

**Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Battle River Alliance for Economic Development
June 27, 2018**

The Annual General Meeting for the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED) was held in Bruce, AB at the Bruce Agricultural Society Hall.

Communities:

- Alliance: Dell Wickstrom
- Beaver County: Kevin Smook, Dale Pederson, Gene Hrabec, Barry Bruce
- Bittern Lake: Angela Lorente
- Camrose: Vic Goodman
- Camrose County: Doug Lyseng
- Coronation: Shelley Cook
- County of Paintearth: Stan Schulmiester, Diane Elliott
- Edgerton: Wes Laporte
- Flagstaff County: Erik Skoberg, Jenalee Blackhurst, Kristy Jackson, Jeanette Herle Brent Hoyland
- Forestburg: Blaise A Young
- Daysland: Ed Kusalik, Rod Krips
- Holden: John Markel, Sherry Garbe, Mark Giebelhaus
- Irma: Joan Green
- Killam: Ben Kellert
- M.D. of Wainwright: Phil Valteau
- PEPS: Carol Thomson
- Ryley: Cyndy Heslin, Nik Lee, Terry Magneson, Mathew Kowalski
- Sedgewick: Perry Robinson
- Tofield: Larry Tiedemann
- Viking: Debbie O'Toole, Don McLeod
- Wainwright: Carley Herbert

Executive Director: Cathy Goulet

Administration: Debra Anderson

Government of Alberta – Labour: Jean Vidal

**Guest Speaker(s) – Michael Wetsch, Grant Thornton LLP
Matthew Machielse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and Investment Division, Economic
Development and Trade**

Call to Order: Brian Ducherer, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion #1/18 Moved by Larry Tiedemann to accept the agenda of June 27, 2018 with the addition to the agenda of;
8a EATC Update.

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Minutes of June 22, 2017

Motion #2/18 Moved by Ed Kusalik that the AGM minutes of June 22, 2017 be approved as presented.

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Guest Speaker: Matthew Machielse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and Investment Division, Economic Development and Trade.

Trends in the International Space and Rural Alberta (see PowerPoint)

- Key US Files – NAFTA
- Key U.S. files – Steel and Aluminum
- Alberta and the Asia Pacific
- What CPTTP Means for Alberta

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is a free trade agreement between Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

- Investment Attraction
- Energy – Alberta
Connected to North America
- Missions
- Questions and Discussion

Presentation of BRAED Annual Report 2017/2018 – Cathy Goulet, Executive Director (see report)

- Discussion regarding highlights of the annual report
- RIO provided BRAED with a toolkit

Presentation of 2017-2018 BRAED Financial Report – Michael Wetsch, Grant Thornton LLP (see handout)

- Discussion on the Grant Thornton Financial Statement (Unaudited – see Notice of Reader) Battle River Alliance for Economic Development March 31, 2018

- Note: CARES Grant Funding Page 5
- Outlook Marketing Research & Consulting Page 5
- Summary of changes to opening balances

Motion #3/18 Moved by Ben Kellert to accept the Financial Statement (March 31, 2018 as presented.

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Appointment of Accounting Firm

Motion #4/18 Moved by Matthew Kowalski to appoint Grant Thornton LLP as the BRAED accounting firm for 2018/2019.

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Update on 2018-19 Operational Year-to-Date – Cathy Goulet, Executive Director (see PowerPoint)

EATC Update:

- Dissolution of partnership will be completed by June 30, 2018

2018-2019 Operational Plan Year-to-Date:

- To June 2018
- Broadband Project
- Contract and oversight of One Less Trip
- Contract with firm to deliver BRAED marketing and website updates
- Ongoing Management of BRAED
- Complete Management of BRAED
- Complete transition of BRAED
- Scope and launch Business Retention and Expansion project
- Scope final phase of agriculture value-added project
- Deliverables July – September 2018

Round Table Reports from Members Highlights

Camrose – Victor Goodman

- Projects – focus on Market Research to invest in the Camrose area
- True Brand
- Value-added opportunities

Camrose County – Doug Lyseng

- Water line from Hwy 21 to Hwy 13

- Investors will build once water is in place

Tofield – Larry Tiedemann

- Water Storage
- July 1 celebrations

M.D. of Wainwright – Phil Valleau

- Building roads
- Contracts for cement work

Ryley – Cyndy Heslin, Nik Lee, Terry Magneson, Mathew Kowalski

- New physicians
- Working on economic development with Tofield
- Sports day was a success

Irma – Joan Green

- New school
- Strom water project
- Irma Days at the end of July

Bittern Lake – Angela Lorente

- Wheel Chair accessible
- Addition to the community hall

Daysland – Ed Kusalik, Rod Krips

- Iron Creek expansion
- Truck Parts Store opened
- Auction mart
- Patterson Grain had to use tents to hold all of the grain delivered
- Residential lots are available

Holden – John Markel, Sherry Garbe, Mark Gibablhaus

- Fertilizer plant is up and running

Paintearth County – Stan Schulmiester, Diane Elliott

- Looking for a new CAO
- New wind farm for next year

Coronation – Shelley Cook

- Paving is underway
- Wiring for generators is underway

- Water lines to Brownfield are progressing
- Party In The Park – July 1

PEPS – Carol Thomson

- Value-added project
- REACH Program
- Had a booth at the GPS, Calgary

Forestburg – Blaise Young

- Working on Strategic Plan
- New subdivision
- Transition centre with BRIAC
- Mind converting to natural gas
- Opening a Historic park
- 100 year anniversary 2019
- Mud bog
- 11 events schedule for next year with racing on the decommissioned runway

Killam – Ben Kellert

- Annual rodeo just completed
- Show and Shine
- Real estate is moving
- Some properties sold
- Hospital is moving forward and being built
- Day care received a grant which allows \$25/day care

Sedgewick – Perry Robinson

- Blanket ceremony with First Nations
- July 1 three day event
- Work on the spray park has begun
- Rec. centre had working trails
- A commercial stage is being built and TROOPER will perform there
- Town added a neon sign

Viking – Debbie O'Toole

- Viking Days
- The 4th Annual BRETSKY Tournament
- Upgrade to 619
- Permit received to put up a bulk station Co-op

Wainwright – Carley Herbert

- New residential subdivision
- Working on cannabis bylaws
- Workshops
- Two new doctors
- Health skill days in April – 50 high school students attended
- Health care aide program offered with Lakeland College
- Large annexation
- 65th annual stampede
- Taste of Wainwright – July 19

Government of Alberta – Labour – Jean Vidal

- Alberta Job Grant still available, up to \$15,000 per employee
- Brochures are now available since January
- Work force adjustment
- See website for more information

Beaver County – Kevin Smook

- 60th Anniversary
- P & H Grain is underway with rail loop development
- Land fill is doing well
- Bruce 105th stampede is July 29

Grant Thornton – Michael Wetsch

- Business training session with GT
- Ag centre working group
- Succession planning
- Will come out to help for free

Holden – John Markel, Sherry Garbe, Mark Giebelhaus

- Started up a club with youth
- Upgrade to their ice will be environmentally friendly

Ryley - Cyndy Heslin, Nik Lee, Terry Magneson, Mathew Kowalski

- Land fill doing well
- Indoor swimming pool needs major upgrade


Flagstaff County - Erik Skoberg, Jennalee Blackhurst, Kristy Jackson, Jeanette Herle

- REACH program
- 15 entrepreneurs
- Second REACH Program with Forestburg

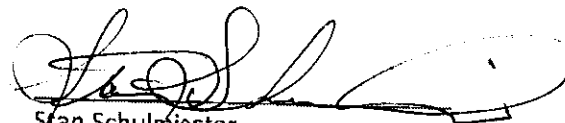
- Marketing campaign is working
- Facebook campaign
- Partnered with local newspaper highlighting a business each month
- County roots tour including the heritage barns of Flagstaff
- Business partnership breakfasts
- Mental health
- Part of BRIAC

Adjournment:

The AGM meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Brian Ducherer, Chair



Stan Schulmiester

Date: June 13, 2019

Date: _____