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Western Sky Land Trust Welcomes the Addition of Three New Board Members

CALGARY — With supporters, land owners, members, and Board on hand, The Western Sky Land Trust (Western Sky) celebrated its first year of operations at their Annual General Meeting.

“To lend further support and expertise to our efforts, Western Sky welcomes the addition of three new board members,” said **Jerry Brunen, Chair** of this newly formed land trust that operates principally in the Municipalities of Foothills, Rocky View and the city of Calgary.

Gary Kindrat is a private consultant with Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd. In addition to his extensive watershed management experience, he brings 20 years of experience in the environmental field in fisheries, forestry and wildlife areas. **Max Fritz** is a resident of the M.D. of Rocky View, and is Strategic Advancement Manager with the Calgary Stampede where he has been employed for the past 20 years. Agriculture is close to his heart as he witnesses unparalleled change within the landscape. **Rick Smith** is recently retired from Heritage Park where he was General Manager for 22 years and subsequently Executive Director of the Heritage Park Foundation. Rick is currently building a home in the Longview area where he spent a number of years growing up, and has a passion for history and the landscape.

“Western Sky is a land trust built at the request of land owners who are seeking an organization to accept their lands. As a result, Western Sky has tailored its mandate and operations to meet the needs of the region and has recruited the people who are dedicated to this special area of Alberta” says Mr. Brunen. The other 8 board members on are listed on www.westernskylandtrust.ca

With a focus to conserve watersheds associated with agricultural, natural, heritage, scenic and recreational values, the Board has spent the past year spreading the word that Western Sky is an option for voluntary land conservation and has engaged in conversations with a number of land owners. “Our membership and support base is growing and we encourage those interested in conversing lands to contact us”, says Tracy Tarves, Executive Director of Western Sky.

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