



McBride Community Forest Corporation

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting June 13, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 7:23 pm

Chair Rich called the MEETING TO ORDER at 7:23 pm.

In Attendance: Chair Joseph Rich
Director Dutch Molendyk
Director Kevin Taphorn
Wes Bieber, Interim Manager
Jeff McWilliams, Interim Manager
Tovi Thiel, MCFC Admin Asst

Susan Mulkey, regrets
Councillor Harold Edwards, regrets

1. Introduction of Late Items:

- a. RV Back Country Horsemen of BC – donation to 6th Annual Ride

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Moved and seconded by Chair Rich, Director Taphorn, Director Molendyk. Carried.

3. Reading and Approving of the May 24, 2017 and Jun 1, 2017 Minutes:

- a. May 24, 2017 minutes tabled to be reviewed and accepted at next meeting.
- b. June 1, 2017 minutes tabled to be reviewed and accepted at next meeting.

4. Directors Reports:

a) Taphorn – ads out for BOD and GM positions
4th candidate (Foster) pulled out as she was out of town and would not be able to make the “Meet the Candidates Meeting”, later recanted however after review by Rich and Edwards decision was made by all BOD to not allow reapplication as past deadline.

5. Old Business:

a) KPMG update – Rich emailed Stan Mitchell informed of changes, requested a professional opinion, response received from Chris Calder. Information provided as per Financials, papers sent for signing, Rich emailed back that needed to speak with Stan for letter of engagement, signed and moving forward. Further emails to come with information and what plan is.

McWilliams – Financials on Public Meeting Agenda, will delete, if asked will comment that in process.

b) Scholarship Update – Rich and Martin reviewed essays and Jordan Gibson was the winner, School has been emailed. What will need to be presented?

c) Website/Server Update –

Website - McWilliams reports that Susan, Jill and Tovi have meet and reviewed new look, update on software, confirmed current on information.

Thiel – We will have a dropbox so pictures can be supplied to ad to website for scrolling portion.

Questions – Will there be an easier way for contacting us & BOD easy access to email? What is the expected completion date?

Server – McWilliams – Peter Caputo and Kiba have set up new wiring and server (d-link), we now have our own. Kiba to come and update Jeff with backup information and procedures. Kiba bill was \$1,213.42, still to receive Caputo’s it may be more that quote as prices went up on some materials for job completion.

d) Inventory and Timber Supply – Bieber – Application has been sent to Karen/Rural Dividend Fund (RDF), Ecora asked for quote (\$184,250), Aerial Photos (\$38,000) TOTAL \$222,250. App for \$100000 grant from RDF. Process is slowed as Provincial Government has no one appointed to sign off. Looking at late summer which may miss aerial photo period. Special permission request has been made since past May 31 deadline. Ecora needs commitment, may need BOD support for \$38000 to get done, until grant process finalized. Need to proceed now otherwise lose year, this is important for planning and layout surveys. We need to nail down project, what will outcome be with \$38000 spent and will \$s suffice, could only be inventory photos. Need more research, will continue with process. Flight window for aerials is July/August. Cedar and sustainability is dependant on this. This shows a hugh step for

John Huybers, will help firm up his information, it shows we are thinking of it and reasons for it.

e) GM Hiring update – Rich - 4 applicants (1 – Slocan area no qualifications but promises to get them, 2 – Sask over qualified, 3 – AB fits criteria, 4 – local has some qualifications, forester no, manager yes). All resumes will be held to closing June 30, 2017 and will be reviewed then. Some general recruiting has taken place – Runtz, Thiessen, Pryor.

6. Update on Grant Process:

- a. As outlined in 4 (d)

7. Public Meeting debrief:

- a. McWilliams – Agenda shown, 2016 Financial Results, review \$380,000 loss (\$100,000 each towards legal fees and MVG settlement), Income allocation between last 2 years loss was larger, should be positive this year, reduced cut due to CP Expiry no logging fall/winter 2016 and overcut Cedar, Income to May 2017 \$76,000 loss however \$175,000 in inventory (this fiscal \$75,000, \$100,000 carry over from 2016), 22,000 m3 (9,000 Ce) log rest should turn positive, we are on track for break even situation, not sure with legal fees, Update cut so far, AAC (impact to 2018 and 2019) with challenges, BOD update, Ce Supply – follow up from newspaper with contract over next two years, supplying mills, sustainability, continue to meet with government, Economics (need \$s to be sustainable, prices, supply & portion of cut that we lose from products that don't product \$s), BOD welcome to have opinion and answer questions as can. Open House before is important to show communication and hear concerns, maps will be set up. Will require minutes taken (Tovi). Will have power point, can be shared on website. Brainstorm on issues that may come up for addressing.

8. Update on meeting with FLNRO and CF managers

- a. Jeff, Ray and Craig meet with DM Jeff Huybers and Dave Banham – Ce supply for BKB rebuild pending till supply and availability, MCFC try to take on another portion of TSA and make volume available, with difference proponents and price, to discuss with all CF managers, price is the key factor in what MCFC would apply for. In summary DCF/Ray concepts of a transaction is interested in but needs MCFC BOD to give blessing. If BKB meeting goes well will need to make a motion soon. Dollars is the downside risk, needs to be expedited for BKB rebuild with in next 6 months will need help to put resources towards this, might over expose. Need to know what to have now. Carrier very cautious with their benefits, access is big concern. Deals are never certain, to diversify in this situation is good,

concerns on splitting the footprint area. An additional update will be supplied after Thursday meeting with BKB and CFs.

9. Financial Update and Operations

- a. May end 76,000 loss, Inventory results breakeven.

- b. In Operations – Block 23 weather pending to start up June, prime delivery of Ce to Cedar Three Products, no more Road bans, Crazy Horse – contract to be finalized, starting with Road Building, then Blocks 33 & 35, Block 32 cleanup, Block 34 Planting and then to Block 30 to finish.

10. Late Items Added:

- a. History with Horse Club – discussions on areas, no talks of dollar support, at this point supporting staging areas not maintaining trails. This request is for Poker Ride this fall.
Move to donate \$100.00.
Chair Rich motions to approve the donation. Moved and seconded by all. Carried.

Motion to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under labour, law and freedom of information. Moved and seconded by Chair Rich and Director Molendyk. Carried.
At 8:45 pm – June 13, 2017.

In-Camera:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 21. Other committee meetings should be scheduled before then.