

# Dunster Community Forest Society

Directors' Meeting  
19 August 2020

Called to order at 5:05 pm.

Present: Larry Stamm; Ray Thiessen; Ray Johnson; Donna Hampson; Chuck McNaughton; Katharina McNaughton; Denis Brooks, Michaelynn Kyjonka, Tim Haus.

## Adoption of Agenda

Michaelynn moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Donna seconded.

## Minutes of last meeting

To be emailed by Larry in due course.

## Financial Report

Presented by Donna.

Total account balance: \$69,496.92

Donna moved to accept her report. Seconded by Ray Johnson.

## Manager's Report

Presented by Ray Thiessen.

Planning: Fir prices are expected to increase, so that has the potential to allow for use of Lidar and imagery products to generate a Forest Development Plan to accompany the Forest Stewardship Plan due to expire in June of 2021.

Silviculture: The \$10,000 budgeted for Stand Management will be used to do Conifer Release brushing on the H1-4 blocks.

Grants: DCFS applied for (and was granted, at the time of this typing!) the Regional Relief Recovery Fund Loan for \$40,000, \$10,000 of which is forgiven if the loan is paid back within a set time.

Logging: proceeding up the Groeneveld. DCFS is now being paid by cubic metres instead of metric tonnes, a change which results in a 20% increase in the value of our logs.

Firewood: Five logging truck loads to go to the McNaughton pit by the Baker. That is close to 70 cords. Plan is to sell for the cost of processing, loading, and hauling.

## Correspondence

A letter to the Lheidli T'enneh first Nation, drafted by Larry, inviting them to have a seat on our Board of Directors, will be sent out by Larry, forthwith.

The response to Jane Houlden's queries regarding the Groeneveld Hiking Trail must /shall be to present a clear and factual account.

#### Old Business

NDIT grant: In September we shall start working on the BRKH portion.

BCCFA membership dues will be paid forthwith.

Forestry mural in schoolhouse idea - on hold until fall.

Hiking trail maintenance - none done this year, not financially viable until spring.

#### New Business

Firewood business discussed. There is not good cost recovery here. At a price of \$200/cord, this is barely profitable. Also, there are liability issues. The best case is to deal with firewood as Ray Thiessen outlined in his verbal report (see above, under 'Firewood').

Staffing: There is a clear need for administrative staff for both DCFS and BRKH.

Katarina compiled a comprehensive prospectus for a business development and marketing manager. She will email this prospectus to the Board, and we shall decide, by early September, on the necessity of filling this administrative position.

#### Adjournment

DCFS meetings will now take place on alternate months. The next DCFS meeting will be at the Schoolhouse at 5:00 pm, on the 16th of September, 2020.

Motion to adjourn: Donna. Seconded by Ray Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.