



Dunster Community Forest Society 8252 Dunster Croydon Road, Dunster, BC V0J 1J0
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MINUTES: the October 17, 2016 DCFS Board of Directors Meeting

October 17, 2016 Board of Directors of Dunster Community Forest Society
Meeting beginning at 7:03 PM, at Dunster Schoolhouse.

Directors present: Larry Stamm, Archie McLean, Chuck McNaughton, Donna Hampson,
Richard Chambers, Eric Gauthier.

Manager present: Ray Thiessen

Meeting started with reading of the agenda printout.

1. **Motion:** by Richard, 2nd by Donna, that we adopt the agenda. Carried.
2. New Business: on agenda a) Grant application from DFASS b) Firewood c) Rural Dividend grant application.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were not typed, so they were read from the hand written notes. Minutes were not adopted.
4. Richard, Eric and Donna went to see the Raush Valley logging road with Ray. The tour was very informative.
5. Treasurer's Report: \$111,000 in chequing account #1. \$17,267.73 in Account #2, where payments from Price Waterhouse are deposited. Director and officer insurance is paid. Some trail work done by Seth is still to be paid (brushing out the Pepper Pit road and lower part of the trail to Tom's Cabin). Larry said the FSP cost us ~\$20,000 with all the back and forth communications and requested revisions. Ray said \$3300 will be coming back to DCFS from the LBI (Land Based Initiative) for management fees.
6. **Motion:** by Donna, seconded by Eric, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.
7. Manager's Report: A written report was presented by Ray Thiessen. He said we have not done a lot in the planning department this month...it has been mostly going over maps and in preparing a letter to MOF regarding the unrecorded salvage areas, the lack of inventory, the deficient original timber supply analysis by Timberline, and our unrealistic AAC (Annual Allowable Cut). Ray would like to start using a drone with camera and GPS for netting out the timber harvesting land base. Waste assessment will be done by Mark Anthony, at the rate of \$100/hr. He is the only licenced person available locally. Gravelling: Due to shortage of trucks, an old gravel truck was hired from Wes Keim, which is presently down due to a broken U Joint. C Road work has all been paid for, with no obligations to the contractor for future considerations.
8. Grants: surveys by Dave Salayka are ~60% complete now.

9. Silviculture: regen. is looking OK, even those from the hot and dry spring which were re-planted by Reimers. Of this years 48 ha. of logging, 30 ha. will require planting. At 60 cents per tree, (all found planting costs) this years planting will be ~\$35,000.
10. Correspondence: 1) Imaging and mapping company from Victoria would cost us \$10,000 + \$2,500 for a software licence to do VQO (Visual Quality Analysis). 2) Roy Howard wrote a letter to Chuck stating that he is in favour of non-motorized hunting access for the Raush Valley. He is not happy with the DCFS.
11. Old Business: a) Larry has been working on the website and still needs some photos to post. b) Secretarial position; Larry will advertise for a secretary to join the board of directors. Archie will take minutes until a secretary is found. c) New Societies Act; we are officially known as Dunster Community Forest. Larry has sent \$40 for digital version of our constitution. d) Community Grants; Closing date should be January 31st, 2017 for applications. Larry will advertise that grants can be applied for, now. e) Non motorized hunting in Raush Valley; Chuck is applying for this status.
12. **Motion**: Archie moved, seconded by Eric, that we state that “the DCF supports the initiative for Non Motorized hunting in the Raush Valley.” Carried.

Notice that the DFASS is applying to Regional District for a grant in aid for insurance on the school. Also, they are applying to Vanderhoof Coop for a grant for fixing the cupboards at the back of the former classroom and repainting the interior of the school.

13. **Motion**: by Eric, seconded by Chuck, that we write a letter of support to the school society for these grant applications. Carried.
14. Firewood: It is suggested that we publish the footprint area of DCF, and mark the boundaries, due to firewood poaching. Larry will put a notice in the website and in the local paper that there is a fee of \$20.. for membership or associate membership.. which permits up to 10 cords of firewood for personal use.
15. Rural Dividend Fund: Larry would like to apply for a grant to help in developing our GIS (Geographic Information System) from this fund.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Next meeting will be November 21. See You There!