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Meeting held at the BCFC Office, 1971 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet, Ucluelet, BC

Attendance: Terry, Gary, Julian, Geoff, Dario, Ken, Noah (virtual)

Absent: nil

Staff: General Manager; Erik Holbek, RPF, Accounting Manager, Mike Williams

Guest: Mayor Marilyn McEwen, District of Ucluelet

Notes: Ken Matthews

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:01 am

1) Agenda Approval:

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Dario, to adopt the agenda as presented. **Carried**

Email information on Maggie Fish ladder added during meeting.

2) Approval of minutes of the January 11, 2023, Regular BCFC Board meeting:

Motion by Julian, seconded by Gary, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023,

BCFC Board regular meeting as presented. **Carried.**

3) Forestry and Financial Reports Erik Holbek and Mike Williams

a) Forestry. Erik provided a written summary on various aspects of on-going activities or work in Forestry

- Work on Management plan is progressing. Erik provided a written timeline which included approximate dates and times for key discussion by the Board and by the public. Erik will amend the plan to allow more time and fully indicate where consultation with Indigenous communities will occur.
- Erik noted that the current budget has a deficit in silviculture for our spring planting program. Costs are documented in BCFC our overall silviculture liabilities but not on our 2023 annual operating budget line item. Agreed by directors that the approved budget will not be amended. Budget will be tracked, and this will be accounted for in the final year end summary .
- Green tree harvesting on 2022 timber sales is now complete. Heli yarding on 2023 the salvage sale should be complete by the end of February. Erik has notified local residents . Julian will assist with additional notifications.

b) Financial. Mike presented the income statement and balance sheet as of the end of January 2023.

- All financials on track currently, at the end of one month into the new fiscal year.



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- Geoff noted that Mike was not yet provided signing authority by CCCU as provided for at the January 11, 2023, meeting. He is working on it with CCCU.

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Dario, to accept the Forestry and Financial Reports as presented. **Carried**

4) On-Going Business

a) Ukee Days logs District of Ucluelet

Erik has made the arrangements. Logs to be transported in the next two weeks.

b) Toquaht Nation Proposal to harvest commercial Firewood.

Noah Plonka, representing Toquaht Developments Ltd. (TDL) explained that has purchased a firewood processor which is being set up at the new mill site adjacent to the Toquaht Bay Dryland sort on Toquaht Nation lands. The firewood processor will compliment other milling facilities at this site and will utilize wood or logs not suitable for lumber. The firewood will be sold into local west coast markets.

Noah explained that TDL has a source of wood from Toquaht controlled forestry operations but in the short term and as a startup trial, TDL needs a variety of species to balance the overall firewood supply. Yellow cedar is needed at this time. The best source of this wood was found in blocks MC4 and MC5 and the Draw lake blocks on the Barkley CF .

Noah's proposal showed that the initial trial was a marginally profitable proposal for TDL. Local people would be employed. Markets needed to be developed and pricing and costing of product (production costs) needed to be proven.

Noah indicated that TDL could not offer to pay the Barkley CF for the actual product, but the activity would have the following benefits:

- The operation would clean up debris and waste along logging roads and for up to 10 meters in the logged area preventing fire hazard and improving aesthetics and planting or final reforestation options.
- The processor uses wood pieces over 10 cm in diameter. Smaller diameter logs not used by the processor would be brought to roadside for easy and safe cutting under free use permits by the general public.
- TDL would clean up and seasonally deactivate roads used to extract this wood.

Noah said TDL understood the importance of leaving opportunities for the public to access firewood for their own domestic use.

Directors were also very concerned that the public would have adequate access to cut firewood for their own use. Directors also wished to assist a new enterprise which would provide local employment and service a need in local communities. In addition, directors felt it was necessary for the BCFC to recover their costs of administration and inspections on this activity.



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Motion by Dario seconded by Geoff to approve the TDL proposal in principle on a trial basis for one year on cut blocks MC4 and MC5 and the recent Draw Lake Blocks with a maximum removal of 1000m³ and a one time fee of \$1000.00 to cover admin costs. Erik to draw up a contract to cover work, fees and insurance needs among other items. **Carried.**

5) New Business

- a) Indicator Surveys BCCFA . Erik will complete based on data from last year's survey and current data.
- b) Update on work on Maggie Lake / Maggie River Fish ladder . Toquaht Nation is working with Reddfish and DFO on this project . A complete update will be available for the March meeting.

6) Correspondence

- a) Letter from a local (Port Alberni) company noting they have crews and equipment ready to do logging and road building. Terry will respond noting that we have no advertised projects and BCFC work will be posted on our website.
- b) Toquaht Nation invitation for BCFC to hold the April 2023 monthly BCFC Board meeting at the new community center at Macoah . After the meeting, Toquaht Nation would host a tour of Macoah developments as well as the Secret Beach Marina and work being done on a new mill site adjacent to the Toquaht Bay Dryland Sort.

Motion by Geoff seconded by Julian to accept the invitation from Toquaht Nation and attend the meeting and tour at Macoah April 12. **Carried**

7) Items brought out of In-Camera Meeting

None.

8) Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the BCFC Board will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the BCFC Office. 10:00am to 12 Noon.

9) Meeting Adjourned by Chair at approximately 12:28pm

Approved: Terry Smith, Chair

Ken Matthews, Secretary