



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Place: Valemount Industrial Park Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: Monday, October 5th, 2021

1. Call to Order: 3:47pm
Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, John McGuire, Ray Mikolash, Gerry Piper, Vern Mickelson, Craig Pryor, Janey Weeks
Regrets:
Guests: Councilor Hollie Blanchette, Councilor Donnie McLean
2. Adoption of Agenda
R163-10-21 Motion: To adopt October 5th, 2021 agenda
Moved By: Gordon Carson
Seconded By: John McGuire
3. Adoption of Minutes
R164-10-21 Motion: To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting for September 13th, 2021
Moved By: Vern Mickelson
Seconded By: Ray Mikolash
4. Financial Reports
R165-10-21 Motion: To adopt August monthly Financials
Moved By: Gordon Carson
Seconded By: Ray Mikolash
6. Correspondence Received/ items of interest
 - a) Email from Joseph Nusse, President of Valemount Ski Society
7. Regular Reporting
 - a) CF General Update (VCF operations activity)
8. Old Business
 - a) New Directors-John and Ray on New Director Committee.
Commemorative Plaque for Peter Reimer
9. New Business:
 - b) Rig matts-Manager brought forth issues of mud and inability to move harvested product out of the bush. The request is to purchase 'rig matts' for future use. At this time there is a lead on rig matts which have been 'hard to find available' to secure them he needs to give an answer the next day.
Discussion:
Rig matts are expensive, it is not responsible to leave product sitting in the bush. The outgoing expense of purchase can be recovered by following the forestry appraisal system under the VCF Forest Licence for 600 metres.



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Moving forward the rig matts can be reused, they generally stay good as long as there are no corks or chains on the surface.

R166-10-21 Motion: To authorize the Manager to purchase 600metres worth of rigg matts from Edgewater for an estimated three hundred thousand dollars.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

All in Favour

Further discussion:

Once the mill is up and running, rigmatts could be built here and are a sellable product.

- c) 9 metre bridge purchase -Manager would like to purchase one more 9metere bridge, this would be a total of two 9 metre bridges. It is not unusual for a company to have 9-12 of this size. They are fast, efficient, numbered and tracked. The first bridge was tendered out to three companies before purchase. Projected for 2022 purchase and planning.

Discussion

R167-10-21 Motion: To authorize the Manager to Tender out for a 9metre bridge with mod's.

Moved By: John McGuire

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

All in Favour

- d) Cleaning Services- Bigtime has had a problem getting staff. They are unable to continue service to the community forest office and scales. They have had to drop other customers as well.

The VCF staff will consider other options.

- e) Valemount Ski Society-

Declined VARDA bridge to cross the McLennan (want to build an ice bridge)
The Ski Society is requesting the community forest to log the ski runs 'very soon as possible' in the coming weeks.

The community forest already has harvest planning in place for the winter season 2021/22. However, if the bridge at 11.5km can be upgraded in time, then it may be possible to adapt the winter schedule.

The Westridge mainline is already developed for the purpose of harvesting; infrastructure for bridges is engineered inspected, and updated as required. There are no plans or no need to build a logging bridge across the McLennan River to harvest for ski runs.



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The VCF is to send a letter to the Valemount Ski Society regarding the motion regarding the 'ice bridge'.

(excerpt from August 11th reg board meeting)

'Ski Hill- re: VARDA has offered their Crystal Ridge Bridge that had crossed the Canoe River to the Ski Hill Society. Discussion

R155-08-21 Motion: The Board *is not* supportive of an ice bridge due to safety issues, changing weather trends and liabilities.

The Board *is* supportive of the Ski Hill Society to use the VARDA bridge.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: John McGuire'

10. In camera- time:

- a) Logging truck incident
- b) Cable harvesting

R168-10-21 Motion: To move in camera.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

11. Next Meeting

Reg Monday November 1st, 2021

12. Adjournment

Time: 6:01 pm

R169-10-21 Motion: To adjourn RB meeting

Moved By: John McGuire