

Attending: Horace Patenaude/Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, Jordan Rumohr/Lamont County, Ken Baker/Lloydminster, Don Whittaker/County of Vermilion River, Dave Gamracy/County of Vermilion River, Martha Wessel/Mannville, Richard Coleman/Vegreville, Jody Quickstad/Vegreville, Debra Pelechosky/Cold Lake, Shelley Griffith/Vermilion, Ward Read/Lloydminster, Vic Stapleton/Bonnyville, Myron Goyan/Elk Point, Dick Millar/Elk Point, Cathy Goulet, Annette Daniels, Maryann Robinson

Regrets: Frank Sloan/County of St. Paul, Gordon John/Kehewin Cree Nation, Glenn Andersen/St. Paul

Guests: Curtis Whyte, Whyte Reynolds International Inc.

Handouts: February 22, 2008 EMC Agenda Package, Whyte Reynolds International Inc. Draft Business Plan 2008-2011

- 10:30 am** **1.0 Call to Order**
Horace Patenaude, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.
- Motion 08-09** **1.0 Agenda**
Richard Coleman moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried
- Motion 08-10** **2.0 Minutes of January 18, 2008**
With no business from the minutes, Martha Wessel moved to adopt the minutes of the January 18, 2008 Executive Management Committee meeting. Carried
- Business Plan** **Whyte Reynolds International Inc.**
Curtis Whyte of Whyte Reynolds International Inc. presented an overview of the Draft 2008-2011 Business Plan. Feedback can be directed to Curtis or Cathy Goulet within the next three weeks. Decided at the meeting:
- Add color to Lac La Biche County and Lamont County maps
 - Add introduction letter from the Chair
- Motion 08-11** Ken Baker moved to leave “Northeast” in the vision statement. Motion was carried with one member opposed. Carried
- Updates on Projects** **3.1 Rural Metro Accord**
Cathy Goulet provided information on the Rural Metro Accord deliverables that Judy Woyewitka has been contracted to implement.
- 3.2 Aboriginal Community Collaboration Project**
Annette Daniels provided an update to the EMC. Cathy Goulet also informed the group of the preliminary indication that this project will be

funded for two additional years.

3.3 Structure and Policy Committee

Vic Stapleton advised the EMC of the outcomes from the February 12, 2008 meeting held in Vegreville and attended by EDO's/CAO's regarding the Structure and Policy of HUB.

- Motion 08-12** Debra Pelechosky moved that the EMC support the concept of the Structure and Policy Committee recommendations with the EMC and Task Teams continuing to meet on a monthly basis until determined otherwise. Carried

4.1 Motion to Delegate Authority to AEII Director

Cathy Goulet advised the EMC of the format of HUB staff and authority.

- Motion 08-13** Richard Coleman moved that HUB, with the approval of the Minister of Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, designate the Director, St. Paul Region, Regional Development Branch as Manager (HUB), for the period of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 and that the HUB Manager designate, under the direction of the Executive, have authority to provide day-to-day direction to HUB staff and to conduct the affairs of the organization. Carried

5.1 HUB Financials

Don Whittaker provided the financial report and explanation of reporting on previous month.

- Motion 08-14** Moved by Don Whittaker that future financial reports will be provided dated the month-end of the previous month. Carried
- Motion 08-15** Moved by Don Whittaker that he negotiate with Servus Credit Union to renew GIC's maturing on March 16, 2008 for a six month term with the ability to withdraw funds in the interim. Carried
- Motion 08-16** Moved by Don Whittaker to accept financial report as presented. Carried

5.2 Managers Report

Cathy Goulet provided her Manager's report to the Board that included updates on marketing activities, regional profile brochure, website hits, artist inventory, defence industry development, and doctor recruitment report.

