

## Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 28, 2019

**Location:** Smithers Town Office

**Board members confirmed:** Eric Becker, Ron Vanderstar, John Fisher, Karen Price, Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger,,

**Absent:** Matt Sear (may send observer), Ted Vanderwart, Bryan Swansberg, Cor Van Der Muelen,

Visitors: David Belford OW, Dave Ripmeester, PIR Superintendant( for Matt), Tristan Jones, Office of the MLA, Lyndon Berg, Glen Berg, Gina LeHay, Dave Stevens, Maggie ..., Larry Hewitt, and presenter: Kaaren Soby ,[flowerpaintersoby@hotmail.com](mailto:flowerpaintersoby@hotmail.com).

**Recording:** Sue Brookes

**Attached:** a summary of range lands act concerns: rangelands.pdf, and more notes from the minutes, crb\_IngfrmJ28.pdf

**Next Meeting** Date confirmed: Feb 18, 2019

Item	Discussion
Organizational Intro/Agenda Review	<p>Introductions, Karen Price: Chair</p> <p><b>Approved December minutes</b> - all agreed to accept w/out changes, confirm with absentees there are no further comments.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Date confirmed: Feb 18, 2019</b></p> <p>Website updates, the board desires I do it but have not provided priorities, beyond posting minutes.</p> <p>Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eric: requested a minute for an update on the trail database.</li><li>• Ron: will add a financial report.</li></ul>

Item	Discussion
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>The management of Range Tenures, Kaaren Soby, slide show and info. package, plus flow charts posted for duration of the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Discussion of the Free Range Act - Kaaren Soby</b> approx. 1 hr</p> <p><b>SUM:</b> We were provided with a background of the history and development of Kaaren and Ron's settlement on their Hislop Rd. property beginning 45 years ago. They now have frequent run in's with cattle which jeopardizes their current business, has contaminated their drinking water and has degraded habitat and recreational land areas. They ask for a letter of support from our society and what we know, as they continue their research and review of range management planning. They also attempt to increase public awareness of the issue ultimately seeking an update to the Free Range Act so it reflects the values of today's landowners, First Nations and lease tenures. Anything that's updated they also want enforceable. It was also noted the Office of the Auditor General is to examine the process of issuing leases.</p> <p>Please see the attached file, rangelands.pdf, for a summary of material presented. I also have a hard copy of Kaaren's slide show and a collection of testimonials from other valley residents for anyone who wants.</p> <p><b>Bottom Line:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaaren has requested a letter of support citing the boards position regarding LRMP values.</li> </ul>

Item	Discussion
Discussion	<p><b>Provide advice related to land use planning and forest practices to the Chair of the Forest Practices Board, Kevin Kriese.</b> approx.30 min.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FPB does good work and more than just planning.</li> <li>- this fits with Ryan's request to review BV practices and projects implementation reports.We have 2 months to submit to Ryan. Ryan will meet with Kevin to work toward the next FPB presentation.</li> <li>- looking at the FP objectives in isolation is manageable but cross referencing to the LRMP isn't. FSP's aren't analysed. This is a huge deficiency in this document and a lot of volunteer effort for the board.</li> <li>- there is no measuring effectiveness. Delineating what is effective, modifying objectives &amp; strategies &amp; improving effectiveness is more valuable than renewing the plan.</li> <li>- First Nations and licensees have not been asked for input into these reports and yet they could have valuable insight.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bottom Line:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- we want everyone's feedback whether its consensus or not, please send to Karen.</li> <li>- reports to review are attached to Dec. email from Ron.</li> </ul>
On going Discussion	<p><b>Discussion of Telkwa Coal meeting and need for more information.</b> approx. 10 mins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric attended a teleconference call for an environmental review panel. Ted should be emailed to attend an upcoming meeting, E will call him to let him know.</li> <li>• Glenda Ferris is invited for 7:15pm, Feb 18, 2019</li> </ul>
On going Discussion	<p><b>Continue the discussion on an Integrated Silviculture Strategy re: Balsam (Sub Alpine Fir) and Bob's report.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all agree they would like to see stands of Balsam as a future crop.</li> <li>- this should be included as forest practice and the science should be maintained to provide optimal growing and required conditions. The science requires 'islands' of seeded Balsam for study.</li> <li>- Besides economics, Balsam is really valuable for diversity, and a host of other 'soft values'.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bottom Line:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A letter with unanimous support of the board and individual signatures should be provided. Also it should reference the portfolio analysis regarding the impact of climate change. Bob to draft.</li> </ul>

Item	Discussion
On going Discussion	<b>Trail Mapping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2350 is what we have for website updates, hosting and electronics. Not a project manager, this is TBD. When we get more \$ from other sources we can get PM.</li> <li>• E wants to initiate webmaster to implement changes and Sue to get instructions on performing updates. All agreed.</li> </ul>
Report	<b>Financial Report: (R)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$5200 committed from Ryan, operational funds for the next year</li> <li>- \$846 of \$1700 spent of Wetzink'wa money to date</li> </ul>
9:00pm	End

Action Items:

task	due dte	who
Book a time for Glenda Ferris for the 18th of Feb.	Feb 18	Christoph to get me contact info.. Sue confirm 7:15pm start w/Glenda
Provide specific feedback concerning LRMP and FPB implementation and effectiveness measurement	Feb 8	All to provide to Karen
Compile all feedback and recomentations for Ryan and Kevin	Feb 16	Karen and Bob
Draft letter of support for research and development of Balsam in Forest practices. Maintaining scientific research & citing the portfolio analysis regarding the impact of climate change.	Feb 16	Bob
Consider your response to range management planning and come prepared with recommendations for a letter.	Feb 18	All