

Barkley Community Forest Corporation

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Regular BCFC Board Meeting Minutes

Held in Toquaht Nation Office Forestry Boardroom
1971 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet BC, V0R 3A0

September 11, 2019

Attendance: Directors: Dario, Noah, James, Gary, Ken, Donna

General Manager: Zolie Schafer

Absent: Terry ... Gary to Chair meeting

Guest: Rachele Cole, District of Ucluelet

Notes: Ken

Call to order: Gary called meeting to order at 3:00 pm

1. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as proposed by Dario, seconded by James. Carried.

Addition to Agenda: Proposal for feasibility study for Bike Trail layout and circuit. Agreed and it will be put on agenda as first item to accommodate presentation.

2. Presentation on Feasibility Proposal for Bike Trails on community forest. Presenters: Louis Maddiford, Denise Stys-Norman, Mark Boysen.

Presentation laid out proposal and budget for a feasibility study for the layout, construction and use of a bike trail network on the community forest by Golden Dirt Trail Builders who are experts in this field and have developed trail networks in many BC communities. Benefits to the community and BCFC were discussed. Request for Board support and financial assistance (approximately \$6500.00). (To be discussed by Board later in meeting.)

3. Minutes of August 6, 2019 Regular BCFC Board of Directors Meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes from the August 6, 2019 regular meeting by Noah, seconded by Dario. Carried.

4. Reports from General Manager

Harvesting

Timber Sale on block Oz 3 is 99% complete. Operator did not do much in last month. Work is now ongoing and will be final in two weeks. Final waste surveys will be undertaken this fall.

Road Construction

Current road construction contract is active. Work is going well. Contract should be completed by late October or early November.

Engineering

On the ground field reviews of future opportunities will start in the next few weeks based on the summary maps handed out at the August meeting.

Financial

Zolie handed out the up to date financial summary. Not much change from last month. Zolie is working on Gary's request for a notation on volume being developed by new and approved road construction be added to the report. Zolie tabled a request from Geoff (Accountant) to place some accrued funds in a short term GIC to gain some interest return. This will be discussed further. Board members had no issue with this proposal provided it was short term and did not interfere with operational needs. Board members felt that this would apply only to money accrued by the BCFC for operational needs and legal liabilities as per the financial summary. Money in excess of the operational needs should be disbursed to the partners for use or investment, on a regular basis.

Update on Forest Industry Struggles

Zolie discussed the numerous shutdown of mills and logging in BC and the attempts by the forest industry (Truck Loggers) to discuss this with Provincial Government representatives. Log prices and market demand logs have severely declined in the past 8-12 months. Cedar merch and higher grade logs are the exception. Zolie

anticipates that this market will remain fairly strong and may allow for a BCFC timber sale, with an acceptable return, early in 2020.

5. **Board Field Trip to View the BCFC**

This trip was cancelled due to weather today. To be re-scheduled later.

6. **Building and BCFC computer access**

Zolie asked about the need for more keys for the office. Most directors do not need them. Access to files on the computer is available remotely.

7. **Map Brochure**

Zolie presented another version of the map. Some key issues still need to be addressed. Zolie to work with Gary and others to get these corrected and a larger version of the map and write ups established.

8. **Retreat to discuss Long Term Planning for the BCFC**

Planning continues. Moderator, Susan Mulkey arranged. Date needs to be confirmed. Two weekends in late October suggested. Zolie to work with Terry to finalize and send out updates to Board Directors.

9. **Jackets for Board Directors and staff**

Planning continues. Difficult to get samples. Board members will research further. Donna will look at options at JAL designs in Port Alberni if schedule allows.

10. **Request for lumber from Ucluelet School shop teacher**

BCFC does not have logs or lumber to supply as requested. Board would like to assist if we can. Ken will look into donation of lumber from San Group mill in Port Alberni. Noah to look at what he has at Toquaht Developments mill. Zolie / Terry to clarify exactly what lumber and how much is requested.

11. **Discussion on request for support and financial assistance for Bike Trail study (item 2 of these minutes)**

Board members could not reach a final decision but agreed that BCFC support to this type of project was worthwhile. Some issues:

- a) Board has not yet established a policy and budget for Board initiated project spending or sponsoring of external requests. As such, this type of request must currently be approved by each of the partners. A proposal for the Board to have a separate budget approved by the partners to allow funding of external projects has received support from the partners at the AGM but is not yet approved.
- b) It was also suggested that such a project should be a joint venture funded proposal by the proponent and the BCFC if funding goes ahead.
- c) All of this needs to be discussed at a future meeting.

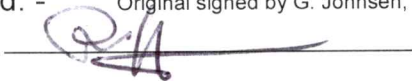
10) **Date of Next Regular Meeting**

Meeting date to be determined and possibly combined with the retreat dates in October.

11) **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 4:25pm

Approved: - Original signed by G. Johnsen, CO. Chair



Original signed by K Matthews, secretary

