alice
Wainwright Stewart/Lakeland College, Ross Krekoski/St. Paul County, Mary Lee
Prior/Vermilion

Karl Hauch/Bruderheim, Lorne Halisky/Smoky Lake County, Daniel Warawa/Lamont
County, Warren Griffin/Boyle, Al Harvey/Lamont, Sonny Rajoo/Two Hills
Jason Boorse/Elk Point, Trudy Smith/Chipman, Murray Phillips/Two Hills County,
Donna Rudolf/Myrnam, Tammy Thompson/Vilna, Phyllis Forsyth/Bruderheim
Najiah Moghrabi/LLB County, Treena Lane/Redwater, Leslie Cusack/County of
Vermilion River, Joy Bell/Kitscoty, Alan Parkin/County of Vermilion River, Joanne
Metchooyeah/Portage College, Bob Ross/Two Hills, Elisa Brosseau/Bonnyville,
Shane Olson/Lamont County, Barry Goertz/Andrew, Ryan Donald/Fortis, Jennifer
Kirkpatrick/Athabasca County, Scott Kovatch/M.D. of Bonnyville
Don Slipchuk/M.D. Bonnyville, Kathy Dmytriw/Crossroads, Bob Bezpalko/Alberta
HUB, Loni Lesie/Vilna, St. Paul, Joey Nafziger/Minburn County, Lisa Ford/JET, RED
Dan Juhlin/Aerium, Adam Kozakiewicz/Two Hills, Leslie Cusack/County of Vermilion
River.

Regrets: Rob Pulyk/Vermilion, Clifton Cross/Frog Lake First Nations,
Lorin Tkachuk/Lac La Biche, Harold Bylan/Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement,
Darrell Younghans/St. Paul County, Lindsay Haag/EMW

Special Guests: Honorable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA Scott Cyr,
Kate Hovland/ATCO, Dave Leew/ATCO, Robby Gill/ATCO,
Filip Palasz/ATCO, Larry Shaben/ATCO

- 1.0 Chair Gerald Aalbers called the meeting to order at 10:05am
Roundtable introductions
Welcome - Two Hills councillor Mike Tarkowski / Mayor Leonard Ewanishan
Welcome/Greetings – Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk
- 2.0 Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
Mike Tarkowski 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.
Sebastian Dutrisac moved to approve the August 21st board meeting minutes. Carried
- 4.0 Financial Statement as of January 31, 2025 – Jocelyne Lanovaz/ Bob Bezpalko
Jocelyne Lanovaz moved to approve the financial statement as of January 31st, 2025. Carried

5.0 Alberta HUB- New Financial /Bookkeeper..

Bob advised the membership that Dianne Belanger has resigned and Kayla Ford has been hired as the new bookkeeper on a contract basis.

Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to add Kayla Ford's name as having signing authority For the Northeast Alberta Information HUB.

Alice Wainwright Stewart moved to add Kayla Ford's name as having signing authority and complete on-line access For the Northeast Alberta Information HUB. Carried

6.0 Alberta HUB : Value/Purpose/Expectations/Sustainability

Bob Bezpalko presented on the above-mentioned topic that referenced the Alberta HUB Member survey, meetings with JET, member expectations and sustainability options.

Bob spoke to the sustainability recommendation and road map document that Qatalyst Sent out.....

Chair Aalbers opened up the floor for a member discussion.....

Excerpts:

Lorne Halisky spoke to the value of Alberta HUB for the GOA.... Emphasizing how important Alberta HUB's work is for rural N.E. Alberta.

MLA Scott Cyr agreed that Alberta Hub is delivering what the GOA expects and as for funding Its important to get all the leaders together to discuss sustainability.

Scott Kovatch spoke to the value proposition of Alberta HUB

Input from the Private sector required... identify issues... offer solutions

Opportunity to amalgamate with NAGGO

Sustainability options mentioned: Municipality Controlled Corporation, Non-Profit Corp.

Additional meetings will be taking place discussing the options of sustainability and deliverables of Alberta HUB moving forward.

7.0 Alberta HUB 2025-26 operations plan – Bob Bezpalko

Bob presented the ops plan for review and discussion.

Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the 2025-26 Northeast Alberta Information HUB Operations plan as presented.

Ross Krekoski moved to approve the 2025-26 Northeast Alberta Information HUB Operations plan as presented. CARRIED

8.0 Alberta HUB 2025-26 Budget – Bob Bezpalko

Bob presented the 2025-26 budget for review and discussion.

Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the 2025-26 Northeast Alberta Information HUB Budget as presented.

Jocelyne Lanovaz moved to approve the 2025-26 Northeast Alberta Information HUB Budget as presented. CARRIED

9.0 Alberta HUB Northeast Alberta UAV/AAM project – Dan Juhlin Aerium Analytics

10.0 ATCO Electric – Presentation Cost of electricity / Site Selection requests process



Adjourned at 3:00pm.

Gerald Aalbers
Chair
Northeast Alberta Information HUB

Jocelyne Lanovaz
Secretary/Treasurer
Northeast Alberta Information HUB