



McBride Community Forest Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Via Zoom: Director Terry Kuzma

Absent: n/a

Late attendance: n/a

Public/Press: n/a

Chair Monroe called the MEETING TO **ORDER** at 4:03pm.

1. **Introduction of Late Items:**

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Director McLennan, second Director Kolida

3. **OLD**

A) **McKale / Renshaw:** REDIP Grant Application

Overview – The eligibility for the grant is in question. The grant cannot be awarded to any entity if the liability and ownership of the bridge remains with the province. Currently the liability and ownership of the road and existing bridges are with Rec Sites and Trails. The only solution to mitigate this issue of liability and ownership would be for either MCFC (or Carrier) to take on the road permit for the McKale. TK – the operating area belongs to Carrier – will they take on the road permit? CP – this is highly unlikely, but we could ask again. Carrier has indicated that it would be 2 to 5 years before they would consider logging this area. MM – If Rec Sites and Trails currently owns the road, bridges and liability, then is it not their responsibility to restore access? CP – technically yes, but they do not have the money to put into it. They will pull the existing bridge on or around December 6th. MM – if MCFC takes on a road permit to 2.5km (road up to and including the first bridge) how long do we hold that liability? CP – MCFC holds that liability forever, or until someone else takes it. TK – there is a discussion to be had regarding the purchase of a license in the McKale, but this could take a year or two – not in time to solve the issue of liability and ownership for the sake of the grant application.

The Board agrees that MCFC is unwilling to assume liability of a road and bridge that is not within our operating area. The risk is too great. MCFC cannot proceed with the application for the REDIP grant.

4. **NEW**

5. **Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** Director McLennan. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2024, 3:00pm

Next VOM Meeting:

Next Special Meeting: