



**McBride Community Forest Corporation**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors’ Meeting November 15, 2017**

**Meeting 6:30 pm**

Chair Rich called the MEETING TO ORDER at 6:33 pm.

**In Attendance:** Chair Joseph Rich, Gene Runtz, General Manager  
 Director Kevin Taphorn, Director Warren McLennan  
 Councillor Harold Edwards, Tovi Thiel, MCFC Admin Asst

**Regrets:** Susan Mulkey, BCCFA  
 Wes Bieber, Interim Manager  
 Director Dutch Molendyk

**1) Introduction of Late Items:**

None

**2) Approval of Agenda:**

Delete Grade 4 item from “In-camera”, add to #9 Operations

Moved by Director Taphorn to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Chair Rich, all in favor, carried.

**3) Reading and Approving of the October 24/25, 2017 Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes as read. Moved by Director Taphorn, seconded by Director McLennan, all in favor, carried.

**4) Appointment of Officers and Term Appointments – as of today, positions are null and void.**

Positions open are Chair, Vice and Treasurer, 5 terms needed for Councillor, Directors and Chair (ie: 2 for 2 years, 2 for 3 years).

POSITION	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	NOMINATION BY	2 <sup>ND</sup> BY	CONCLUSION
Chair	Joseph Rich	X	X	Edwards	Taphorn	Acclamation
Vice	Kevin Taphorn	X	X	McLennan	Rich	Acclamation
Treasurer	Harold Edwards	X	X	Rich	Taphorn	Acclamation

**ACTION:** Look at BNS signing authority, as it may need to be changed/updated as per minutes of VOM / AGM.

## 5) GM Updates –

Grade 4 / DM called first and left msg, concerns are at BOD aren't aware enough of overcut. Gene disagrees. When Inventory is spoke of it is actually three parts: Flights, Inventory and TS Analysis.

**ACTION:** Another letter needs to be done to RM comments on DM's letter of Nov 14.

- Clean up blks that only harvested S/L and P & R left. DM wants to heighten the awareness of implications at all levels thru to mill. Need to make sure BKB and C3 know these implications, this is a tool and proves inventory. Edwards – Can we use to our advantage and involve mills and all. Can we draft letter requesting their support, include inventory results and incomplete blks with P & R? Mills have supplied letters of support with original letter, Gene will write letter for BOD review and include Chair and VOM rep signatures.
- le: Minnow Creek/East Twin – Cedar was left. Edwards -Can you call these as silviculture, that we make a better producing forest and rehabilitate the sites? It usually doesn't affect seedlings and/or replant Ce as it is shade tolerate and likes brush.
- Edwards – We know implications? Is there ever going to get to last one? Runtz – Yes, when TSA, S/L cut and 04 as recommended by RM, especially interesting as PG East not doing. Both CHC and M&B have 2<sup>nd</sup> Growth, Valemount has lots.
- BUDGET – When required? Forecast for January end (04, BKB & Inventory – uncertainties)
- GIBBS Custom Sawing/Optimizer – Selling Hemlock from yard. Chippable then to BIO. Building Saw for 4ft lengths with mulching system on front, it will size, use for mats and also pallets, wont have tapers, He or Fi to max 10" to 3", this is barely merchantable, becomes 06 which doesn't go against cut. M&B block may have possibles, looking for backing, symmetrical whole length. Now 35/m3, so would become 40/m3 or 47/ton to 52/ton. 2 lds per day. Still lots of He out there as per Ops Supervisor. Market is there and staying. Gibbs is looking for backing, MCFC invest \$40,000. Generates 5 jobs. He'd pay 47 but difference from 35 would go towards payback. 2 months til start up but could start hauling. If there is collateral there is no risk. In the end would be getting a lot more for wood.

**ACTION:** Gene to email proposal, Andy to present. Gene to prepare proposal, setting precedent for others to follow. Gene to contact Myles.

- INTERFACE/Gibbs – Where community blends into the forest. Contacted Myles again for help, Dore River Community very high risk, would create jobs as well.
- PACBIO – meet with, their project proposal completed now and sending in, don't want any Ce (gases created are highly combustible/flammable)
- MARSH – moving ahead with their charcoal project, 3 fulltime people, 1 + 1 on marketing, building plant, will have investor. Seems good and viable (from agriculture to Hospitals), moisture absorbing even for food growth. \$660,000 funding proposal.
- INVENTORY funding grant – 2 weeks is deadline, (Valemount has sample info), Wes should or has something prepared.
- BLOWDOWN – Gene has been approached by 2 people to go and get logs, 1 is blowdown. Would need to be SAFE Certified (maybe MCFC s/b SAFE)

**ACTION:** Contact Susan/BCCFA and see what is out there for this.

**6. ADMIN** – Horseclub ltr on Website, updated emails on Website, Basketball Firewood donated, Ski Club access request, which will be completed by MCFC Ops Supervisor corresponded with, EOI Summer Student no answer back, HighSchool travel funding donation / ltr – **MOTION:** - Give the Boys Basketball teams \$500.00 for donation, Moved by Director Taphorn, seconded by Chair Rich, all in favor, carried. Logging Contracts signed and contractors ready to start. As per Chair Rich has spoke to Susan/BCCFA that Contractors should leave room.

8:15 – Director McLennan and Taphorn left room

Discussion on signing authority and procedures in research, establishment of rates and issuance of contracts without BOD prior approval. Last meeting understood to carry on but prepare EOI for advertising requesting prequal list of local contractors. Future policy will be advertise by EOI to establish list.

8:34 – Director McLennan and Taphorn returned to room

**7. FINANCIAL Reports** – Profit as of end of Oct. Budget to prepared for January.

**8. INVENTORY Project** – Received harddrive, will store in safe. Again VCF has template to complete Grant app.

### **9. COMMITTEE Updates**

- AAC – Grade 4 Exemption being completed
- 2018 Plans – 100 lds each for year with 04 exemption achievable @47, BKB from DM discussion/decision can give contract not sure if more, C3 has no contract, need to agree on price with Purchase Agreement (like GSFP).
- Sales – maximize on white wood. GSFP price, less than VCF because of our quality.
- Piles – next winter 2018/19, at this point inventorying plies. Operations Supervisor completing. As doing piles will have weight. Gov't has some policies but different than CF.

**10. Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under Labour, Law, Freedom of Information and 3<sup>rd</sup> party information:**

Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under labour, law and freedom of information. Moved by Director Edwards and seconded by Director McLennan, all in favour, carried. Carried. November 15, 2017, 9:41 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Operations – December 11, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

**11. Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** Moved by Chair Rich, seconded by Director Taphorn, all in favor, carried.

November 15, 2017 – 10:05 p.m.