

Dunster Community Forest Society
Directors Meeting
July 11, 2018

Called to order at 1900.

Present: Larry Stamm, Donna Hampson, Chuck McNaughton, Ray Johnson, Ray Thiessen, Kelly McNaughton, Jan De Niet.

Guests: Vern Pawloske

Agenda: amended to include: invitation to advertise in McBride & Robson Valley Guide map.

Motion: To accept the agenda as amended. Moved: RayJ., Seconded: Chuck. Carried.

1. Minutes June 20, 2018 Meeting: Read.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

Donna referred to her report. If the \$10/tonne finds us short re paying expenses, Donna will deal with an internal transfer as needed. The Development account has been broken down into more specific accounts.

Donna moved her report. Seconded: Ray J. Carried.

3. Manager's Report

Ray referred to his report. We are 10% under budget on the inventory. Ray is getting a quote from a blaster regarding blasting rock for road development for R road– there is wood accessible beyond this area to cover costs in the long run – this going forward will depend on the quote. All the Robson Valley licensees are getting together regarding riparian management on Friday in McBride – looking at developing common practices to help to avoid contravention reports. Ray is doing a 2 day workshop in August, in Prince George, put on by the Ministry, regarding riparian management -this information will go into our Standard Operating Procedure. Ray would like to do the road building for next summer this year.

4. Correspondence

a. Community fire management survey

Larry did this survey due to their persistent requests. The survey was primarily designed for villages & towns.

5. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Newsletter update & notice on Pete's email list

Sarah has put out a notice on Pete's email list – no new members as of yet. She is putting the newsletter together.

b. Website maintenance

Larry spoke with Vincent & he is going to take this on – we just need to provide him with the information.

c. BC Rural Dividend Grant intake

Deadline is end of the month. The DFASS is not interested in applying. With a partnership application, it would require a full audit, so this won't happen due to the time available. Looking at 2

main focuses: upgrading Tom's cabin (estimate \$40,000 cost) & a software & training grant (estimate \$10,000) – may do both. Sarah & Ray working on.

6. New Business

a. Possibilities for wood processing facilities

A potential partnership with Valemount Community Forest to purchase Hauer's. Valemount has already put a business plan forward regarding this & they are willing to share it. We need a local facility for processing logs for long term viability. A huge investment is required for any facility. Hauer's license is 11,000 m3. The investment is approximately \$1.4 million (\$1.25 million is the license portion) & the mill will require upgrades. We need to think about how we want to move forward, eg. investing in waste processing. Ray asked the Board what they would like him to be researching in moving forward. Hauer's burner is obsolete. VCF would set up the purchase as a separate company & we would be a partner in that. Our partnership portion would depend on costs. Having a local mill would utilize approximately 70% of our timber locally. Importance of local production related to environment discussed. The Board supports Ray in exploring this.

b. Invitation to advertise in the McBride & Robson Valley Guide map

Larry received a request regarding this. Matthew Wheeler is designing it. It will run from 2018-21. Discussion regarding pros & cons re same. Suggestion of advertising trails we maintain along with our Logo. Larry will contact Matthew to gather more details & the deadline.

7. In Camera Session

Motion: To move into In-Camera. Moved: Chuck, Seconded: Donna. Carried at 2103.

Motion to come out of In-Camera. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried at 2105.

Next meeting: August 15, 2018 at 1900 hrs.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Kelly, Seconded: Ray J. Carried at 2107.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly McNaughton
DCFS Secretary