

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: Sept 11, 2012. Meeting convened at 7:15 PM, Boston Pizza meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Board Members in Attendance: Jeff Anderson (Chair), Ben Heemskerk, Dave Stevens (Treasurer), Bob Henderson, Barry Smith, Jack Hagen, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets: Tlell Glover, Tara Strauss, Harold Kerr, Trish Oosterhoff, Rob Maurer

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
Agenda review	Additions: Discuss selection of executive; Enbridge project, and feedback to Chair. Agenda accepted with additions.	Accept agenda.	Board Members	This meeting
Feedback to Chair	Minutes and actions items should be sent out with the agenda for upcoming meetings.	Send out these items as a package.	Chair	Ongoing
Minutes of June 12, 2012	Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum. Correction to June minutes: Spelling of Kathie Wagar.	Review June minutes at October meeting.	Board Members	Next meeting
Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence	<p>1. Mining and Energy Development No new action over the summer. Exploration is going on but not at permitting stage yet. Kathie Wagar is now a Regional Director at FLNRO. Jack: LRMP was signed off by numerous agencies so BVCRB should not focus only on forestry. Barry Smith: There hasn't been a lot of mining to look at.</p> <p>2. Recreation RAMP Update: Bob Henderson: There were two public open houses held in June. 38 people attended in total. Most approved the product if not the process. A meeting was held with the Real Estate Foundation of BC. They may be supportive of other projects. Bob attended a Town of Smithers Council meeting and was presented with about 500 petitions asking that the process be stopped. Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation was also at that meeting. They have contributed to RAMP mapping with \$4,000.00. Smithers Exploration Group has contributed \$1,000.00. There is a need to check if the full amount of \$20,000.00 from the REF has been received. About \$50,000.00 will have been raised if all commitments come in, and roughly \$35,000.00 has been spent so far. The hope is that the Summer RAMP can be completed for</p>	Confirm with BV Research Centre that REF funds have all been received.	Dave Stevens	

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	<p>under \$40,000.00. Bob received a request from Wetzin’Kwa for a letter of support for expansion which he replied to as a member of the Board but not representing the whole Board. Barry would not support this because there could be impacts on other licensees.</p> <p>Bob: A new contract for Tom Chamberlin will be needed to complete the Summer RAMP report. The plan is to finish it by the end of October. The Board will need to discuss Winter RAMP timing and capacity. Barry: Criticism of BVCRB mandate has not gone away. Relationship building will be needed before winter RAMP starts. Government sign-off will be needed to build trust. Tom, Jill and others should document “lessons learned” from Summer RAMP. Barry: The plan may not be a consensus document – areas of dissention will need to be recorded and we should discuss this with Kevin Eskelin before we present the plan formally to government.</p>	<p>Contact Forest Service for their input on Wetzin’Kwa expansion; prepare a draft response to Wetzin’Kwa.</p> <p>Communicate intentions for Winter RAMP.</p> <p>Contact Kevin Eskelin re RAMP finalization.</p>	<p>Barry Smith and Jack Hagen</p> <p>Jeff Anderson and Board members</p> <p>Bob Henderson</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>
Administration	<p>Ben Heemskerck: Ben is now Project Coordinator for Cumulative Effects in this Region. This will be busy with a lot of travel time so it might be necessary for Ben to step away from the Board. He could work as Ministry liaison however, and this has been discussed with government. Ben will try to find a replacement candidate and provide transition towards finishing the Summer RAMP.</p>			
Subcommittee Reports/Issues Correspondence (con’t)	<p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture PIR Field trip: Minutes and action items arose from discussions during the field trip and will be discussed at upcoming meetings. The Board needs a two year work plan to set priorities. Board Terms of Reference need to be finalized. Public feedback on the ToR is needed. Perhaps past Board members could work on this.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures The Board has previously decided to act strategically.</p>	<p>Circulate action items from P.I.R. field trip.</p> <p>Finalize ToR and include a work plan.</p>	<p>Jeff Anderson</p> <p>Board members</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>Dave Stevens: John Stevenson should be contacted to inform him that the Board would like to receive referrals but will respond only if there is objection to the application. Barry: ToR could state that we only receive and review referrals that might require board input.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish: No update. Jeff to contact Ken Rabnett.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans: Barry: Monitoring is a key BVCRB activity and should be in the ToR. Members need to know what the BWMT, government, and P.I.R. are doing and get involved. Jeff: A State of the LRMP report would be useful once ToR are in place.</p>			
Other business	Board membership: Barry: The process needs to be formalized. A permanent subcommittee of previous Board members should be in place since the replacement process is constant. Jeff: This subcommittee could deal with outreach as well.	Circulate list of previous Board members. Contact former members asking for their suggestions.	Jill Dunbar	
Administration	<p>Financial report: Dave Stevens: Board has just enough funding to cover expenses for this year (admin fee, website, Jill's time, annual dinner).</p> <p>Vice-chair selection: Discuss when more members are present.</p>	Contact Jane Lloyd-Smith re continuing core funding for the BVCRB. Include discussion of ToR.	Jeff Anderson, Dave Stevens	
Action items from the June 12, 2012 meeting.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Check orig RAMP budget for in-kind commitments.</i> Ben Heemskerk. Carry Forward 2. <i>Check with SEG about RAMP funding.</i> DONE. 3. <i>Collect RAMP draft public input for Table members.</i> DONE. 4. <i>Request that Kirsteen Laing put public contact email address on RAMP webpage.</i> DONE. 5. <i>Request printed copies of draft RAMP from Kevin Eskelin.</i> DONE. 6. <i>Place RAMP draft and maps at public access points around town.</i> DONE. 7. <i>Set date for field trip.</i> DONE. 8. <i>Invite Jevan Hanshard and Ecosystems rep to field trip.</i> DONE. 			

