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Meeting held at the Ucluelet Community Center

Ucluelet, BC

Attendance: Terry, Ken, Gary, Geoff, Julian, Dario (all in person)

Absent: Noah

Staff: General Manager; Erik Holbek, RPF

Guests: Rachelle Cole, Councilor, District of Ucluelet

Notes: Ken

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:03am

1) Agenda

Requests for additional or changes to agenda items:

- Note by Gary to discuss reference to Stopper Islands in the Lance Blackwell video

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Dario, to approve the agenda as presented with the additional topic by Gary. **Carried**

2) Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Dario, seconded by Geoff, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022, regular BCFC Board meeting minutes as presented. . **Carried.**

3) General Manager's Report , Erik Holbek , RPF

a) Financial

- Payment on the Draw lake timber sale received as per schedule.
- Minor amount of spending as per the approved annual budget
- Erik Holbek was asked to resend the final approved 2022 annual and five year ( 22 to 2026) budgets for the BCF. This was done during the meeting.
- Geoff and Julian pointed out that BCF has considerable funds in our bank accounts which could be drawing interest or better interest.

Motion by Julian, seconded by Dario to authorize Geoff Lyons to research terms and the best long term interest rates for \$ 1million required to be held by the Board for long term liabilities and operating expenses and further to research opportunities to place an additional \$ 2 million in a short-term high interest savings account which can be removed without penalty from time to time. Geoff will confirm amounts and decision with Accounting manager, Mike Williams, and have the funds transferred to appropriate interest-bearing accounts and report out at future meeting. **Carried**

b) Forestry



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Strategic Planning. Work has been on hold and will re-commence in March.

Forest Stewardship plan. GM has answered MoFLNRORD questions, everything is submitted, a few minor amendments may be needed. GM clarified the FSP only covers the Maggie landscape unit. Board agreed. Expect approval by the end of March 2022.

Active Timber Sales. GM confirmed the Draw lake timber sale was going well and field work was following all plans and requirements. GM noted there was a worker injured on at this workplace. All investigations and reports were sent in. Professional crew and safety program and follow-up.

Work on the SB15/ SB16/SB16a SB18 and Oz 4 timber sale continues. GM is working with the timber sale holder and crews to correct a number of issues.

Roads and Bridges

GM noted the re-opening of the roads into MC4 /MC5 blocks still is outstanding and need to be completed to allow planting access by March 1.

GM explained that the B-1000 bridge needed to be replaced to allow hauling of logs from SB18 and to allow continued public use or the loggers and public would need to use a longer more circuitous route. He requested a decision by the Board on replacement.

Motion by Dario , seconded by Geoff , to approve GM to get the engineered site plans completed and carry out installation of a log stringer bridge on permanent abutments for use for log hauling and general safe use by the public in the future. **Carried**

Salvage proposal.

Erik tabled a proposal from Dave Mack , North Shore Scaling , to do a major salvage program on the community forest. Directors will discuss details of the proposal in camera and report out with a decision on the proposal.

Planting 2022. Contract signed. Expect Tough City Silviculture to be planting in early March.

Motion by Geoff , seconded by Dario to accept the general manager's financial and forestry report. **Carried**



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4) **Sub Committee Report . map and Fact Brochure**

Ken noted the "fact side " of the brochure had been re-written . Waiting for a revised map .

5) **Ongoing Corporate Initiatives**

Lance Blackwell's video . Completed and looks good . Posted on website. A couple of small errors are noted and will be corrected.

Gary noted that Toquaht Nation was in the process of purchasing the Stopper Islands from the province of BC. When purchased these islands need to be removed from the Community Forest. The video would be incorrect. Consensus was that the video would need to be updated when the land base ( islands) was formally removed from the forest.

Heli Tour. Will be scheduled as soon as weather looks suitable.

6) **Other Business**

- a) Truck Loggers Convention and BCF membership. Agreement from directors that our interests align with the BCCFA more than the TLA . Directors did not support membership in the TLA going forward.
- b) BCCFA Old Growth Survey. General Manager, Erik Holbek went over the questions in the survey and the indicated answers , Board supported the responses. GM will complete the survey and submit it to the BCCFA.
- c) BCCFA indicators survey. The summary is published. Directors can have a look. 2022 indicator information request should arrive soon.
- d) Mission Tree Farm /Community forest article. Interesting . This TFL /community forest has been around since 1958.
- e) Heat Dome survey BCCFA. Directors agreed this was more of technical forestry response and asked the GM to complete and submit the survey.
- f) Request from NEST. Request for participation by the BCFC was reviewed. Motion by Geoff, seconded by Dario that the BCFC's first priority was to complete updating inventories, consider the province's new requirements for old growth and biodiversity conservation and finish a strategic plan and new management plan for the community forest. Until that is completed, the BCFC should respectfully decline to participate in this initiative. Chair to send a response. **Carried**

7) **Correspondence**

BCCFA outreach request for letters to be sent to local public officials regarding changes to community forest stumpage rate structure. Board accepted Director Matthews offer to draft a letter for Chair's signature and circulate to Board members for comments before sending.



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8) **Items brought out of In-Camera Meeting**

In Camera meeting held immediately following the regular meeting on Feb 9, 2022.

Salvage Proposal

The salvage proposal submitted by Dave Mack of North Shore Scaling was not accepted or rejected. The proponent will be asked to re-work and re-submit the salvage proposal for further consideration by the Board.

9) **Date of Next Regular Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting would be Wednesday March 16, 2022. Note this is a deviation of one week from the standard meeting schedule which is usually the second Wednesday of the month.

10) **Meeting Adjourned by Chair at approximately 1:02 pm**

Approved: Terry Smith, Chair J.D. Smith

Ken Matthews, Secretary [Signature]