



McBride Community Forest Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 3:00 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: 2

Chair Monroe called the MEETING TO ORDER at 3:04pm.

1. **Introduction of Late Items:**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Director McLennan, second Chairman Monroe
3. **Reading and approval of minutes:** January 8th Minutes - Director McLennan, second Director Kuzma.
4. **Manager's Report:** accepted. Species distribution and BKB supply agreement updates will take place semi-annually, after each logging season. A decision was made, based on current cash flow and availability of profitable blocks, that SS05 will be held over until next winter.
5. **Financial Report:** accepted.
6. **OLD**
 - A) **Limited Partnership:** DLA Piper submitted package for review. Discussion or notes from the Board will be forthcoming.
 - B) **KPMG Audit:** Agricultural Liability still needs to be addressed. CP is reaching out to related departments to gather more concrete information. Presentation of the Financials is confirmed for the March BOD meeting.
 - C) **VCF Forest Practice Board audit:** discussed for the purpose of information only. It is a good eye-opener and a wealth of information to MCF to know what areas to tighten up on and what regulations have changed over recent years.
7. **NEW**
 - A) **MCF 'VARDA':** Various McBride community groups have been in discussion recently about the need for an organization to provide overall support and service to the community, whereby funding and grants can be secured to offer support to various clubs in our community through trail expansions, maintenance, community promotion and tourism. Valemount has done this with VARDA and many feel it would be of great benefit to the community of McBride to establish something similar. Initial grant approval could be secured through NDIT to create a position for someone to manage it. The funds raised through additional grants and sponsorships would sustain the position long term. Someone will need to take the wheel and spearhead the project.

8. Correspondence:

- A) Little Munchkins update email – capacity is reaching maximums and the timeline for securing a permanent location is moving up
- B) McBride Secondary Graduate Bursary letter – does the criteria for the grad bursary stay the same as previous years

9. Motions to recess the regular BOD meeting and go in-camera under Labour, Law, Freedom of Information and 3rd party information: Director Kolida, second Director McLennan at 4:31pm.

10. **Motion to adjourn regular BOD meeting.** Director McLennan. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: March 13, 2025, 3:00pm

Next Special Meeting: