

BV Community Resource Board – Final Minutes

Apr 24, 23

Present: John, Eric, Jeff, Sue, Ted, Bob and Christoph

Guests:

Regrets:

Chair: Jeff

Recording: Sue

Next Meeting: May 15, 7pm, Smithers Council Chambers, 2023

Meeting convened at 7:05pm

Organizational

Additions to the agenda:

- look at Len's presentation to Curtis, this requires some discussion

Review of minutes

A **motion** to approve the February minutes was made: All were in favour.

For a full list of acronyms please check the link:

https://bvcrb.ca/images/uploads/documents/bvcrb_acro.pdf

1. Correspondance:

Email: we are copied by the public on Tyhee Lake management zone letters questioning logging operations.

A crown land application File Number 6409405 arrived in Mar 2023.

Action Item*** Sue Relay our comment of the File 6409405 through the email contact though without a BCeID.

2. Treasurer Report

About \$10 000 in the bank, web hosting fees are due shortly.

Jeff's personal email and the info@bvcrb.ca address can be used for accounts like BC Web.

Action Item*** Jeff to file with the CRA and pay the \$250 fee.

3. Review of Action Items

1) Tyhee Lake Trails, WHMA's

- Jeff invited BCTS but they do't want to speak to this block in particular. They will discuss their overall operating procedure.

- some discussion about the attachments on the email from Len - who wrote this, what standing is it?

- Asking a licensee to uphold the values of the LRMP and/or expecting the Board to rely on professional reliance is a biased process. A licensee cannot say no to logging.
- Our questions as to how and why BCTS have arrived at this plan need delicate positioning. Discussion included:
 - the provision of specific prescriptions for each block
 - who are the biologists and ecologists signing off
 - what volumes are we talking about
 - what values are protected and how? Like recreation?
 - why the rationale to disregard the HLPO
- the District Manager expressed receipt of a number of public comments but continues to respond in support of licensees' professional reliance.

Action Item*:** Jeff to clean up the questions and send to Curtis

2) **Agenda Update:** Eugene Wittwer will come in May to tell us what he is practising on his tenure area.

3) Research Centre Project Proposed

To determine the EFFECTIVENESS of the Ecosystem Network in meeting the Biodiversity Objectives of the Bulkley TSA LRMP after 25 years of LRMP implementation.

Discussion points:

- funding
- what are the specific deliverables?
 - determine the percentage that has been logged
 - what areas haven't they been active in
 - are there movement corridors?
 - how does the remaining ecosystem support smaller animals, lichen - etc.

Action Items*:** Bob to consider his request and put it forward to the Research Centre

4) Seymour Ridge - many piles left to burn, Bob to head up there next week

5) The District Manager (DM) recognizes a trip to the Ellmore Block at Deception Lake would be good for his staff and he would invite Bob. It seems he followed the wildfire best practices and has erased the evidence of old growth. Bob will try to extend the invitation to another member when he gets his.

Action Item*:** Bob to go on a field trip and invite Christoph, he will also distribute notes from his meetings with the DM.

5. Discussion Topics:

1. Woodlot operators express challenges lowering their AAC, they also have the ability to delineate Old Growth for the public record.
2. Apparently the Old Growth Deferral Process is no longer reliant on FN responses and so the Province continues to log old growth using professional reliance as their ethical guide.
3. The Town's Climate change expert is ?. This person reports:
 1. projections are more rain west, less east
 2. does logging reduce the risk of wildfire?
 3. licensees think they have to do something!
 4. Presentation at the library this month
 5. Karen Price has research indicating logging does not reduce the risk of wildfire abatement - Bob to pass on this research
6. Tenas Coal and discussion will be continued as the public consultation process continues. There isn't consensus among the board about Coal development and it seems we are not in a position to leverage any oversight.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2023