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Monthly Update of the GROWTH Alberta Board

Barrhead, Alberta, February 2012 — The following report provides a brief overview of the regular board meeting of the Grizzly Regional Economic Alliance Society held February 15, 2012 at the Village of Clyde Curling Arena.

Special Presentation

Jan Reurink, Director, Economic Development Policy and Analysis (Finance and Enterprise) presented a report on **Economic Prospects & Regional Impacts.** See **Website:** www.albertacanada/about-alberta/regional-economic-indicators.html for details.

Executive Reports

a) **Chair** – Alan Deane (chairperson) reported that the Economic Summit on January 30 was very valuable, both for GROWTH and to the Ministry and Minister Horner for gathering information.

b) **Treasurer**– Caren Mueller presented the financial report to the board.

c) **Secretary –** Bill Lane brought to the Board's attention a couple of newspaper articles about GROWTH and a letter of congratulations about the Gala from ATB Financial.

Committee Reports

a) Business Awards & Recognition
Troy Grainger reported on behalf of Marjorie Sterling-Miller (chair). Business Excellence Awards Gala was January 21. He thanked all who attended and volunteered. Videos are being finalized. A wind-up and future planning meeting will be this month.

a) **Youth Retention Committee**
Caren Mueller (chair) said a School Expo planning committee meeting will be held March 15.

b) **Tourism Development Committee**
Ray Sauer (chair) reported that the next tourism meeting will be February 23. The WILD maps will soon be ready for distribution. Trade shows are coming up.

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Administrative/Partner Reports

Operational Overview

Troy Grainger said it's "full steam ahead" with ongoing projects under administration, finances, human resources and partnerships.

Treasury Board and Enterprise

Tammy Powell said that we could expect to hear back shortly from the Minister about REDA funding. Plans are in the works for a value-added Agriculture Workshop.

Individual motions were made to accept each report.

Community Happenings

Updates were given by representatives from the Town of Swan Hills, Alberta Works and Human Services, the Town of Barrhead, Evergreen CSRD No. 2, Pembina Hills RD No. 7, the Village of Clyde, Woodlands County, the County of Thorhild, and the County of Barrhead.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Location: 50+ Centre at Swan Hills
10:00 a.m.

Please confirm your attendance with Lorraine one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.
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