

Friends of the Blindman Meeting

May 7 2026

In person attendance:

Mike Byzitter, Haleigh Sanderson, Kristy Klinger, Kim Wiggins, Josh McMurray, Ryan Nichol, Judy Stauffer, John Hull, Tony Blake, Assar Grinde, Daniel Iseli-Otto,

1. Called to order at 7:11 pm. Approval of agenda, motion by Josh, seconded Kristy, passed.
2. Adoption of April minutes. Motion to approve by Tony, seconded Assar, passed.
3. Public Forum - John and Judy came as fans of Assar's Beatty House Presentation
4. Treasurer Report
 - a. Bank account has been opened. Money has been deposited and FOTB is accepting donations now.
5. Temperature Probes
 - a. Installation - Assar, Josh and Daniel will install.
 - b. Water wells with MRWS - no development at this time.
6. Advocacy
 - a. SOC - Spartan Delta Term License - Friends of the Blindman SOC missed the deadline, unfortunately.
 - b. May 11 Water Event at Lacombe United Church - Assar is speaking at this.
 - c. North Saskatchewan Watershed Event put on by Council of Canadians June 7
 - i. If we are going to represent, we would need a volunteer or two to go. Ryan and Mike will possibly attend.
 - d. MRWS May 21 6pm at Gilby Hall
 - i. Revealing of the Health of the Watershed for Medicine River.
 - e. Warburg Surface Rights Group - June 9. Assar has been asked to speak at the meeting.
 - f. Advocacy Survey/Communications
 - i. Better protections for rivers
 - ii. No fresh water for fracking
 - iii. Explore establishing a hierarchy of use for groundwater
 - g. AB Municipalities Resolution on water use for fracking
 - i. Suggestions to get some things changed on the wording of the resolution.
7. Funding
 - a. Discussion around funding applications from municipalities and RDRN.
 - b. Discussion around tiers of funding levels and representation on website.
 - c. RDRN funding application
 - i. We are going to ask for funding for display materials, a new website and temperature probe funding.
 - ii. Discussion around acquiring materials for this season.
8. MRWS updates
 - a. Event on May 21.

9. Municipal Update
 - a. Baytex taking wastewater from the Town of Bentley.
10. New Business
 - a. Creating a timeline for the society year ahead, budget, etc.
11. Next Meeting June 11 7:00 pm Forshee Hall.
12. Adjourned 8:19 pm