

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: April 10, 2012. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Board Members in Attendance: Jeff Anderson (Chair), Ben Heemskerk, Dave Stevens (Treasurer), Bob Henderson, Rob Maurer, Tlell Glover, Tara Strauss, Barry Smith, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant); **Guests/Presenters:** Bill Wookey, Jevan Hanshard; **Regrets/absent:** Trish Oosterhoff, Jack Hagen, Harold Kerr

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Welcome new members	Tlell Glover and Tara Strauss have been accepted as BVCRB members as of this date. Other applicant Ruth Lloyd would like to help with RAMP.			
Agenda review	Agenda accepted.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of March 13, 2012	Minutes approved.	Minutes approved. Post minutes on BVCRB website.	Board Members Dave Stevens	This meeting ASAP
Ben Heemskerk member status	Due to perception of conflict of interest, Ben’s role has been examined by the Board and his employer. He has voluntarily stepped away from the BVCRB Vice Chair position and from the Recreation Subcommittee, to ensure that the RAMP is not impeded. He remains as a BVCRB member. Dave thanked Ben for his work on the RAMP. Vice Chair position is open.			
Discussion with Jevan Hanshard, District Manager, Skeena-Stikine FD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jevan is familiar with work of the BVCRB and appreciates it; as well as the extent of local planning processes. 2. Draft letter re: DDM principles: These principles would be useful. Revisions must come from government, with BVCRB involvement. 3. Monitoring: Recent monitoring (P.I.R; BWMT) shows where some LRMP objectives are being affected. Focus must be on mountain pine beetle effects since the LRMP is not going to be reopened. We have 2-3 years and could prevent some significant losses. Format of a new monitoring report is not planned yet. Cumulative effects monitoring framework is being worked on; State of the Forest reports have been useful in the past. 4. RAMP Intensive Motorized Use area: The summer RAMP Table will likely make a recommendation that an IMU area be established in the TSA and needs to know the approval steps involved. 	<p>Jevan and Glen Buhr will reopen discussions about DDM principles. Jevan will also discuss with Barry, and may attend next BVCRB meeting.</p> <p>Jevan will consider form of a new District monitoring report and let the BVCRB know.</p> <p>Jevan will ask Kevin Eskelin to present this info to the summer RAMP Table.</p>		

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<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence</p>	<p>1. Mining and Energy Development Davidson project: Rob: Water users are concerned about remediation to be done but no meeting has been set up yet. Jeff: Water remediation work has been done. Jeff: Fisheries Act is key to the Environmental Assessment Process and is being streamlined. BVCRB needs to respond.</p> <p>2. Recreation RAMP Update: Tlell Glover: Tlell and Bob Henderson are now co-chairing the Recreation Subcommittee. The Table has almost finished looking at recreation sites and trails, and needs to work on the IMU area, access for people with limited mobility, and the process for future changes to the RAMP. A process review is upcoming. The BVRC is assisting more with the process. The Table needs to decide how more public input will be gathered and incorporated. Bill Wookey: Community is concerned that gov't may not implement the summer RAMP as a package. Barry, Bob, Ben: There is low risk of this. It doesn't have to go gov't-to-gov't – Recreation Sites and Trails BC wants it to be a successful trial project. RS&T BC is aware of the need to balance recreational opportunities. Government favours consensus-based recommendations. The BVCRB will stand behind the RAMP. Tlell: The RAMP report will need to include that the plan is a package to be implemented as a whole. Huisman letter to Board: Jeff discussed their concerns with Orvy; no further action needed. RAMP communications: Website and newspaper updates are planned. Amanda Follett is assisting. Bill: What is planned for the cross-country trails in summer? Ben: The Table is meeting with groups involved. Tara: More public consultation is needed. Website would be a good avenue. Bill: One club with 200 members was denied participation at the Table. Ben: That is a winter club and Terms of Reference outline who could be at the Table. Jeff: There are 4 representatives of the public at large at the Table and input can be through them.</p>			

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	<p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture P.I.R fieldtrip: A field trip will be arranged for summer.</p> <p>Phil Burton case study: The Board approves Phil’s use of a BVCRB case study for a publication.</p> <p>Dave: Kelly Giesbrecht wrote her thesis on history of the BVCRB.</p>	<p>Organize field trip.</p> <p>Ask Phil for a copy of the background information.</p> <p>Post thesis on website.</p>	<p>Barry Smith; Ben Heemskerk</p> <p>Jill</p>	
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence</p>	<p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Response to Ray Chipeniuk Dave is working on this letter in support of the Hunaker Springs Watershed Initiative.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish Skeena Watershed Authority Jeff is hoping that Ken Rabnett or other rep will attend an upcoming Board meeting.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans New members are needed for this Subcommittee. Anyone interested in joining should advise Jeff.</p>	<p>Send comments to Dave. Contact Ray Chipeniuk.</p> <p>Invite to May meeting</p>	<p>Board members Dave Stevens</p> <p>Jeff Anderson</p>	<p>By next meeting</p>
<p>Administration</p>	<p>Financial report Dave: MOU with BVRC has been signed. Operational funding is now with the BVRC. Website: Taylor Bachrach has updated. Kirsteen Laing is currently posting items; this work could be done by a volunteer once the backlog is caught up. Treasurer needs to be involved with spending decisions.</p> <p>New Membership status/ selection Dave Stevens: One vacancy remains. Selection committee is reviewing.</p>	<p>Follow up on this with selection committee.</p>	<p>Dave Stevens</p>	

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<p>Action items from the March 13, 2012 meeting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Directors who need to go to BV Credit Union and register as authorized signatories. <i>Done.</i> 2. Prepare letter of support for Hunaker Initiative; circulate for review, approval and posting. <i>See above.</i> 3. Ask members not present if they think there is a conflict of interest between Ben's employment and his volunteering with the RAMP. <i>Done.</i> 4. Recreation Subcommittee will propose how it will deal with the conflict issue, and then a letter could be written. <i>Issue resolved; see above.</i> 5. Ask Kevin Eskelin if there can be a government rep attending the RAMP Table meetings to provide information. <i>Kevin is contact person for RAMP.</i> 6. Sign letter to Jevan Hanshard. And 7. Deliver letter and invite Jevan to April BVCRB meeting. <i>Done. Jeff will send out cc's.</i> 8. Arrange meeting with P.I.R. re audit. <i>Done.</i> 9. Invite Skeena Watershed Authority reps to May BVCRB meeting. <i>Jeff.</i> 10. Renew MOU with BVRC. <i>Done.</i> 11. Request a proposal from Taylor Bachrach for updating the website. <i>Website done without proposal.</i> 12. Subcommittees identify priorities for the next 2 years. <i>On-going. Will be part of Terms of Reference workplan.</i> 13. Finish draft T of R and include a 2 yr work plan as an appendix. <i>Ongoing. Barry and Ben will work on.</i> 14. Contact Anne Hetherington re: Conservation covenant. <i>Done, but info not received from Anne.</i> 15. Follow up with BCeID application and Front Counter process to receive e-referrals. <i>Ben will take care of this.</i> 16. Post Daryl Hanson's presentation, Feb minutes, Kathlyn Creek Watershed group letter, etc. on BVCRB website. <i>Presentation is large but could be posted. Feb minutes are posted. Letter will be posted.</i> 17. Motion to set BoD quorum at 2/3 of number of currently serving Directors (rather than 8 of 12). <i>Will be addressed when there is a quorum.</i> 18. Assemble for the Board a document outlining the BWMT monitoring program information, the monitoring discussion to date, and the points for the Board to consider. <i>On-going.</i> 			
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: May 8, 2012, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room</p>			