

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

Draft Minutes

Date: Dec. 16, 2019, Smithers Town Office

Present: Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Ted Vanderwart, Eric Becker, Dave Stevens, Jon Goalder, Jeff McKay, Anne Hetherington, Matt Sear, Christof Dietzfelbinger

Absent: Bob Mitchell, Brian Swansberg

Chair: Eric Recording: Sue Brookes

Next Meeting Date: Jan. 20, 2019, Smithers Council Chambers 7pm

1. Organizational

- introductions of the board
- a motion to approve the November minutes, all seconded

Additions to the agenda:

Update of wildlife management areas of the LRMP by Anne
Word or two on the Integrated Silviculture Strategy by Anne

Nominations to the board postponed until after the presentation.

2. Financial Report:

- funds in the kitty, roughly \$12000.
- just over \$2000 remain reserved for RAMP
- 'public liaison' funding of the Wetzin'kwa funds is now used up

AI***: Ron to contact Brandy to suggest some movement on Winter RAMP

3. Presentation

Jon Goalder and Anne Hetherington, Wildlife for Tomorrow

- Jon has a background and interest in forest practices
- Jon is a long time part time forestry worker, hunter, archer and now concerned about moose habitat and declining #'s of various wildlife species
- since early 2018, public members of the BV Rod and Gun Club , BV Bowman, BV Naturalists, BC Trappers, Northwest Guides, BV Cattlemen's Association and some salmon people have been meeting to look at and discuss how to get more animals (all species) on the landscape
- the group foresees they will become an advocacy group or regional advisory board
- they are hoping for positive change from a policy point of view quoting provincial policy drivers like 1) climate change and 2) the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People's Act Nov. 2019, <https://declaration.gov.bc.ca> and 3) 'Together with Wildlife', by the Province of BC, fall 2019.
- they see the greatest threat to positive change is non compliance and non enforcement of shared values and recommendations in the above guides
- the group sees opportunities in 1) regulations 2) industrial operations 3) species recovery
- they ask:
 1. can we find common ground and work on a specific achievement?
 2. can we get a link from Wildlife for Tomorrow to the CRB?
 3. How do we work together?

Discussion Points:

- government agencies are not represented in the coalition, David Scarab cited conflict of interest, when invited. They are attending meetings (Jevan and Dave recently met with them) and they feel it likely they'll get some form of provincial support
- the spirit of the LRMP is not honoured by the Provincial government. Perhaps we need to update these LRMP values or move the winter RAMP forward. How can we get engagement and involvement of First Nations in the process?
- FYI: there was an on line survey of the community last year (2018) and it was found not many community values have changed since the LRMP's establishment

4. Wildlife management areas of the LRMP, Anne

Chair of the BV Naturalists, also a civil servant in Ecosystems, FLNRO

- Anne emphasized that we have a lot in common with Wildlife for Tomorrow, she is happy to be a part of it and is a past member of our board
- Anne suggests we hear from Jim Pojar who presented to the Kalum LRMP concerning the carbon cycle and the importance of old growth

AI***: Ron to invite Jim Pojar to talk on Carbon

5. The BV TSA Public Integrated Silviculture Strategy, Anne

- the 'Together with Wildlife', a tactical forest planning document Jon mentioned, is really good at specifying the missing links in land use planning. Spatial planning versus volume based tenures help people envision impacts on wildlife
- silviculture practices have a bigger impact on long term regeneration than logging, high intensity plantations could help reduce the impacts of losing old growth structure, go to Glen Buhr for public support
- eco tones = the edges between habitat zones
- age based tenure should trump commercial based tenure, and serial stage planning is paramount in planning future forests - this isn't a practice in industry now
- Clinger lake access (near the Morice and Bulkley confluence), along the Bulkley, has lost a Wildlife Management Area (and some WHMA's). The Ministry of Forests and Lands has just eliminated them, this was assigned in 1982, it's also a UREP designation - non managed, it appears the Province has lost sight of why it's there, we need a home for those UREP's and change management process
- Anne suggests we write a letter to indicate we know about this loss...the roads have been given away but we could get the protection back on and the conservation lands restored
- Anne and others have been working to get conservation lands to become a part of the wildlife act. These parcels also need a spatial plan that would meet the plans of wildlife conservation. Ideally managers of adjacent forest timber zones would collaborate, this strategy needs more support and a higher profile to make it happen.

Discussion Points:

- where is the government's commitment to the LRMP?
- there are roughly only 16 conservation lands in the LRMP, these are surveyed parcels that are not to be sold off.

AI***: Matt and Ron to talk to Glen about what has happened and report back, they'll work as a subcommittee, Committee for Conservation Lands in the BV

6. Reiseter Creek Resource Management Zone (Sub-unit 5-6)

- the Reiseter Consensus Agreement is a letter of consensus - year 2000, sort of an addendum to the LRMP
- there are only 11 values in the LRMP that have legal stick

*** Action Item: Sue to edit final words of Christof's question of compliance letter and refer to Chair for signature

8. Organizational

Noted:

- the board is short on motorized use representation so we have to be mindful of all the LRMP values when discussing issues, perhaps we need a checklist to refer to for correspondence etc.

9. Election of Officers

One nomination to Chair,

- no others were nominated, winner by acclamation: Matt Sear
- Matt agreed to accept the nomination and position of Chair

- Bob nominated as Vice Chair, by consensus Bob Mitchell is acclaimed as Vice Chair
- Ron was nominated and will stand as Treasurer, by consensus Ron will serve as Treasurer.

Directorship is a 3 year term, at the close of your term you can go through the selection process and reapply. Quorum is 5 although we didn't find the reference in our charter. FYI: Ted's term will end at summer break.

Jeff McKay has been welcomed as a new member.

1	Talk to Glen about government's commitment to the LRMP and specifically: Clinger lake access, WHMA and UREP designations	Matt Ron
2	Take final version of SMZ_Reisterhauling and add letterhead, print and mail to Jevan	Sue
3	invite Jim Pojar to talk on Carbon	Ron
4	board members please send updated bios (if needed) to Sue to update web (100 - 150wrds)	Jeff
5	contact Brandy to suggest some movement on Winter RAMP	Ron

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.