

# Northeast Alberta Information HUB

October 26, 2023

## Board/Membership Meeting Minutes

Landing Hotel St. Paul, Alberta

**Attending:** Gerald Aalbers/Lloydminster, Tim MacPhee/Vegreville, Lindsay Haag/EMW, Bill Parker/Cold Lake, Darrell Younghans/St. Paul County, Mike Tarkowski/Two Hills, Jocelyne Lanovaz/Mannville, Sebastian Dutrisac/County of Two Hills, Rob Pulyk/Vermilion, Harold Bylan/Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, Todd Sumner/Lakeland College, Phyllis Forsyth/Bruderheim, Karl Hauch/Bruderheim, Dan Juhlin/Aerium Analytics, Murray Phillips/Two Hills County, Linda Sallstrom/STEP, Dawn Phillips/Smoky Lake, Raman Sahota/Smoky Lake, Warren Griffin /Boyle, Don Slipchuk/M.D. Bonnyville, Donna Rudolf/Myrnam, Edna Gervais /Portage College, Ross Krekoski/St. Paul County, Debbie McMann/Innisfree, Jason Boorse/Elk Point, Treena Lane/Redwater, Leslie Cusack/County Vermilion River, Joey Nafziger/Minburn County, **Heather Stromquist/LLB County**, Paul Miranda/Vilna Scott Kovatch/M.D. B.V., Karyann Boychuk/JET, Chris Down/Travel Alberta, Diane Belanger/Alberta HUB, Bob Bezpalko/Alberta HUB, Marianne Janke/Travel Lakeland

**Regrets:** Lorin Tkachuk/Lac La Biche, Clifton Cross/Frog Lake First Nations

**Guest; MLA Scott Cyr**

- 1.0 Chair Gerald Aalbers called the meeting to order at 10:05am  
Roundtable introductions  
MLA Scott Cyr brought opening remarks
- 2.0 Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the agenda.  
**Murray Phillips moved the approval of the agenda.** **Carried**
- 3.0 Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 board/membership meeting minutes.  
**Tim MacPhee moved to approve the September 5th, 2023, minutes with a Correction to Item 4.0.** **Carried**
- 4.0 Financial Statement as of September 30, 2023 – Dianne Belanger /Jocelyne Lanovaz  
Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup> financials.  
**Jocelyne Lanovaz moved to approve the September 30th financials as presented.** **Carried**
- 5.0 UNBQ 2022-23 membership fee – Gerald Aalbers  
Chair Aalbers asked for a motion approving the request from UNBQ to forgive their unpaid 2022-23 membership.  
**Rob Pulyk moved to approve waving the 2022-23 \$250 membership fee for UNBQ.** **Defeated**  
After further discussion.....

**Sebastian Dutrisac moved to approve waving the 2022-23 \$250 membership fee for UNBQ in exchange for hosting an Alberta HUB board/membership meeting with a Minimum value of \$250.00. Carried**

6.0 New membership – Gerald Aalbers

6.0a Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to accept the Village of Boyle as an Alberta HUB member in the Village category.

**Darrell Younghans moved to approve the Village of Boyle as an Alberta HUB member. Carried**

6.0b Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to accept the Town of Athabasca as an Alberta HUB member in the Towns under 3000 category.

**Bill Parker moved to approve the Town of Athabasca as an Alberta HUB member. Carried**

6.0c Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to accept Fortis Alberta as an Associate member

**Tim MacPhee moved to approve Fortis Alberta as an Alberta HUB Associate member. Carried**

6.0d Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to accept Inflight Data as a Business/Industry member

**Tim MacPhee moved to approve Inflight Data as an Alberta HUB Associate member. Carried**

**Action items:**

**Review Articles of Association – business/industry membership**

**Location of said business/industry – presence with Alberta HUB region?**

**Review status of business/industry**

7.0 Role of Alberta HUB Board Members – Gerald Aalbers

A discussion took place regarding the roles/responsibility of Alberta HUB board members. Members were asked to review how Alberta HUB information is shared within their organizations.

8.0 REDA Funding / Operations meeting with Minister Jones – Chair Aalbers

Infrastructure projects / Rural Funding/grants – JET Industry relations – Bob Bezpalko

9.0 Executive Directors report – Bob Bezpalko

a) Regional Investment Readiness Initiative Phase 2

Marketing Material / Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

b) CECI application submitted Deadline September 29, 2023

Northeast Alberta Clean Energy FDI Project

**Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve:**

**Bill Parker moved to approve Alberta HUB's CECI's application. Carried**



c) Option: Northern Regional Economic Development NRED grant

**Chair Aalbers asked for a motion to approve:**

**Pending approval of the CECI grant application Sebastion Dutrisac moved to apply to the NRED Grant. Carried**

d) Regional Industrial-Commercial Land/Buildings Database

ACP application submitted by County of Vermilion River (Lead)

e) Pitch event – Invest Alberta

f) Connect for Food Project: Community Futures

Northeast Alberta Farm Marketers association (NAFMA) - website

g) Portage College – Commercial Food Kitchen – Ednas Gervais Portage College

h) Drone/ UAV Project

i) Regional Trades (Labour) Initiative

j) Alberta HUB BioMass Project – Update Clean Fuels Fund (CFF)

Presentation: Travel Lakeland / Lakeland DMO- Marianne Janke

Gerald Aalbers thanked Marianne for an excellent presentation

Next Meeting: January 17, 2024 Wednesday Location to be determined

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Gerald Aalbers  
Chair  
Northeast Alberta Information HUB

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Jocelyne Lanovaz  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Northeast Alberta Information HUB