

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board Final Minutes

Date: Oct 16, 2019, Smithers Town Office

Present: Matt Sear, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Bob Mitchell, Ted Vanderwart, Eric Becker, Christof Dietzfelbinger

Absent: Brian Swansberg

Chair: Ron, **Recording:** Sue Brookes

Changes to the agenda: Anne can't make it and was rescheduled for Nov.

Next Meeting Date: Nov. 18, 2019, Smithers Council Chambers

Changes to the meeting minutes:

Approved both June and Sept. 2019 draft minutes

Nomination to the board:

No email, news or direct requests.

Noone nominated from the research centre.

Board Recruitment:

Other interest may come from the wood lot association, the BV cattlemen, others May have to advertise beyond the int. news, the Moose, North Word

** Action Items: Bob and Sue to draft a letter for previous members

Telkwa Coal:

No more input, no change since last minutes.

Financial Report:

Funds in the kitty, roughly \$12000.

Review of Presentation by Jay Baker:

Bob led a discussion around the Wetzin'kwa Fuel Management plan presented by Jay Baker at our meeting of Sept 16.

In it we discussed the Risk Posed by Forest Harvest in Seymour Core Ecosystem Karen Price (PhD) and Dave Daust (MSc, RPF), their letter is on file.

Discussion Points:

- the Seymour Ridge core has approx. 50 + hectares, they are focussing on the dead pine
- last in the 50's, there is still dead standing, 15-20 year old beetle kill, not a lot of pine

- Wetzinkwa's justification for the plan is the reduction of wildfire risk - they mentioned this is a not a for profit endeavour
- logging doesn't address the abatement of wildfire, this is a generally accepted principle maintained by ecologists and other public users, observers and so on, refer to Karen's letter
- ecologists don't want to see changes to the boundary of the core and want to maintain integrity, this is consensus with a group assembled in the last couple weeks that includes, users and ecologists
- Wetzinkwa has logged to the boundary
- what is the Town of Smithers wildfire protection plan?
- maintain VQO per LRMP

** Action Item: that Bob should write a letter to Jay Baker indicating that the Board was unconvinced that the fuel management plan would protect the Core biodiversity, recreational, and visual quality values in the plan area.

Ray Chipeniuk's Response:

- we tried to remind him of our role
- no response to Ray necessary

FYI:

Moose Ticks: there might be a scheme to treat moose medically

Willow Bore: there may be a new attempt to prevent spread by using more intensive brushing in a corridor, the idea is to keep it here in the Bulkley TSA

Action Items Summary:

book guests and confirm time for next month, Nov. 18, Ron - Anne, Bob - Curtis and Ryan	Ron, Bob
board members please send updated bios (if needed) to Sue to update web (100 - 150wrds)	John
send Sept minutes to Matt	Sue
circulate Jay Baker's presentation	Sue get off Dave
draft letter for Jay and Wetzinkwa and circulate, pls be prompt with responses by email	Bob
letter to prev. members, woodlot - inviting application	Sue or Bob

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm