



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Regular Board Meeting

Agenda
Place: Valemount Community Forest Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: **Monday, November 7, 2022**

1. Call to Order: 3 pm, November 7, 2022.

Present: Ainslie Jackman, Gordon Carson, Gerry Piper, Pete Pearson, Jr Osadchuk, Ray Mikolash, Eric Depenau, Village of Valemount CAO (Non-Voting Board Member), Craig Pryor, Manager and Tannis Worth, Assistant Administrator.

Regrets: Gerhard Oberauer

Guests:

2. Consent Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

R222-11-22 Motion To adopt the November 7, 2022 Agenda and to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting from October 3, 2022.

Moved By: Ray Mikolash

Seconded By: Jr Osadchuk

3. Financial Reports

R223-11-22 Motion: To adopt September 2022 Financials.

Moved By: Pete Pearson

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

4. Presentation-n/a

5. Correspondence Received/ items of interest- n/a

6. Regular Reporting

a) CF General Update (VCF operations activity)

7. Old Business

a) Dock at Little Cranberry Lake: Update from Ainslie: After speaking with Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, she was advised that a MOU would be approximately a year away. She spoke with Mayor Owen Torgerson who is also on the Board of the Regional District and he supports the idea of the dock. If we are to go ahead with ordering the dock and we are not able to go get an MOU with Regional District the Valemount Marina Association would be interested in the dock.

R224-11-22 Motion: To approve the purchase of a dock from Triton Docks of Scotch Creek by the Valemount Community Forest.

Moved by: **Unanimous**

Ainslie will order the dock and contact VCF contractors to see they would like to make a donation in return of recognition possibly as sign.

8. New Business:

a) Broadcast Burning – Ray: Last week Ray went out with Ainslie, Alana, Darin and David to three blocks. It looks like a nice spring burn. There is easy access and can



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be used as a training program for fire base and levitate liability. VCF will need to hire a crew for mop up. Waste assessments will need to be done on these blocks.

- b) Goals – Craig: Every 6 months we will review and amend the VCF Goals if needed.
 - i. *Improve communication with Village and the Public:* we now have new board members from the Village of Valemount, we had a big newspaper article on the VCF, the VIP and the VIP sawmill.
 - ii. *Regular Meetings with Trappers, Guide Outfitters and range tenure holders:* Alana wrote a letter and sent a map highlighting their specific areas to all. She heard back from three trappers and they were very pleased.
 - iii. *Road Inventory and database:* Ongoing, Tannis has taken on this project.
 - iv. *Examine road permit liabilities, compliance with road construction standards, Road Use Agreements required:* what are our liabilities? More signage.
 - v. *Realignment of OGMAS:* Craig will talk about later on in meeting.
 - vi. *Fuel management plans, prescribed burning opportunities:* ongoing
 - vii. *Expand Forestry Week to Elementary School:* we want to do something with both the elementary and high school. Tannis to contact the schools in June to plan for September.
 - viii. *Fine-tune the new form of annual budget review twice a year:* Budget for next meeting.
- c) Waste assessments- The government has a new system for waste assessments, it is costly and slows down progress. The Chief Forester and the Deputy Forest Minister were at the conference in Nakusp said that the goal is to obtain data to try to make a table that can be followed using a district average.
- d) Old Growth Deferrals – Craig – We may need to go to one of these old growth blocks. 42 km or 6 km. The Board suggests Craig sends an email with their support.
- e) Tab Stumpage – All Community Forest and Woodlots have tab stumpage. The First Nations are area based and get a discount. There is no tab stumpage for First Nations. There is a 50/50 possibility that the future will be appraisal or tab stumpage.
- f) C&E Inspection – There was an inspection with Adam from Prince George. Infraction – there are no bridge delineators. There were 2 bridges where we received a \$330 fine per bridge. We are in the process of rectifying this.
- g) Incident report – Brian was burning 55 kms down the West Canoe. The venting was good but a huge wind came up and fire got into the trees. He received help for equipment that was close. It will have to be reported to BC Forestry and then it will go to C&E.

9. In camera- time: NA



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10. Next Meeting

Regular Board meeting Monday December 5, 2022 at 3 pm.

11. Adjournment

Time: 4:37 pm

R225-11-22 Motion: To adjourn Regular Board meeting.

Moved By: Gordon