- Motion 08-17** Debra Pelechosky moved to accept the Manager's report as presented. Carried

Roundtable **Roundtable Discussion**

Jordan Rumohr

- completion of Economic Development Strategic Plan expected in 3 weeks
- new website should be working in 2 weeks (www.lamontcounty.ca)

Ken Baker

- busy in the city
- inform HUB members if information requested is not provided by members to HUB
- disagrees with proposed timeframe of quarterly EMC meetings due to missing one meeting, it would be 6 months between attending meetings
- hosting the 2008 Summer Games (SK) and annual arts events in conjunction with the games
- provided background information on the building of the Commonwealth facility

Dave Gamracy

- a lot of residential and commercial development
- Highway 16 a big issue as it will be designated Freeway status
- the HUB Business Plan will be a benefit to the region.

Martha Wessel

- appreciated hosting the MERX session
- adding a hockey booth, kitchen and brand new equipment to the Rec Centre. Next phase is to enhance the lobby.
- New Year's Eve function was a success
- adding stalls to the golf course campground
- new housing starts
- builders of trailers are busy and employ a lot of people

Richard Coleman

- annexation of east side going smoothly
- bio-deisel plant doing environmental study
- CMBS manufacturers of modular systems to employ 150 and should be in operation in 8-12 months
- acquisition of Alberta Research Council land to accommodate ATCO's new expansion
- Canadian Tire slated to open end of March
- hotel chains are looking at Vegreville

Vic Stapleton

- awarded Alberta Winter Games 2010
- slowing becoming a mini-Lloyd with the oil companies and industrial developments
- hotel development of Best Western

- 3000 attended the Blue Rodeo concert, a good turnout of recreational tourism at their Rec Centre
- just held a Job Fair that was well attended

Debra Pelechosky

- thank you to Lloydminster for hosting the EMC meeting
- building an Energy Centre in Cold Lake
- Portage College and a new high school attached to the Energy Centre and anticipating opening in 2009
- a lot of residential development, not a lot of commercial
- Winter Games 2010 will be a joint partnership with Town of Bonnyville and MD of Bonnyville
- \$9 million upgrade to Kinosoo Ski Ridge

Shelley Griffith

- opened Regional Centre on February 8 with 528 people in attendance. The Centre is somewhat fully booked for weekends for weddings and during the week for meetings.
- the Centre has a cultural wing, dance floors, meeting rooms, kiddie oasis, grand ballroom, stage, bar and kitchen

Cathy Goulet

- advised EMC that Curtis Whyte's attendance today was not part of his contract.
- thank you to Mayor Baker for his value of HUB staff opinions.

Elk Point

- David Thompson Brigade of 150 paddlers will be in Elk Point on May 17 and 18. These paddlers are starting in Rocky Mountain House and ending in Thunder Bay on July 12.
- Elk Point expects about 500-700 people in attendance.

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement

- hired an engineer to look at golf course development and housing
- hiring an EDO/CAO to look after development corporation
- thank you to HUB EMC for patience in chairing the meeting

Jody Quickstad

- thank you for being able to participate in the Structure and Policy Committee meeting in Vegreville
- suggestion for HUB membership fee to increase .01 cent per year

Maryann Robinson

- thank you to the HUB Board for the flowers in the recent passing of her dad

Additional items for discussion:

Richard Coleman doesn't fully understand the government's requirements and specifications of REDA's. Suggested contracting with the Government to hire Cathy Goulet.

Cathy will provide a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding before the next HUB meeting.

Next Meeting Executive Management Committee Meeting

Next meeting will be held on March 28, 2008 in Two Hills. Venue TBA.

Adjournment 2:25pm

The HUB To Do List	
What	Who
Review the Draft 2008-2011 Business Plan and provide feedback to Curtis Whyte or Cathy Goulet within the next three weeks.	HUB members
Negotiate with Servus Credit Union to renew GIC's maturing on March 15, 2008 for a six month term with the ability to withdraw funds in the interim.	Don Whittaker
Provide the HUB members with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between HUB and Government of Alberta before the next HUB EMC meeting.	Cathy Goulet
Organize next HUB EMC meeting for March 28, 2008 in Two Hills.	Maryann Robinson
Contact those that haven't responded to the request for Artist Inventory information.	Maryann Robinson