

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes

Meeting Date: December 8, 2009. Meeting convened at 7:15 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C.

Board Members Present: Greg Storie (Chair), Dave Stevens, Anne Harfenist, Jeff Anderson, Ben Heemskerk, Taylor Bachrach, Rob Boyce, Jill Dunbar (Executive Assistant)

Regrets/absent: Eugene Wittwer, Don Goalder, Mike Murray, Jack Hagen

Visitors/presenters: Jim Easterday, Outdoor Recreation Society; Gary Quanstrom; Glen Buhr, Stewardship Forester, MoF

Item	Discussion	Action	By Whom	By When
<p>Timber Supply Review Process</p>	<p>Glen Buhr The Chief Forester sets a sustainable AAC for each TSA every 5 years, but the determination can be postponed up to 10 years. The next AAC for the Bulkley TSA will be set by Jan 1, 2011. The process is underway at this time. The public review will take place this April. The Bulkley is a relatively stable TSA re timber supply. All background documents are on the web. (See http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa03/docs.htm) Questions/Discussion: What is the status of the TSA amalgamation proposal? Glen: Some consideration and analysis took place by Branch staff but the issue hasn't progressed further. What is the definition of sustainability in this context? Sustainability in the TSR is from an ecological and timber growth perspective, not economic or social. How much confidence is there with the TSR model? There is good confidence for the 5 year period until the timber supply is reviewed again. How is climate change and uncertainty modeled? Pest outbreak probabilities are considered. Stocking standards and regeneration assessments are taken into account. The Chief Forester heads the Future Forest Ecosystems Initiative which is looking at climate change.</p>	<p>Send out slides from this presentation to Board Members</p>	<p>Ben</p>	
<p>Agenda review</p>	<p>Agenda reviewed. .</p>	<p>Accept agenda.</p>	<p>Board Members</p>	<p>This meeting</p>
<p>Review of minutes Nov 10, 2009.</p>	<p>Minutes discussed. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.</p>	<p>Review minutes of Nov 10, 2009.</p>	<p>Board Members</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>

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<p>Action items from the Nov 10, 2009 minutes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Update subcommittee roster.</i> 2. <i>Contact Tom Bell from MoE re: Attending a BVCRB meeting.</i> 3. <i>Bring map copies to next meeting.</i> 4. <i>Complete list of referrals by adding a column with referral outcomes.</i> 5. <i>Submit list of referrals to Ruth Edwards at Front Counter, ask for outcomes, and invite Ruth to a meeting to discuss.</i> 6. <i>Invite BWMT reps to the BVCRB January meeting to present annual monitoring results.</i> 7. <i>Ask SSA about a possible rep to sit on RAMP TOR subcommittee and provide input regarding member selection for the RAMP completion table.</i> 8. <i>Prepare briefing note on RAMP funding for MLA Doug Donaldson.</i> 9. <i>Invite Wetzinkwa Community Forest reps to a BVCRB meeting.</i> 10. <i>Prepare letter to MEMPR requesting update on mining reclamation work.</i> 11. <i>Prepare letter requesting information re: TSA amalgamation.</i> 12. <i>Send link to the Lands referral site to board members.</i> 	<p>Greg – next meeting.</p> <p>Done. Dana Atagi of MoE will arrange.</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Greg will take care of this.</p> <p>Dave contacted Richard Overstall – February would be the earliest. Dave will confirm for February.</p> <p>Done. Names have been provided. Greg will contact Dan Rebbetoy to see if he is still interested in possible Board membership.</p> <p>Done. Board members to submit comments to Taylor, who will revise and send in one week's time.</p> <p>Ben will invite to a future meeting.</p> <p>Jeff: Done, not yet sent.</p> <p>Not a priority issue.</p> <p>Done.</p>		

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	<p>13. <i>Initiate e-mail discussion re: Cybernet towers.</i></p> <p>14. <i>Investigate programs for updating website.</i></p>	<p>Minister has granted a 6-month temporary permit; Cybernet must reapply in Spring. Public consultation will be required.</p> <p>Ongoing. Jill and Dave.</p>		
<p>Subcommittee Reports/Issues/Correspondence</p>	<p>1. Recreation RAMP completion: SSA has named representatives. Taylor, Ben, and Greg will meet to discuss BV Backpackers questions on Thursday, Dec, 10, 2009. BVBP Director's meeting is on Dec. 12.</p> <p>RAMP Funding: Anne: UNBC may still be able to provide some support services.</p> <p>2. Mining and Energy Development Rob: Attended Blue Pearl PLC meeting, late October; topics were water sampling and gate violation.</p> <p>3. Forestry, Range and Agriculture TSA Amalgamation: (Proposal to amalgamate the Lakes, Bulkley, and Morice Timber Supply Areas (TSA): Discussed with Glen Buhr earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Communication with Wetzinkwa community forest regarding meeting attendance: Discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>4. LWBC Referrals and Land Tenures List of past referrals: Discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Call Lake rezoning proposal: Discussion: Board is concerned with impacts to the Core zone adjacent to this area. Terms of reference must be checked to determine if this is BVCRB jurisdiction. Ben noted that LRMP layers are now on the public version of IMap. Referrals will be on</p>	<p>Prepare response letter</p>	<p>Jeff</p>	

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	<p>the system and accessible to members to review.</p> <p>5. Water and Fish Greg is arranging MoE presentation for early 2010, as above.</p> <p>6. Monitoring and Land Use Plans The Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust is to be invited to a BVCRB Board meeting. Discussion: Members should review background materials in advance; all information is on the website http://www.babinetrust.ca/. LRMP amendments may be a topic of concern as a result of the work of the BWMT. If any LRMP amendments are required perhaps the Board should start with a trial amendment that does not require public review. Many terms, agency names, etc need to be updated.</p>	<p>Obtain a MS Word version of the LRMP for updating.</p>	<p>Taylor</p>	
Administration	No new business			
Other business	<p>Newspaper space: Taylor spoke with new editor of the Interior News who would consider publishing a 300-400 word article about the BVCRB which would include an overview of the Board's work and a request for new members.</p> <p>Funding for monitoring: The Moore Foundation is interested in funding projects specific to the Skeena Watershed and there may be some potential support for the BVCRB.</p>	<p>Prepare article for newspaper.</p>	<p>Taylor</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM Next Meeting: TBA</p>				