

PAWG SETG Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2009

Members Present: Roy Allen via speakerphone (BLM Liaison), Emily Kelley (Questar), Mary Hogarty (Town of Pinedale), Michael Coburn (Sublette County Socioeconomic Analyst), Forest Wakefield (Chamber of Commerce)

Members Absent: Bart Myers (Sublette County PAWG Member), Trent Sedberry (Halliburton), James Duran (Shell), Jason Zakotnik, Carmel Kail, Diana Hoff (Questar), Cindy Van, Kathy Anderson

Visitors: Paul Rock

Meeting Place: 8am in the Green River Room BLM PFO

These Minutes Taken By: Michael Coburn

Minutes for the May 21st meeting were discussed by the group. It was agreed by all members present that approval of the minutes should be delayed given the number of members absent.

Roy Allen updated the group on the annual drilling rig forecasts which were requested by the SETG. To date three operators have completed the data request. The deadline for data submissions is July 6th, after which Roy will contact all operators who have not yet responded to solicit data submissions. Roy anticipates that all submissions will be returned by the end of July or the beginning of August. Roy also apprised the group of he and Michael Coburn's effort to create a population forecast for Sublette County. Tex Taylor from the Ag-Econ department of the University of Wyoming provided Roy and Michael with a regression model that projects population based on rig counts.

Following Roy's update Emily Kelley requested the names of Roy's contacts at EnCana and Questar who received the data request letter to confirm they were the correct individuals. Emily then provided Roy with current contact information for several operators. It was further suggested that Emily help expedite the data request process by personally contacting the operators. Emily suggested letter to operators be sent to group, It was also requested by Emily, that Roy send the data request letter to the entire SETG group.

Emily Kelly provided an update to the group of the demographic sub-group, she reported that the group formulated several ideas regarding data collection but as of yet had not finalized anything because the group had been unable to meet.

Mary Hogarty discussed the progress made by the Infrastructure sub-group. Mary explained she and Eugene Ninnie will continue to update the group on the town's infrastructure wish list as needed.

Michael Coburn discussed health care sub-group's plan to track patient visits at both Sublette County clinics. He noted that in addition to emergency room and clinical visits, this data could be further broken down by reason for visit such as x-ray or lab work. In addition, Michael shared some preliminary results of the CACF survey with the group.

A general discussion regarding the rural health care district followed. Paul Rock noted the high rate of non-payment of the two clinics, and inquired about further research into the matter. Forest Wakefield commented that data from the CACF survey suggests that residents within Sublette County may support raising taxes for health care, be of use, but that greater financial transparency would be required. Thus, it was suggested that Michael obtain statistics from the health care board regarding finances including billing and payment to further research these issues. In addition, Michael also agreed to obtain the PowerPoint presentation given to the County Commissioners by the rural health care district and distribute it to the group.

The next SETG meeting was tentatively set for **July 16th at 11am**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Certified as accurate: *Carmel T. Kail*

Date: 9/24/2009