

# BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

## Final Minutes

Date: Monday Feb 15, 2021

Location: Zoom

Present: Matt Sear, Bob Mitchell, Ted VanderWart, John Fisher, Ron Vanderstar, Eric Becker, Jeff McKay

Absent: Christof Dietzfelbinger (regrets), Sue Brookes

Recorder: Matt

## Introduction:

- Call to Order at 7:05 PM - No guests.
- Previous Minutes Approved
- Addition to agenda - Bob to discuss Seymour Ridge access concerns

## Financial Report:

- Ron had trouble accessing zoom - this update came a bit later in the meeting but is recorded here
- Currently have \$10,700 in our account
- Will receive \$5000 from FLNRORD to cover operating expenses, this will be on the books next month
- A board member asked, what we spend money on: Note taking (Sue), Web hosting, Renting meeting spaces at times, Trade show booths. Big projects tend to come with their own funding pots, i.e. Summer RAMP had grant funding associated.

## Cronin Access discussion - Re: BC Parks discussion last meeting

- Parks was proposing that they were looking at maintaining the existing Cronin Access, or pursuing a new access point via the Chapman FSR and the 312 road via a PIR cutblock.
- Each route has pros and cons - will have at wait and see what comes
- In general the CRB has a consensus that we value access into Babine Park and would like to see it maintained.

## Follow up on Telkwa Caribou GAR timber impact offsets

- Reviewed what was presented. Timber supply impact of the Telkwa Caribou GAR on PIR has been quantified to an amount of volume over 20 years. The province is seeking to balance out this impact by relaxing constraints in other areas of the plan to supply this volume to PIR.
- Taking a principled approach, quantifying where the opportunities might be that align with values on the landscape. Values such as Fire Risk Reduction, Forest Health, seral stage. Where the impacts are small (i.e. <1%) the District manager has the authority to make the decision. Where the impacts are larger would require CRB input.
- One board member asserts that its hard to comment on where you could change the LRMP without doing effectiveness monitoring of the values the LRMP is trying to protect.
- One past attempt at this kind of effectiveness monitoring is the "State of the Forest" report from 2004.
- Will wait to see what government will bring forth on this topic

## Request for a State of the Forest Report

- From the above discussion, the board proposes to request that FLNRORD produce an update to the 2004, State of the forest report.

- Many sources of information for this: FREP (Forest and Range Evaluation Program), MRVA (Multiple Resource Value Assessment), ESI (Environmental Stewardship Initiative), the Bulkley HLPO Analysis etc.
- When compared to the 2004 report as a base, an updated report could show whether the LRMP as implemented is in fact effective for the values it is supposed to support.

ACTION: Draft this letter

### WHMA Areas - Letter from Geoff Recknell

- Ron has been working with David Skerik and Andy Muma to understand how the WHMA areas are identified to people without the Lands designation. Feels Dave has been very willing to help.
- Ministry is planning on a "Gap" review LRMPs to see what may be missed.
- General sentiment that they are reluctant to legalize these features.
- Numerous NGOs are pressuring government on this issue.
- For now, not much for the CRB to do except monitor the situation.

### Telkwa Coal Update from Ted

- Telkwa coal had a update to their EA application, however minor in nature and no commentary required from the board, we did comment on their original submission
- For disclosure Ted wanted to let us know that he may be working directly for Telkwa coal at times. This is not an issue generally unless there is a specific matter of conflict. For a specific matter a board member may have to recuse from a decision of the board.
- He is aware that they are undertaking some Geotechnical drilling

### FOI Support Request for Christof

- Christof is seeking a letter of support from the board asking to have the fees waived for his freedom of information request regarding the Visual Quality of the Reisetser creek cutblock.
- The board will support this request as "in the public interest".

ACTION: Bob to finalize letter and send.

### Seymour Ridge

- The road to the private properties that is in the Seymour Ridge Core Ecosystem no longer has a gate.
- The Core is supposed to be non-motorized
- Firewood cutters have been accessing.
- Have asked the Ministry to put up no firewood cutting signs, but was informed that cannot be done.
- Feel there should be signs or a gate or some other sort of access control.

ACTION: Bob to write a letter requesting solution for access control to Seymore Ridge

### Debbie Weldwood Email

- Past member of the board, interested in rejoining

ACTION: Matt to reach out and suggest if she is interested, to apply.

## Action Items

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who</b>
Draft a letter requesting an update to the 2004 State of the Forest report	Bob
Finalize FOI Support letter and sign and send	Bob
Draft a letter requesting solution for access control to Seymore Ridge	Bob
Reach out to Debbie Weldwood and suggest if she is interested, to apply.	Matt

## Next Meeting

March 15, 2021