

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Oct 9, 2012. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Jeff Anderson (Chair), Tara Strauss, Harold Kerr, Trish Oosterhoff, Rob Maurer, Barry Smith, Jack Hagen, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

**Regrets:** Dave Stevens (Treasurer), Ben Heemskerck, Tlell Glover, Bob Henderson

**Presenter:** Alan Baxter, Pacific Inland Resources

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
<b>Agenda review</b>	Additions: Discuss registration as a society. Agenda accepted with additions.	<b>Accept agenda.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Minutes of Sept 11 and June 12, 2012</b>	Minutes approved with correction to June minutes: Spelling of Kathie Wagar.	<b>Accept June and Sept minutes.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Presentation by Alan Baxter, P.I.R.</b>	<p>Alan Baxter reviewed the P.I.R. test case plan for logging in the Quick Core Ecosystem. The company has worked on this for about 5 years. Land Use Plans were written with the intent to be flexible, as long as the LRMP balance is maintained. The concern is that with heavy mountain pine beetle attack, the stands are not achieving intended objectives (in this case protection of valley bottom mature spruce and lodgepole pine). 85% of the pine is dead and starting to fall down, with a heavy brush layer developing underneath.</p> <p>Objectives of this case study: review land use plans for ability to be amended; test processes for making amendments especially to line work; determine legal requirements associated with amendments; review opportunities to maintain the balance. P.I.R. has already done layout work. Options for amending the Core include local area amendments, designating a new Core, changing the caribou balance (the offset). Local control of the balance is critical but currently Cabinet approval of line work changes is required. Another goal is to develop a standard process for amendments. The BVCRB could be involved by making a recommendation around the appropriateness of this proposal, and in future would be involved in reviewing amendments (depending on their scale).</p> <p>Comments: Harold: Younger pine needs to be protected from fire. Barry: MPB damage is significant. Having a spatially defined LRMP is valuable. Line work was flexible at first then changes became restricted. It would be good to run a test case while we still have</p>			

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	<p>some opportunities. Having the local District Manager and MOE manage the line work would be preferable. Alan: Government perspective on this should be obtained.</p> <p>Barry: FSP amendment for Reisetser: Glen Buhr wrote that logging plans in the Special Management Zone were for greater than 50K m<sup>3</sup> to come out over the Telkwa High Road with both P.I.R. and Kyahwood logging in winter. Traffic must be spread out. Glen has asked BVCRB to comment.</p>			
<b>BVCRB Terms of Reference</b>	<p>Barry: Terms of reference is outdated. Revision needs to be done but a full Board must in place. ToR would be a guide to the Board as issues arise – as an example it would help guide the Board as to appropriate involvement in the Enbridge project. A 2 year workplan is also needed, with priorities. The workplan would be discussed with local land and resource agencies and could go to the public for review each year. Jeff: Subcommittee structure is based on values and could be based on issues as well, for greater efficiency. Barry: We need structured public interaction. With referrals, we need to be clear on whether we review them or not. Rob: We need a full Board and full attendance. Jeff: there are two applications at hand now. Barry: There will be a turnover in June that we need to deal with now. Jeff: As long as there is quorum we should move ahead with ToR. Barry: Will work on ToR. Rob and Tara are interested as well.</p>	<b>Begin to revise ToR</b>	<b>Barry Smith, Rob Maurer, Tara Strauss</b>	
<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence</b>	<p><b>1. Subcommittees.</b> Jeff: There is a need to revisit subcommittee roles. Subcommittees should state their objectives for the year. This would transfer to a workplan.</p> <p><b>2. Recreation</b>  RAMP Update: Jill: Summer Table met on Oct. 3, 2012, to review public input received on the draft report and to finish off site discussions. Tom Chamberlin has been rehired to facilitate a couple more meetings but finalizing the report and map may take longer than end of October.  Winter RAMP: Jeff: We need to go slow, and make sure that the community is happy with the Summer RAMP and government implementation. Not sure that we have the capacity within the Board</p>			

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	<p>as it now sits. Rob: It will be easier if Summer RAMP is a success. Jeff: We'll need to build relationships, including one with the provincial snowmobile association. Jack: If they won't engage in the process they shouldn't have a say in the outcome. Tara: We should prepare a report on lessons learned from the summer RAMP. Templates should be archived as well.</p>			
<b>Administration</b>	Financial report: Discuss next meeting, with Dave Stevens.			
<b>Action items from the Sept 11, 2012 meeting.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Confirm with BV Research Centre that REF funds have all been received. DONE – funds received.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Contact Forest Service for their input on Wetzin'Kwa expansion; prepare a draft response to Wetzin'Kwa. Barry sent email and talked to the D.M.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Communicate intentions for Winter RAMP. DONE</i></li> <li>4. <i>Contact Kevin Eskelin re RAMP finalization. DONE</i></li> <li>5. <i>Circulate action items from P.I.R. field trip. DONE, discuss in November.</i></li> <li>6. <i>Circulate list of previous Board members. DONE</i></li> <li>7. <i>Contact former members asking for their suggestions. JEFF will do.</i></li> <li>8. <i>Contact Jane Lloyd-Smith re continuing core funding for the BVCRB. Include discussion of ToR. Ben Heemskerk is now the contact. Carried forward.</i></li> <li>9. <i>Check original RAMP budget for in-kind commitments. Carried forward.</i></li> <li>10. <i>Set up BCeID. Tara: Perhaps BVRC has one or they would facilitate for the BVCRB.</i></li> <li>11. <i>Check into need for society status for BVCRB and apply for societystatus if warranted. Would affect BCeID. Rob will update Tara. Process is not onerous; AGM and Executive are needed; by-laws and constitution are needed; creates some accountability; banking changes a bit; but doesn't need to be done just for the sake of it.</i></li> <li>12. <i>Look for original letter from Kathie Wagar committing funds to BVCRB; prepare letter to Jevan Hanshard promoting BVCRB and its activities. Personnel have changed. Jeff will contact Ben and Jane Lloyd-Smith.</i></li> <li>14. <i>Post Daryl Hanson's presentation and Kathlyn Creek Watershed group letter on website. Rob: Dome Mountain project is shut down. Exploration is on-going.</i></li> </ol>			
<b>Additional discussion of P.I.R. presentation</b>	<p>Jeff: Glen Buhr is preparing the government comments and will send a copy to the BVCRB. We will review and then prepare BVCRB comments. Tara: Still has many questions. Rob: Doing nothing is not an option. Barry: This case will test the legislation. It is not a big issue provincially. <b>Action:</b> Review government comments when received; prepare BVCRB response following that review.</p>			
Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM	<b>Next Meeting: November 13, 2012, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room.</b>			