

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

Final Minutes

Date: Mon. Mar 15, 2021, Zoom
Present: Bob Mitchell, Matt Sear, Jeff McKay, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Eric Becker, Ted VanderWart, Sue Brookes, Debbie Wellwood
Absent: Christoph sends regrets
Chair: Matt
Recording: Sue
Next Meeting: Apr 19, 2021

Organizational

- Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
- a financial report follows Debbie's introduction

Debbie Wellwood is introduced as a potential board member.

Q&A with Debbie:

Deb was on the board for about 6 months and has a history in land use planning for grizzly bears, wolverines & fishers as a resident biologist. Her primary interest now concerns the creation of a framework for a resilient community. She also wants to reduce polarization over natural resources. We need ecological integrity, science, policy and community interconnectedness. She's not hunting anymore, but is a fisher girl and likes to bike! When witnessing motorized and non motorized contention she can see the attachment to all the values and feels empathy for all sides. Speaking to the CRB's Terms Of Reference (2015), she may be able to help get resources and go thru a clarification of common interests. She is not a professional biologist currently.

Discussion:

- Is it effective to try to maintain all the LRMP values? Does it need updating? Are users carrying out their responsibilities? **We are not advocates for certain land use we are protecting the commonly held values.**
- We have stakeholders not represented on the board but Directors try to be mindful of their values.
- We are having a a slow response to recruitment.
- We also need to reach out to offices like the OW so we are not left out of the land use process.
- FLU: Forest level planning units, a Provincial term, we need to keep abreast of.
- Winter RAMP: there is no real ambition from stakeholders to embark.
- Debbie is welcome to apply to join the board and/or attend meetings.

Financial Report

- We are still around the \$10 000 mark, to rise to \$15 000 having just received a cheque from the Ministry.
- a third signing authority would be helpful. Jeff is willing to act as a signing authority.

Motion: to approve Jeff McKay as a new signing authority. All in favour.

Action Item:** Ron to get the ball rolling on adding Jeff

Motion: approval of Feb 2021 minutes

- please fix: David Skerik, Andy Muma. Other than that all are in favour of adopting the minutes.

Discussion:

Funding of the FOI request might mean a motion to file the application on behalf of the board. We will await the response Christoph get's to his request to waive fees. It seems there are people who have been turned down FOI requests with the comment it is not in the public interest!

Telkwa Caribou GAR Order – Timber Supply Impact Offsets

- The GAR order has removed area from the Timber Harvesting Land Base
- The HLPO limits the impact to Timber Supply to 10% for the Land Use Plan as a whole.
- To add Caribou means foresters would need to open up other timber supply constraints to balance the extra timber supply impact.
- How will this trade off impact habitats across the BV? What about an AAC equity forest? Within the parameters of the LRMP there isn't any qualification of success.

State of the Forests

- There has been no Provincial document since 2004.
- Effectiveness monitoring is non existent.
- What are the indicators for certain values? For example water is a value but the only indicator specified in 2004 was ... as part of watershed assessments. We would like to include more indicators for some of the 10 values. A recreational indicator was access, a biodiversity indicator was landscape corridors but with no mention of concentration.
- Industry has done some subsequent runs to check on implementation but we still don't know whether there is success in protecting values.
- Habitat values are clearly defined for Grizzlies but in many parcels there is no measuring of indicators. Bulkley Grizzly habitat mapping is based on little ground data, it's very loose.
- Price and Daust completed a similar report in 2006. It seems they have already done a lot of ground work and so Bob has asked them to provide a quote for all or some components of a State of the Forest Report.

Wildlife Habitat Management Areas

Recently some of these have been put back into Tantalus (Crown Land Registry) or IMAP, some of these parcels have been lost from the Crown's record. As part of the SRMP - Sustainable Resource Management Plan, these WHMA's will now show up in a forester's or land use applicant query although in a non legal category. They are managed based on public support or ethics.

- Jay Gildon has been notified. If public is concerned they should talk to BCTS and ask how they are going to manage to the objectives as set out in the SRMP.
- There are still some concern about the long term plans for these parcels. There is land use order regulation (LUOR) this was relevant how? ... the crown doesn't seem to want to do anything more to legalize these parcels.

Canfor/Reiseter Crk FOI

- 2017 is when the block was logged and it has been 3 years and 3 months since we filed our Visual Quality Compliance concern.
- we currently await news on the waiving of fees in the private application
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Correspondence

1. Peter Crawford. Work initiation in and adjacent to Babine Mountains Provincial Park (Cronin access): Sent!

2. Jevan Hanchard. Non-Motorized Seymour Ridge:

Comments: Changing the status to legally designated non motorized won't do anything. People ignore the signs now. The letter asks for restricting use to authorized use but how they do this is up to them. A gate seems the only way but deactivation might be better.

3. State of the Forest: Bob to draft this request of the Province and is looking for a signatory. Ted has agreed. Still in draft at time of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Action Items:

ACRONYMS:

AAC: Annual Allowable Cut

TSA: timber sales area

THLB: Timber Harvesting Land Base

BCTS: BC Timber Sales

CFLB: Crown Forest Land Base

WHMA: Wildlife Habitat Management Area

WMA: Wildlife Management Area

LUP: Landscape Unit Plan

HLPO: Higher Level Plan Objectives

FLTC: Forestry Licence to Cut

GAR: government actions regulation

FOI: Freedom of Information Request

LUOR: land use order regulation

SRMP: Sustainable Resource Management Plan

IMAP: a Provincial mapping application that displays various information or “layers” TANTALIS: Name of government database that houses official versions of spatial data, the “layers” IMAP uses.

FLU: Forest level planning