



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

Place: Valemount Industrial Park Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: Monday, December 6th, 2021

1. Call to Order: 4:01 pm
Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, John McGuire, Gerry Piper, Vern Mickelson, Craig Pryor, Janey Weeks
Regrets: Ray Mikolash
Guests:
2. Adoption of Agenda
R174-12-21 Motion: To adopt December, 2021 agenda
Moved By: John McGuire
Seconded By: Gerry Piper
3. Adoption of Minutes
R175-12-21 Motion: To adopt minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting for November 1st, 2021
Moved By: Gerry Piper
Seconded By: Gordon Carson
4. Financial Reports
Discussion-clarified miscellaneous revenues and expenses
General discussion on projected revenue and expenses for this next season, 2021-2022
R176-12-21 Motion: To adopt October monthly Financials
Moved By: John McGuire
Seconded By: Gordon Carson
6. Presentation-NA
7. Correspondence Received/ items of interest
 - a) VARDA-thank you-received for VCF Diamond Sponsor
 - b) Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy-donation request
Send letter-a great fit for the VCF Grant funding program
 - c) VCF Grant Writer-support request (Village Grant Clerk Tracey Dennis)
Send letter-approval for \$8000.**R177-12-21 Motion**: To approve funding for the Grant Writer to match NDIT for Eight Thousand Dollars.
Moved By: John McGuire
Seconded By: Vern Mickelson
7. Regular Reporting
 - a) CF General Update (VCF operations activity)



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8. Old Business

- a) VCF to Village update (Policy 81 and company articles)-meeting between Mayor Owen Torgerson, Acting CAO Doug Fleming, VCF Manager Craig Pryor, VCF Board Chair Ainslie Jackman resulted in making amendment to Policy 81, addition of section 5.4

- b) Valemount Ski Society-ski runs have been mapped; bridge is upgrade on the Westridge road at 11km. Logging runs will be harvested according to the site plan. Long term the VCF will do supportive harvest to ski runs. The VCF does not support an ice bridge.

The letter was written run previous discussion but not sent as VSS did not require it.

- c) Old growth deferred areas and Winter program- thirty-day review period for First Nations is up. Those that replied reiterated that it wasn't enough time. Discussion

There is nothing 'legal' saying that one can't log, the District Manager hasn't pulled any cutting permits. In the north it seems like 'business as usual'.

There is going to be a forest-based business meeting in the Robson Valley so that there is a unified voice.

There are signed agreements. Don't stop what we are doing. There are many old growth guidelines which the VCF follows.

New blocks could be contentious however, for secured blocks it is business as usual.

The VCF does follow good management practices, the implementation of this old-growth strategy is not good forestry practice.

There is comment at upper levels of government that this is a political and arbitrary move.

Why would you cut the young and leave the old of the harvest profile? It is contradictory and increases forest risk to insects and fire. With trees over 120 and including 250-year-old trees considered 'ancient forest' some forest will be a waste land (dead, dying decadent). Generally, the vast majority of the Robson Valley is old.

R178-12-21 Motion: To move forward with harvesting and development plans regardless of proposed old growth deferral areas for 2021-2022 winter harvest season.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Gerry Piper

Send a letter to the District Manager John Huybers as this Winter season does include Old growth areas.



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d) VCF Grant Committee results-
Valemount Climbing Club, Robson Valley Beekeepers, Valemount Secondary School, Valemount Arts and Cultural Society and Canoe Valley Community Association were all successful in their applications.

9. New Business:

a) Annual Ratification and elections of Board of Directors-see attached forms
Send to Village for ratification

R179-12-21 Motion: To accept the election of officers and send to Village for ratification.

Moved By: John McGuire

Seconded By: Vern Mickelson

b) Bi -annual meeting with the VCF LP and Shareholder set Date for Tuesday Dec.14th 2021.

10. In camera- time: 5:25pm

a) information of a sensitive nature of individuals

R178-12-21 Motion: To move in-camera

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Gerry Piper

11. Next Meeting

Reg Monday January10th, 2022

12. Adjournment

Time: 6:30 pm

R180-12-21 Motion: John McGuire