



McBride Community Forest Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair Mike Monroe, Director Warren McLennan, FM Samantha Palmer, GM Craig Pryor, Councillor/Director Joe Kolida

Via Zoom: Director Terry Kuzma

Absent: n/a

Late attendance: n/a

Public/Press: n/a

Chair Monroe called the MEETING TO **ORDER** at 4:00pm.

1. **Introduction of Late Items:** none
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Director McLennan, second Director Kolida
3. **Reading and approval of minutes:** Director Kolida, second Director McLennan
4. **Approval of Financials:** Director McLennan put forward a question regarding road building costs, meters built, and the accuracy or price per meter. How is this being tracked? SP to offer a breakdown of the total road costs, as this is a requirement as well of KPMG and the preparation of year end. Invoices will be designed to clearly track these numbers; Class of Road is being clearly tracked as well. Financials approved: Director Kolida, second Director McLennan
5. **Management Report:** Director Kuzma put forward a question as to whether the log sale agreement was put out to tender or if it was direct awarded to Carrier. CP checked rates with other mills and found the rate comparable and the delivery distance preferable. Also asked was if anything is happening with fire salvage from the Teare fire. CP said it is mostly retention. Assessment of the area is still underway and more will be known at a later date.
6. **OLD**
 - A) **2022 Year End completion KPMG:** KPMG is finalizing this week. Final draft of financials will be sent out as soon as received. Action: Sam to book appointment with Micaela and Board for next week, December 18th, preferably in the morning.
 - B) **AGM:** we are waiting on the Notice of Change of Directors to be corrected from November 2022, then AGM Resolution and Annual Report for 2022 year end can be completed. We are just waiting. Wilson King will provide the resolution for the Board to sign. Director Kolida asked why the Village and the MCF have different lawyers. This would be to avoid the lawyer being in conflict of interest on matters of representation.
 - C) **Limited Partnership:** tabled. More research is needed on pros and cons of both a Society and an LP.
 - D) **MFI Clean-up:** progress is being made. Within the next week or two all that will be left is the cedar pulp, which is being worked on still.
 - E) **FSP:** Carrier has agreed to MCFC piggy-backing their FSP. Revisions are still being worked on for a suitable commitment to regulations surrounding community watersheds.

7. New Items

- A) **Simpcw FN meeting in Clearwater**: revisited a FN seat on the Board, meeting was successful overall
- B) **Silviculture**: check rates with Carrier and Dunkley. How much over industry average are we willing to pay to keep the contracts local.
- C) **Cedar 3**: last 2 bunks are spread and being graded this week. Cedar 3 is good with purchasing by the tonne at a rate of \$70. Better quality P&R will be made available to him.
- D) **Log rate calculator**: auto calculates contractor rate based on various factors; piece size, log grade/species, block grade/difficulty etc.

8. Correspondence Received / Items of Interest

- a. **McBride Elks Royal Purple** – request for annual support for Christmas hampers. Usual amount is \$250. Motion to approve \$250 donation made by Director McLennan, seconded by Director Kolida, all in favor.
- b. **McBride Daycare Society – Little Munchkins** – request for funding for new daycare center building project. Seeking capital for securing \$1mil grant. The Board has follow-up questions such as: Is the daycare a non-profit or becoming one? Who will own the building once complete? Is there potential for getting other community businesses involved in the fundraising? While the Board is in support of a more substantial donation towards a project that will provide a benefit of this size to the community, more due diligence is needed. Action: Sam to extend invitation to the business owner to join the next Board Meeting on January 10th at 4:00pm to answer questions from the Board and offer additional information.

****9. Motion to recess regular meeting and go in-camera under Labour Law, Freedom of Information and 3rd party information made by Director McLennan, seconded by Director Kolida, all in favor****

10. Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting. Director McLennan, seconded by Director Kolida. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Next Regular Meeting: January 10, 2024, 4:00pm

Next VOM Meeting:

Next Operations Meeting: