



Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Place: Valemount Community Forest Office 3300 Highway 5 South

Date: Monday, Nov 6, 2023

1. Call to Order: 4:38 pm

Present: Ainslie Jackman, Pete Pearson, Gordon Carson, Ray Mikolash, Gerhard Oberauer, Gerry Piper, Jr. Osadchuk, Brian Shawara, acting manager and Darcie Kwasnycia, assistant administrator.

Regrets: N/A

Guests: N/A

2. Adoption of Consent Agenda and Minutes

R267-11-06 Motion To adopt the November 6, 2023 Agenda and to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting from October 16, 2023.

Moved By: Ray Mikolash

Seconded By: Gordon Carson

3. Financial Reports

R268-11-06 Motion: To adopt Sept 2023 Financials.

General Discussion: Pulp price has dropped. VCF has some large expenses coming up, for example road construction. The forecast for pulp at this time is unknown, and there is no indication how long the price of pulp will be down. Due to the low price of pulp, VCF will be losing money on a number of blocks.

The board will review and determine at next board meeting if it is in the best interest of VCF to keep logging in order to keep contractors employed while VCF is losing money.

Moved By: Pete Pearson

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

4. Presentation – N/A

5. Correspondence Received/ items of interest

a) N/A

6. Regular Reporting

a) VCF General Update (VCF operations activity)

General Discussion: VCF will be running at a loss the next couple of months due to pulp prices dropping. Some contractors have expressed concern because they are having a very difficult time finding truckers to haul for them, the truckers are preferring to work in the southern end of the province at this time.

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7. Old Business:

- a) Cut Control - K2T – VCF is working on getting Grade 4 exemptions. We currently have 16.000 m3 of GR 4, however, the Ministry has not completed the billing. Brian has been in contact with Kim Brant, VCF cannot apply for an exemption until a policy exemption has been changed, Brian is following up with Kim Brant-Ongoing
- b) Simpcw First Nation – Contract and Old Growth: This responsibility will now be solely Alana’s. She has a relationship with the Simpcw. We have a plan for the Old Growth. We need to get the contract signed. Alana will update us after her meeting with the Simpcw on Thursday November 9th. Permits are on hold and this is affecting VCF costs. Pete Pearson will schedule a meeting with mayor Torgerson to discuss a plan regarding delays with permits and the Simpcw.
- c) Tender – The tender has been sent out; the deadline for companies to reply is December 10th.

8. New Business:

- a) Robert’s Rules, reminder they will be implemented during board meetings.
- b) **R270-11-06 Motion:** Brian Shawara to be appointed as Valemount Community Forest Manager Limited Partnership and Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash

- c) **R271-11-06 Motion:** Brian Shawara to be given signing authority for both Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership and Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd. Ainslie, Gordon and Brian will meet at the bank on Friday at 2pm to add Brian to both companies bank accounts. See separate attached **Motion R275-11-15** required for banking purposes.
- d) Signage outside office will be reviewed by Gordon and Gerhard
- e) Signage inside of office will be reviewed by Darcie and Gerhard
- f) Zero tolerance signage will be completed by Darcie
- g) **R272-11-06 Motion:** Move to adopt the name “Valemount Specialty Mill” for the VIP mill.

Moved By: Ray Mikolash

Seconded By: Pete Pearson

- h) Date of the board meetings has been changed to the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 3pm. Review of the start time of the meetings will be discussed in the spring.
- i) Review of sale of avalanche safety equipment to contractors is an operational item, the board has left the decision up to Brian to decide if VCF should continue to rent or sell the equipment to contractors.
- j) Simpcw First Nation Open House: Brian and Alana attended the Simpcw First Nation Open House. The event was well received with many attendees, especially residents with homes next to some of the cut blocks.
- k) VCF Community Grant: The grant has been advertised, no applicants at this time. Jr. will be replacing Ainslie on the committee.



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9. In Camera:

R273-11-06 Motion: To leave the Regular Board Meeting to commence *In Camera* meeting.

a) A part of a meeting of the Company's Board of Directors may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

- i) Personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the Company or another position appointed by the Company's Board of Directors;
- iii) Labour relations, employee or contract negotiations;

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Pete Pearson

10. Next Meeting

Regular Board meeting Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 at 3 pm.

11. Adjournment

Time: 6:06 pm

R274-11-06 Motion: To adjourn Regular Board meeting.

Moved By: Gordon Carson

Seconded By: Ray Mikolash