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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: Rachele Cole, Councilor, District of Ucluelet

Notes: Ken

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:02am

1) Agenda Approval

Requests for additional or changes to agenda items:

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Gary, to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried**

2) Minutes of the March 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Julian, seconded by Geoff, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022, regular BCFC Board meeting minutes as presented. **Carried.**

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

a) Financial

- Scheduled payment on the Draw Lake timber sale received ahead of schedule.
- Spending for year to date is as per the approved annual plan and budget. Budget tracking sheets reviewed.
- Proposal to increase spending on road maintenance will be discussed during the IN-Camera meeting for decisions.

b) Forestry

- Strategic Planning. Guidance on old growth/biodiversity policy by the Province is being reviewed. Work on Barkley management plan will re-commence once current timber sales are completed and more details are received from province (mid-summer).
- Forest Stewardship plan. GM has responded to MoF comments on our FSP submission. GM explained changes relating to requirements for commitments within Barkley CF and adjacent landscape units to fully address required endangered species protection. Expect final approval of FSP from MOF in 4-6 weeks. .



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- Active Timber Sales. GM confirmed the Draw Lake timber sale was going well and field work was following all plans and requirements. All roads are built and falling is completed. Yarding and hauling expected to be finished by early July. 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. GM and timber sale holder also working on re-piling debris for firewood access after the timber sale is completed.

Roads and Bridges

GM has completed some road repairs with more work to do as approved in the 2023 annual plan and budget. GM discussed additional maintenance work on the main roads. This discussion was moved to the In Camera session.

Salvage Agreement

GM is working with North Shore Scaling to identify and apply for cutting permit approval for the salvage timber approved in the North Shore Scaling application. Work will continue on identification and engineering with operations expected in the fall.

Planting 2022. Completed and all reports in to MoF.

Public Firewood

GM will establish the same process as used by the Port Alberni Community Forest for obtaining a domestic use firewood permit. Public will access maps for available areas on the Barkley CF website but go to the MoF South Island Natural Resource District website for an actual permit. GM will arrange changes to website.

Board members and GM noted that the access in Blocks MC4 and MC5 was re-opened for access by planting crews, but this access is rough and challenging for all vehicles. Anyone accessing this area needs a short box 4X4 with good clearance, at minimum.

Motion by Dario, seconded by Julian to accept the General Manager's financial and forestry report as presented with the road maintenance funding issue to be discussed In Camera. **Carried**

- 4) **Sub Committee Report. map and Fact Brochure**
Ken noted that the work has been completed on the map and on the write ups. A prototype will be presented to the subcommittee in the next month and to the Board at the next meeting.
- 5) **Ongoing Initiatives**
Heli Tour. Will be scheduled as soon as weather looks suitable.



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6) **Other Business**

- a) BCCFA 2021 Indicators Survey. Submitted by the General manager. Board fully supported the survey response and thanked GM for the work.
- b) BCCFA outreach on Community Forest stumpage rates
District of Ucluelet will submit brief to UBCM to support continuation of tabular rates on community forest tenures.

7) **Correspondence**

- a) Email from MoF, Graham Wells, re Results Documentation Update. All Barkley CF submissions are up to date in Results. GM will reply.
- b) Ministry change to Electronic Delivery of Invoices and Volume statements. This is not an issue for Barkley CF. GM will receive and work with accounting to ensure these are paid and filed as required.

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

In Camera meeting held immediately following the regular meeting on May 11, 2022. .

- a) Barkley FSR maintenance. The Board considered statements from the General Manager on the status of the main Barkley FSR access as well as queries from the public and private land holders. The Board determined the following:
 - due to the use of the road for log hauling from community forest operations during 2022 and for the safety of all users, the annual plan and budget for this road will be increased to allow for brushing, ditch maintenance and additional grading during 2022. The GM was authorized to prepare a plan and begin the work asap.
 - The Barkley Community Forest is a primary industrial user of this Forest Service Road and will comply with all requirements in the road use permit issued by the Ministry of Forests.
 - The Barkley Community Forest will not enter into agreements with individuals to maintain or improve the road. Private landowners will need to work with the Province or other levels of government to meet their needs.
- b) UMBA co-operation. The Barkley CF GM will continue to work with UMBA on a plan for mountain bike trails on the community forest. The original application to MOF for approval of a mountain bike trail system is not workable as presented and will be revised.

9) **Date of Next Regular Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday June 8, 2022, starting at 10:00 A.M.

10) **Meeting Adjourned by Chair at approximately 11:44 am**

Approved: Terry Smith, Chair *Terry Smith*

Ken Matthews, Secretary *Ken Matthews*