



Lesser Slave Lake
Economic Alliance

**Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance (LSLEA)
Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2010
M.D. of Big Lakes Board Room
High Prairie AB**

1. Present:

Alvin Billings - M.D. of Big Lakes
Greg Radstaak - Alberta Finance & Enterprise
Georges Jadot - M.D. of Opportunity
Gary Pollock - Town of Swan Hills
Arnold Aarts - Town of High Prairie
Karina Pillay-Kinnee – Town of Slave Lake
Annie Aarts – Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce
Gord Olson – High Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce
Mike Skrynyk – MD of Lesser Slave River
Brad Hestbak – Northern Lakes College
Linda Cox- Project Manager, LSLEA
Darcie Acton –LSLEA Consultant (Milestone Consulting)

2. Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order 11:15 AM

3. Introductions:

Chair Billings asked for introductions and a brief review of activities of their organizations.

4. Agenda:

Chair Billings asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda.

26- 2009/10 Motion to adopt the agenda with amendments.

Moved by Georges Jadot.

CARRIED

5. Minutes:

27- 2009/10 Motion to adopt the Minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting as presented. Moved by Gary Pollack.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence:

Review and discussion of correspondence received.

28 – 2009/10 Motion to adopt correspondence. Moved by Georges Jadot.

CARRIED

7. Executive Report:

No reports at this time

8. New Business

a) MD of Opportunity Bank Attraction Feasibility Study

A request was made to cost share a feasibility study. The Board will discuss with new projects.

b) Grant Application for Innovation and Efficiency for Small business

A \$25,000 grant has been applied for to facilitate development of the Wood Center of Excellence. We need buy-in from industry so that we can move forward. The grant will fund a 1-2 day seminar on innovations in the forestry sector.

9. Visioning and 2010-11 Operating Plan Development

Darcy Acton facilitated a brain storming session listing ideas from board members for possible future projects for LSLEA. Notes will be compiled and presented at next meeting.

10 Adjournment:

29- 2009/10 Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:45 PM. Moved by Karina Pillay-Kinnee

Carried

Next Meeting:

Date: April 22, 2010

Time: 10:30AM

Location: Seniors Centre
Kinuso, AB

Chairman Alvin Billings

Secretary/Treasurer or Vice Chair