

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: January 12, 2011. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Attendance: Board Members: Dave Stevens (Chair), Don Goalder, Ben Heemskerk, Trish Oosterhoff, Taylor Bachrach, Barry Smith, Rob Maurer, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant). **Presenter:** Rick Budhwa, Bulkley Valley Research Centre

Regrets/absent: Jack Hagen, Eugene Wittwer.

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Presentation by Rick Budhwa, Bulkley Valley Research Centre	<p>The Bulkley Valley Research Centre is governed by a Board with 12 members. Activities are carried out by the operational component which has a Research Manager, administration, researchers, and other support. For details, check www.bvcentre.ca.</p> <p>The Centre has a working relationship with the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust, wherein the BWMT benefits from project management by the Centre. The Centre is supportive of having a similar relationship with the BVCRB. The Centre could provide administrative resources, and the two groups could access different funding sources than they could separately. The Centre has charitable status so can access some funding sources that the BVCRB cannot.</p>			
Agenda review	Agenda for this meeting was reviewed.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Minutes of December 14, 2010	Minutes discussed. Minutes approved as presented.	Approve minutes of Dec 14, 2010.	Board Members	This meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence	<p>1. Recreation</p> <p>RAMP Funding: Ben Heemskerk: Stage 2 of the application to the Real Estate Foundation, prepared by Emily McGiffen, will be submitted on January 13. Amount applied for: \$10,000.00. MEC application is due March 3, 2011. An application will also be submitted to Wetziwka Community Forest. The Recreation Sites and Trails program has a surplus and our project is high on the priority list under the Trails Strategy project.</p> <p>Barry Smith: What would the BVCRB role be in the RAMP process? Ben: The Recreation subcommittee</p>			

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	<p>would be involved as the host and would work closely with the facilitator.</p> <p>2. Mining and Energy Development Refer to notes submitted by Rob Maurer to Board members by e-mail. Discussion: Ben: The Dome project was on a list of projects to watch in 2011. Rob: Dome project is outside the TSA boundaries. If the company gets enough investors the resource might be developed. Ben: Blue Pearl was also listed as a possible project. Dave: The deadline is Dec 2011 to reactivate the EA process for Blue Pearl. Project will be considered abandoned if there is no activity by then. Paul Wodjak, Regional Geologist, could provide further updates.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture Taylor Bachrach: Telkwa Community Wildfire Protection Plan: The Village of Telkwa is going to carry out public consultation on this issue. There would be impacts on ungulate habitat and water quality so the BVCRB should review the project during the public consultation period.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures Cybernet tower: Taylor: Attended Hudson Bay Mountain Cabin Owners Association AGM, January 3, 2011. The group passed a motion that they objected to the process. Taylor is considering taking it to a judicial review and will update the Board as needed.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish: No update.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans No update.</p>	<p>Invite Paul Wodjak to the March BVCRB meeting.</p>	<p>Rob Maurer</p>	
<p>Action items from the</p>	<p>Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 were done.</p>			

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December 14, 2010 meeting	<p>Item 6: <i>Send e-mail notifying user groups that Board is seeking new members. Post notice on Valley Vision website.</i> In progress.</p> <p>Item 7: <i>Contact Eugene Wittwer regarding his BVCRB membership.</i> Dave will follow up on this.</p> <p>Item 10: <i>Contact BWMT re experience with BV Research Centre:</i> Dave contacted Richard Overstall; Richard said that it was a positive experience.</p> <p>Item 11: <i>Contact Glen Buhr re “Revisiting the Balance” workshop:</i> Dave will follow up on this.</p>			
Administration	<p>Membership: Board members have encouraged some community members to apply. Recruitment letter will be sent to user groups and posted on Valley Vision.</p> <p>Don Goalder will attend Pierce Clegg book signing on behalf of the BVCRB.</p> <p>LRMP acronyms: LRMP can be updated with new acronyms.</p> <p>Revised referral form: Board is waiting for reply to letter regarding revisions to referral form.</p> <p>Board discussion re BV Research Centre relationship: There would be no cost to the BVCRB; the RAMP could be the first test case; BVCRB could be put in touch with a lot of information; it could be a way to access funding.</p>	<p>Circulate recruitment letter</p> <p>Contact agencies for new acronyms.</p> <p>Follow up on request to revise referral form.</p> <p>Prepare a Memorandum of Understanding re: Relationship with BV Research Centre.</p>	<p>Ben Heemskerck, Trish Oosterhoff</p> <p>Taylor Bachrach</p> <p>Dave Stevens</p> <p>Ben Heemskerck</p>	
Other business	<p>June 2011 is the 20th anniversary of the BVCRB – there should be an open house at the annual year-end dinner meeting.</p> <p>Rob Maurer: Notes on mining issues that BVCRB was involved with in the past were circulated by e-mail. Rob contacted Rob Boyce for the information.</p>			
Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM	Next meeting: Feb 8, 2011, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room.			