

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

**Meeting Date: Nov. 8, 2011. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.**

**Attendance: Board Members:** Taylor Bachrach (Chair), Ben Heemskerk (Vice Chair), Dave Stevens (Treasurer), Bob Henderson, Jack Hagen, Rob Maurer, Trish Oosterhoff, Barry Smith, Jeffrey Anderson, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

**Guests/Presenters:** Bill Wookey

**Regrets/absent:** Harold Kerr, Dustin Harvey

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>Agenda review</b>	Agenda for this meeting was reviewed and revised – Jevan Hanchard, new District Manager for the Skeena-Stikine Forest District, will not be attending. Agenda accepted as revised.	<b>Accept agenda as revised.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>This meeting</b>
<b>Minutes of Sept 13, 2011 and Oct 11, 2011</b>	Minutes reviewed and discussed. Minutes approved.	<b>Minutes approved.</b>  <b>Post minutes on BVCRB website.</b>	<b>Board Members</b>  <b>Taylor Bachrach</b>	<b>This meeting</b>  <b>ASAP</b>
<b>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/ Correspondence</b>	<p><b>1. Mining and Energy Development</b> Update from Rob Maurer: Regional Geologist Paul Wodjak has retired. His replacement, Jeff Kyba, is getting up to speed and will prepare an annual report in January which we can review. Jeff Kyba would like to become involved with BVCRB. The Smithers Exploration Group is planning to do more public outreach work, and is looking for projects. Perhaps a representative could attend a BVCRB meeting to discuss this.</p> <p>Dave Stevens: Davidson Project: Time out from the Environmental Assessment process ends on Dec. 8, 2011. After this, the project will be deemed abandoned or the process will need to be restarted.</p> <p><b>2. Forestry, Range and Agriculture</b> <b>Note: Wetzinkwa Community Forest Corp AGM is on Nov. 9, Telkwa Seniors Centre.</b> Jack Hagen: Would like to know what is being done about mountain pine beetle killed timber.</p>	<b>Check status of Davidson project.</b>	<b>Dave Stevens</b>	<b>After Dec. 8</b>

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	<p><b>Telkwa Community Fire Plan:</b> The Monitoring Subcommittee sent a letter to Jevan Hanchard, pointing out that the BVCRB should have a role in reviewing his analysis of these prescriptions in relation to compliance with the LRMP and the SRMP.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference review and the DDM principles were also discussed in that letter.</p> <p>Ben Heemskerk: It would be good to stay in touch with Jane Lloyd-Smith, previous District Manager and currently Regional Manager, Regional Operations, FLNRO, since she has a focus on cumulative impacts and monitoring.</p> <p>Bob Henderson: It’s probably more important to contact her than Hanchard – she has the monitoring information that the BVCRB needs.</p> <p><b>3. Referrals and Land Tenures</b> The Board hasn’t received any referrals for quite some time. Front Counter is working on a “single window” approach.</p> <p><b>4. Water and Fish</b> Jeffrey Anderson: It would be good to get a watershed perspective on water and fish – i.e. which watersheds should have more attention paid to them, rather than dealing with issues piecemeal. Jeffrey will contact Allen Gottesfeld and Ken Rabnett to initiate this.</p> <p>Bob: The Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust is currently updating objectives. This work could be incorporated.</p> <p><b>5. Recreation</b> <b>RAMP:</b> Ben Heemskerk: Two meetings of the Summer RAMP Table have been held. Bill Wookey: How was the Summer RAMP Table Selection Committee named? Dave: It consisted of the BVCRB Recreation Subcommittee, which is comprised of some BVCRB Board members. They are volunteers and are selected as Board</p>	<p><b>Contact Gottesfeld and Rabnett, and the BWMT, regarding watershed-level monitoring of water and fish.</b></p>	<p><b>Jeffrey Anderson, Bob Henderson</b></p>	

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	<p>members by an independent selection committee.  Ben: Updates after each Summer RAMP Table meeting will be posted. A media release is being prepared.  Barry Smith: It would be good to have a timeline posted on the website.  Ben: Letters expressing concerns about the process have been received from the Smithers Snowmobile Association. SSA nominees were not selected for the Summer RAMP Table. This is a summer process. There are other avenues for public participation. The letters will be posted on the BVCRB website.  Bill: The SSA wants an open and transparent process.  Ben: The Rod and Gun Club is considering submitting an application to participate.  Bob: Commercial recreation operators should be given the opportunity to make presentations at some point.  Taylor: They should be notified of open houses.  Barry: There are more winter commercial operators than summer. Perhaps they should participate in the Winter RAMP Table.  Taylor: Their tenures aren't open for Table discussions.  Ben: But future operations need to be considered.  Bill: Their goals are business-oriented.  Ben: This is a public plan.</p> <p><b>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans</b>  <b>DDM Principles update:</b>  <b>Dave Stevens:</b> Dave contacted Glen Buhr. Within the next two weeks this will be discussed with the new DM.</p> <p><b>Terms of Reference revision process:</b> Taylor: The BVCRB Terms of Reference are outdated. Proposed revisions were presented and discussed at this meeting.  Bob: We should find out if government would entertain revisions before working on them very much. Barry: It will be</p>	<p><b>Meet with the new DM to discuss DDM principles.</b></p> <p><b>Complete revisions to the Terms of Reference, discuss with</b></p>	<p><b>Barry Smith</b></p> <p><b>Barry Smith, Bob Henderson, Dave Stevens, Ben</b></p>	<p><b>Nov. 22</b></p>

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	easier to explain to the new DM if there is a draft to present.	<b>Jane Lloyd–Smith and Jevan Hanchard.</b>	<b>Heemskerk</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	<p><b>Finances:</b> Dave: Currently there is \$1400 in the BVCRB account for operations. The BV Research Centre is managing project money and their services are valuable.</p> <p><b>Membership selection:</b> There is one vacancy. One application has been received. A couple of current Board members may not be able to continue with BVCRB work due to other obligations. Dave will reconvene the Member Selection Committee once it is known who will not be able to continue on the Board.</p>			
<b>Action items from the Oct 11, 2011 meeting.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask members to approve minutes of Sept 13, 2011 by e-mail. <i>Minutes have been approved.</i></li> <li>2. Prepare a letter of invitation to the new District Manager to attend a BVCRB meeting; confirm with a phone call <i>Letter sent.</i></li> <li>3. Contact John Stevenson regarding referral activity. <i>John is on holidays.</i></li> <li>4. Set up a meeting of the Monitoring and Land Use Plans subcommittee to discuss ToR revisions. <i>On-going.</i></li> <li>5. Contact Glen Buhr for an update on DDM Principles and discussion of the role of the new DM. <i>As noted above, Dave Stevens contacted Glen. Barry Smith will follow up on this.</i></li> <li>6. Discuss the financial summary with Kirsteen Laing of the BVRC. <i>Done.</i></li> <li>7. Ask the selection committee to review the membership application at hand; if other vacancies arise deal with them in the spring. <i>On hold for now.</i></li> <li>8. Set up new signing authorities at BV Credit Union. <i>Done, Rob Maurer needs to go to the Credit Union to sign.</i></li> <li>9. Design and install a display board at BVRC office. <i>Will be done in future.</i></li> <li>10. Send thank you letter to Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust for their support. <i>Dave will check to see if this was done. Letter should be posted on website.</i></li> <li>11. Contact Jane Lloyd-Smith to find out who is the current contact for Revisiting the Balance DDM principles. <i>A. discussed above, Barry will follow up on this.</i></li> </ol>			
<b>Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Next Meeting: Dec. 13, 2011, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room</b>			