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	<p>9. <i>Send details of Timber Supply Committee meeting to Board members.</i> DONE.</p> <p>10. <i>Complete response to Referral 58913108– 008, East Boulder Creek recreation area and circulate.</i> DONE.</p> <p>11. <i>Set up BCeID.</i> Tara Strauss, in process.</p> <p>12. <i>Check into need for society status for BVCRB.</i> Rob Maurer, in process.</p> <p>13. <i>Apply for society status if warranted.</i> As above.</p> <p>14. <i>Contact Selection Committee re: need for one more member.</i> DONE.</p> <p>15. <i>Respond to Eric Becker.</i> DONE.</p> <p>16. <i>Send email comments re: Chair and Board functioning to Dave Stevens.</i> DONE.</p> <p>17. <i>Look for original letter from Kathie Wagar committing funds to BVCRB; prepare letter to Jevan Hanshard promoting BVCRB and its activities.</i> Ben. Carried forward, personnel have changed.</p> <p>18. <i>Prepare response to Smithers Snowmobile Association letters; circulate to Board members for comments.</i> Not doing, BVCRB has responded previously.</p> <p>19. <i>Decide on subcommittee involvement.</i> Discuss at October meeting.</p> <p>20. <i>Prepare budget for upcoming year.</i> DONE.</p> <p>21. <i>Request info from RS&T BC on approval process for a possible Intensive Motorized Use Area for the summer RAMP. Kevin Eskelin included in discussions.</i> DONE.</p> <p>22. <i>Confirm that Kelly Giesbrecht thesis has been posted on BVCRB website.</i> DONE</p> <p>23. <i>Invite Ken Rabnett or other Skeena Watershed Authority rep to next meeting.</i> Carried forward.</p> <p>24. <i>Post Daryl Hanson’s presentation and Kathlyn Creek Watershed group letter on website.</i> Ben to handle.</p>			
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: October 9, 2012, 7:00 PM, Boston Pizza Meeting Room.</p>			