



Peace Region Idea Group Meeting

American Public Works Association, Alberta Chapter

Date: 07 April, 2016

Place: Birch Hills County (Wanham)

Attendance: Rob Naugler, County of Grande Prairie, PRIG Chair
Peter McDowell, APWA President
Dion Hynes, Birch Hills County, Host
Michael Coy, Birch Hills County, Host
Jim Alexy, Birch Hills County, Host
Kevin Cymbaluk, MD of Smoky River, AMSA Representative
Leonard Van Oort, County of Northern Lights, AMSA Representative
Vic Abel, Big Lakes County
Ron Jansen, County of Clear Hills
Clint Diederich, County of Grande Prairie
Dan Bloomfield, Big Lakes County

**Call to order
10:10 am:** Rob Naugler, PRIG Chair

**Housekeeping
Items:** Dion went over some Safety and Housekeeping items

Introductions: Round table was performed to ensure everyone was introduced

**Review of Last
Meeting Minutes:** No Changes were brought up



General information: Message from AMSA representative Kevin Cymbaluk followed by Message from APWA Alberta Chapter President Peter McDowell

Future meeting dates: Very good discussion with conclusion that MD of Greenview (Valleyview) would be approached per their recent offer to Kevin to host a meeting in October with the option of 13th or 20th for dates

Special Meeting Topic: Kevin and Leonard did a splendid job of introducing AMSA into Peace Region Ideas Group with specific mention of how Government Grants affect all Regions of the Province, and how having a good Grant Proposal Writer is vital

Presentation: Greg Pecharsky and Terry Thornton of Guardian Chemicals Inc. tag teamed a great presentation of how their company set out to make the ultimate Dust Suppressant Product and wound up producing an incredibly effective Road Stabilization Liquid Additive.

Lunch: 12:20 pm – 12:50 pm generously provided by Guardian Chemicals Inc.

Equipment Display: Hosts Birch Hills County ushered all attendees and Presenters Guardian Chemicals Inc. into their shop to see a Road Shoulder / Ditch Reclaimer recently purchased.

Round Table: Topics discussed were: New Policies and Enforcement regarding Wetlands; GPS Equipment Control Software Prices and Suppliers; Pre / Post Heavy Equipment Reporting Procedures comparisons; Distracted Driving warnings and fines for Meter Readers; Asset Management software selection and comparisons; Heavy Equipment Maintenance software selection and comparisons; Work Order software selection and comparisons; GIS software selection and comparisons; Radio System selection and comparisons; AVL troubleshooting; and Michael Coy of Birch Hills County presented some stunning footage from a Drone they use of recently flown Drainage Ditches.

Adjournment: 2:10 pm