



## **MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MAY 11, 2022**

05/11/2022 | 06:00 PM - (GMT-06:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

The Annual General Meeting of G.L.D.C. Gas Co-op was held following a member BBQ in the shop of the gas co-op building, located at 4402-54 Avenue, Rimbey, Alberta on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. There were 57 people present including members, staff, directors and guests. Bert Paulssen welcomed all in attendance.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Bert Paulssen called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Murray Ormberg** that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Federation of Alberta: Tom Kee and Ray Purdy  
Pivotal LLP: Stacey Poier, Kristen Schalin and Don Oszli  
Servus Credit Union: Tonya Hatala and Angie Taylor

### **MOTION REGARDING QUORUM**

**Moved by Dennis Duncan** that the members present in the room constitute a quorum.

CARRIED

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of previous AGM from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was presented.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY Jesse May** that the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 AGM be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**



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NIL

**Manager’s Report (See attached report).....Don Hoskin**

Introduction of Staff

GLDC office staff:

- Karen Strain – Office Manager
- Kayla Millar – Gas Billing
- Jacquelyn Mackay – Accounts Receivable/Administrator
- Kim Cretney – Reception and Administrator
- Lisa La Rose – Reception/Administrator
- Darren Weening – Operations Manager

Service Staff:

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| - Dennis Semenyina | - Mark Buwalda | - Ivan Bott       |
| - Tyler Sargent    | - Cory Cech    | - Arnie Van Ankum |
| - Bryan Sved       | - Will Weenink | - Peyton Bresee   |

Darren Weening. Presented award for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with GLDC Gas on March 3, 2022.

**Moved by Pamela Koenig** to accept the Managers Report as presented.

**Questions:** Allen Leighton: It was referenced in the Managers Report that problems can be encountered with land access; “How big of problem is this”? With new landowners, the oilfield is the biggest root of the problem.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Chairman’s Report (See attached report).....Bert Paulssen**

- Bert Paulssen
- Gerry Hoar (Vacation)
- Ron Sperber
- Jesse May (Jesse made decision to not stand for nomination. The board would like to thank Jesse for his many years of service to the board.)
- Bryan Weise (filling in as Secretary to the board in Gerry Hoar’s absence).

- Pam Koenig
- Jack Siebenga
- Ken Buist (Absent)

- Dennis Duncan

- We need to protect the coop against investor-owned utility; if they could buy out the coop they would. They would get the franchise basically for free because they would in turn charge customers and get 8-9% investment. When the coop first started, members were digging and working in their kitchens to get this system running and showing more pride of ownership. Today the coop is more urban than agriculture and the nature of the coop



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is not understood; the newer generations do not carry the same sense of pride.

- Our coop is going to look at opportunities to get more involved in the community. Many coops have become very aggressive in communities, and get involved in community events. There is a changing demographics of the members and we want people to be proud of being part of the coop.

**Moved by Pam Koenig** to accept the board report as presented.

CARRIED

**Questions:** Stan Wickberg. 1) Status of overdue accounts; how substantial is this problem? 2) People are unable to afford the increase, are there alternatives?

- 1) Overdue Accounts: The Chairman responded that this issue has been ongoing. We are seeing an escalation in accounts in arrears past 90-days. Overdue accounts are approximately \$30k and the coop has written off less than \$5k in the past few years. During the summer season, if we cannot collect on accounts past 90 days overdue, we will shut gas off if not paid by July.
- 2) Alternatives: Gas costs have increased \$1.75; the coop and Federation are trying to help the members across the province. The Federation is regularly working with government officials on relief measures from the carbon levy. There is a lot of focus on hydrogen and working on developing a hydrogen road map. We understand frustration, system is not sustainable. Hydrogen will eliminate the carbon tax but also comes at a fee.

**Auditor’s Report for GLDC Gas for 2021 Fiscal Year (attached) ..... Stacey Poier**

Questions: Allen Leighton - Why were some internally restricted? Internally restricted are required for construction and maintenance.

**Moved by Karen Strain**, that the Auditor’s Report for G.L.D.C. Gas Co-op be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

**MOVED BY Mark Ree** that Pivotal LLP be appointed as Auditors for GLDC Gas Co-op for the upcoming year.

CARRIED



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**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Tom Kee, Executive Director – Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op

- The Federation presents many challenges, without members there would not be a Federation.
- Number of things in the last 5 years to grow the Federation.
- Implementing training and other programs to meet the needs of the organization.
- Training service people to be gas utility operators; inhouse instructor lead PE fusion.
- 2-year agreement for \$10-million to grow construction to rural
- Introduction of Alberta hydrogen road map in 2021. Consulted to provide thoughts on how it will affect organizations and natural gas in Alberta.
- Challenges of carbon levy increases, 2030 it will be \$8.54/GJ. At that rate it will be unaffordable to the consumer. Letters were written to government officials requesting to take the tax back so the money could be utilized in Alberta to serve as green energy and look at using the money for research and development. We joined Canada Gas Association and are able to sit on the board to get in front of both the Federal and Provincial government to present a case. A letter was written to the Prime Minister of Canada concerning the carbon levy asking what the government would be doing with that money that couldn't be used for research and development and provide tax back to Canadians. A thank you letter was send back to the Canadian Gas Association indicating that it was just passed on to minster of natural resources. The Federation will continue to lobby government on this and other issues.
- There are some ongoing exploratory projects involving hydrogen injection in to natural gas systems in Fort Saskatchewan community as well as Markham Ontario. There is no change to furnaces or appliances and no evidence on what the longer-term outcomes will be. Transmission lines do not carry the hydrogen mixture so we have to look at different measures to get hydrogen into rural settings. The Federation is presenting ideas to the government, but it does come with a cost at approximately \$4.00/GJ.
- Director's handbook was distributed by the government in 1980's. Has been updated in the past but need to meet the needs of the organization and address new directors coming on board.

Ray Purdy, General Council – Federation of Alberta Gas Co-op

- Started with gas coops in 1980.
- Successes and challenges over the next couple years, governments to introduce hydrogen injection into system. With one step at a time and good input from stakeholders, government and regulators, will be overcome over time.



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- Successes: Coops had to buy insurance from big insurance company, but about 15 years ago, the Federation and coops now self-insure.
- Discussed the possibility of future hydrogen injection into the gas distribution systems.
- Reported on the replacement of some systems due to faulty pipe. The Coops banded together and recover cash and able to replace pipe.
- The coops are successful self-regulated organization because of member support.

### NEW BUSINESS

Director Election; Terms Expiring

- Pamela Koenig
- Jesse May

Nominations Received – To fill 2 positions.

- Pamela Koenig
- George Smith
- Leah Predy

Collection of Ballots / Scrutineer – PIVOTAL LLP of Red Deer, AB Leah and George.  
After the count, the elected directors are Leah Predy and George Smith.  
The board thanked Pamela for her service to the board and the community.

**MOVED** by **Jesse May** to destroy ballots.

CARRIED

### OTHER BUSINESS

Door Prizes Awarded

- Marilyn Hoar – Gull Lake Golf Course \$75.00 gift certificate.
- Stan Wickberg – GLDC Yeti Travel Mug.
- Randy Jaffray – GLDC Gardening Package.
- Margaret Lorenson – GLDC Yeti Travel Mug.
- Leah Predy – Gull Lake Golf Course \$75.00 gift certificate.
- Allen Leighton – GLDC Spa Package.
- Phyllis Tarnasky – GLDC Yeti Travel Mug.
- Elizabeth Grutterink – The Wooden Shoe certificate package.
- Tonya Hatala – Holly's Greenhouse gift certificate.



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- Gordon Cumming – GLDC Yeti Travel Mug.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY Bert Paulssen** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25pm.

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Bert Paulssen - Chairman

  
Secretary – Bryan Weise