



**McBride Community Forest Corporation**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting Thursday, February 20, 2020 - 4:30 p.m.**

Chair Rich called the MEETING TO ORDER at 4:39 pm.

**In Attendance:** Chair Joseph Rich, Councillor Lucille Green, Director Warren McLennan, Ray Thiessen, Tovi Thiel, Jeff McNaughton

**In Attendance by tel conf:** Director Harold Edwards

1. **Introduction of Late Items:** none
2. **Approval of Agenda as amended:** Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Councillor Green, all in favor, carried.
3. **Reading and Approval of the January 9, 2020 Minutes:** Moved by Director McLennan, seconded by Councillor Green, all in favor, carried.
4. **OLD:**
  - A) GRANT APPLICATION** – with the Village have completed Schedule A for signed off, good to go. With Village and Council.
  - B) Reports – General Manager - 2019/20 LOGGING** – Kevin/Crazy Horse week left at 59, Rob/R&V Pepper working on 2<sup>nd</sup> side at 36 – low production, usually only 1 or 2 others. \*Load Restrictions will come soon on Belle Road, the plan is not to finish this winter, may do some in the summer, more than likely completion will take place next winter season. SCALING – MFI Mill Site is ready, Monday is planned start day (Stan/RB Hatchard will move snow and use loader to complete section test.) Blk 23 may use site as well. Equipment for unload/load unknown. Use for locals. GRIDING – Block 34/Belle, done 33 then 35 (access to Block 36/R&V Pepper – will work around production logging), 28, and 32. Craig Arnold re-piling at TRC Mill Site. Needed to remind on tarping. REC TRAILS sorted on in 36, Section 16 – walk thru with Sandy and may adjust those along road, plant them and realign new trails. COMMERCIAL THINNING – Jason & Keith/Carrier meeting 2 weeks ago – recovery not as great, mostly due to quality in patch, 68% affected by weevil, thinning for quality stems. The worst was removed. Our recovery will be better. There is additional information – it is a learning situation. Endorsed the use of their EMS. GM/Ray – would like to find consultant to complete SOP/Policy/Procedure project. Lucille and Harold are to meet next Mar 1. After this meeting will provide motion to decide route with consultant.
  - C) Encounters** – ACTION: Talk with Bob Thompson/SD No. 57
  - D) COFI Registration** – just a reminder of registration and dates April 1

5. **NEW:**

- A) **FINANCIALS** – need to bring in an expert to recci and align all – need sub categories, better retrieval/reporting. Jan Income low? – no not compared to low volume. Are the cruises coming our right? No, need to review 59 as depicting difference then physical view therefore doing destructive sampling. Cedar is hard to cruise. Files are ready for KPMG in March.
- B) **Board Vacancy** – Board can fill, or Village will – Board shouldn't appoint, Village should do that. MCFC Board needs to initiate. Application form needs to be less. ACTION: Ray to review form (Lucille has sent form to Ray) and reduce. Lucille will let council know at next mtg Feb 25. Recommendation to Council: 1. Reduce form, 2. Advertise for 2 weeks in all papers and websites (should note the possibility of 2 additional members, totalling 7), 3. BOD Review apps and recommend to Council.
- C) **Craig / VCF** – (at 4:59) Provided report on experience with incorporation – VCF as LLP – separate from Village & their purchase of the industrial and its partition. Purchased 240 acres of land from Carrier, with cash & help of NDI and CBT grants. Continuous development (mill dissembled), currently Trans Mtn=65 acres, and several others leasing lots.
- D) **STAFFING/Contracting – i)** Shawn declined Ops position as employee, added resume to prequal for all Silv Planning. Planting – Rock Reforestation – plant this year (should at least supply rate by access – to get use to the idea of competition). Eligibility for Shawn? Planting, Surveys, Brushing, Stand Management. ii) Jeff then offered Ops position as full time (51 hrs UNION). He is committed to helping train a new buncher operation for Crazy Horse. Mentoring opportunity. Looking at RP Biology is long term goal (schooling), enough ops work for full time..?. Need Union conversation. ACTION: Board Members – thoughts on Ops Supervisor expectations and development issues / education plan...?
- E) **SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATION** - update with current information send to MSS.

5. **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 Councillor Green, seconded by Director McLennan, all in favor, carried. – February 20, 2020 - 6:28 p.m.

- 6 **Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** February 20, 2020, 7:10 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:30 p.m.

Next VOM Meeting:

**Next Operations Meeting:**