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Meeting held at the Ucluelet Community Center

Ucluelet, BC

Attendance: Terry, Ken, Gary, Julian, Geoff

Absent: Noah, Dario

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

Guests: None

Notes: Ken

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:04 am

1) Agenda Approval

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

2) Approval of minutes of the August 10, 2022 Regular BCFC Board meeting.

Motion by Gary, seconded by Julian, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022, meeting as presented. **Carried.**

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

GM Erik Holbek noted that commencing with this meeting, the financial information would be presented in a single report, in most cases by the Accounting Manager.

- i. Strategic Planning. Preliminary work has commenced on Management #2 which will include the BCF strategy on old growth and riparian management.
- ii. Operational Demonstration Block DC3. Erik and his colleague have now walked the area of Block DC3. GM had the following points.
 - This area (block) is in a very good location for a demonstration area. It is accessible from the main roads; it is mostly flat; and the old roads in the block are in good condition to make into trails.
 - Erik will continue planning and will recommend some changes to the initial plan approved by the Board in the spring of 2021.
 - Erik noted that the Douglas Fir in the stand was not merchantable and in fact was dead or failing and as such was creating stand openings more typical of older stands. The 55-year-old hemlock stands were very dense, and openings could possibly be made in these areas to speed up the process of developing old growth features.



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- Erik noted that any falling or yarding in this block would be a cost with no real offsets from revenue from logs sales. The Board accepted this concept.

iii. Active Timber Sales.

The Draw lake sale is now complete. All payments have now been received. Roads required to be deactivated have been deactivated. The mainline will remain open and be a BCFC responsibility going forward. Waste and residue surveys are scheduled for later in September. Firewood permits will be available as soon as the waste and residue surveys are submitted.

Harvesting and hauling from blocks SB15/ SB16/SB16a SB18 and OZ4 second growth timber sale is now complete. Final cleanup on SB18 and OZ4 is underway. The timber sale will be extended to allow completion of waste and residue surveys and for the sale holder to complete required hazard abatement. Firewood permits will soon be available for these areas. GM will approve final road deactivation plans which will maintain culverts and access to most areas for planting over the next year.

iv. Roads and Bridges

Erik noted that the work on the Barkley FSR completed by the BCFC and by the Ministry of Forests has gone well and the road is in good condition. This FSR has been heavily used in the past few weeks with the closure of the Maggie FSR for bridge replacements.

Additional work by the Ministry of Forests is likely over the next month.

Erik noted that with the improved road condition, more traffic, and dusty dry conditions, many drivers are speeding and not driving safely. Care must be taken when driving these industrial roads.

v. Salvage Agreement.

Erik is now ready to submit salvage cutting permit to the Ministry of Forests. Salvage harvesting is planned to be underway this fall.

- vi. Silviculture. Required surveys of areas previously harvested under the Barkley CF are being completed. Arrangements for seedlings and planting in 2023 and 2024 are underway. Some fill in planting will be needed in previously planted areas but in general there are no issues with our program.

vii. Public Firewood.

Erik will be ready to open areas up for public firewood in the near future as waste surveys are completed and approved. Erik will arrange to post the notices, reference to the permit process, and the relevant maps to the website.

viii. National Forest Week Tour.



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Erik noted that in cooperation with Toquaht Forestry and others including Tracy Andrews of the Forest Practices Board, a field tour with grade five students from Ucluelet will take place at the new trail being constructed connecting Macoah with Secret Beach. This trail provides opportunities to view old growth cedar, archaeological features, recent harvesting and more advanced second growth.

ix. BCFC Open House

Erik led a discussion on the dates and topics for the BCFC open house for the Barkley CF scheduled for this fall. This open house is now scheduled for Thursday Nov. 17 at the Ucluelet Community Center. GM will produce an outline of the topics, support materials and anticipated Q and As . Geoff will assist with advertising and notifications for the open house.

4) **Accounting Manager report, Mike Williams**

Mike presented three reports.

- i. BCFC Balance sheet as at August 31, 2022
- ii. BCFC Income statement August 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022, showing income and expenditures for the month by budget category or line item.
- iii. BCFC Comparative Income Statement showing actual revenue and expenditures January 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022, compared with the approved BCFC budget for the year 2022.

The reports consistently show that program revenue and expenditures closely following operating plans and budgets for 2022.

Motion by Gary, seconded by Geoff to accept the Forestry and Accounting reports as presented. **Carried**

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

Ken noted that work has stalled over the past 6 weeks on the revisions needed to the brochure in order to get the brochure. Ken will discuss this delay and look for other options to ensure this moves forward.

6) **Other Business**

- a) BCCFA AGM attendees for Nakusp annual meeting in October. Ken and Erik noted they were registered and had plans settled to attend this meeting.



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- b) Proposed changes to the Coast Appraisal Manual. Erik explained these were not the proposed harmonization of stumpage rates proposed by BC but were standard changes to the appraisal system. Rates will now be set or altered twice annually rather than once as in the past. New formulas will be in place to determine the statutory stumpage rates.

- c) Request from the District of Ucluelet for logs for Ukee days. Erik and Terry still working on making this happen. Erik has a local company who will volunteer to donate some materials.

7) Correspondence

- a) Boughton Law Annual Report and Invoice. Board agreed with full payment .

8) Items brought out of In-Camera Meeting

No additional items brought out of the August 10 In Camera meeting.

9) Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for October 12 will not be held as a number of Board members are away. A special meeting may be called as needed. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday Nov 9, 2022, starting at 10:00 A.M.

10) Meeting Adjourned by Chair at approximately 1:25 pm

Approved: Terry Smith, Chair



Ken Matthews, Secretary


