

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

Final Minutes

Date: Feb 17, 2020, Smithers Town Office

Present: Ron Vanderstar, Brian Swansberg, Eric Becker, Jeff McKay, Christof Dietzfelbinger, Bob Mitchell, Sue Brookes, Ted Vanderwart, Debbie Wellwood

Absent: John Fisher, Matt Sear

Chair: Bob

Recording: Sue

Next Meeting Date: Mar 16, 2020 Smithers Council Chambers 7pm.

1. Presentation by Jim Pojar - emailed separately

Highlights:

- forest management is a sector not regulated by GHG emission targets (by international agreement). They are volatile and often beyond our control (wildfires).
- even in extreme fire years there is still plenty of the province not burned 2017/2018
- we want positive carbon sequestration, at a faster rate
- carbon banks - old forests, peat banks
- coal emits twice as much carbon per BTU than natural gas
- solutions protect the carbon rich forests, adapt to wildfire, reduce slash burning, extend rotations on commercial forests, enable partial cutting - less clearcutting, avoid salvage after wildfire (burnt logs don't decay they store carbon) and carbon tax slash burning

AI* Sue send out Jim's powerpoint**

2. Organizational

Motion to approve draft minutes from December and January. All agreed.

FYI - Brian's attendance at meetings after March will be sporadic until the fall, he will continue to participate by email or by direct contact.

3. Financial Report:

- funds in the kitty, roughly \$9000.
- just over \$2500 remaining reserved for winter RAMP
- 'public liaison' funding of the Wetzin'kwa funds is now used up

4. Review of the winter RAMP

- Brandy says her office has it on low priority for the next year, Ben Heemskerk has not issued any work orders internally regarding support of the consultation process
- Jill Dunbar and Tom Chamberlain held the contract for the LRMP, Jill is a potential resource (and former recording secretary)
- March 16 we will select a committee to initiate the RAMP process

AI* each Director should take a look at the work flows and links on our website and list out tasks necessary to begin the process, send comments to Sue to compile.**

5. WHMAs

- the layers of the GIS software at front counter BC containing UREPS and other WHMA's have been removed from the Tantalous GIS database

AI* Ron is going to talk to Matt to remind him to invite Bob Love to the March 16th meeting**

Other Discussion:

- a specific CORE eco system is unique and can not be dealt with according to provincial guidelines. If anything there should be an integrated rural and urban community wildfire plan.
- we should find out who is planning the regional district's fire plan, MOHighways?

AI* Bob will send a message to FLNRO to find out who has responsibility for a regional district integrated fire plan?**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.