

Dunster Community Forest Society
Directors Meeting
June 20, 2018

Called to order at 1900 hrs.

Present: Larry Stamm, Chuck McNaughton, Ray Thiessen, Donna Hampson, Ray Johnson, Sarah Lukens, Kelly McNaughton.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. Moved: Donna, Seconded: Ray J. Carried.

2. Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Meeting: Read.

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

3. Treasurer's Report

Donna referred to her report. Discussed putting \$5/tonne into the Silviculture fund. We have to put \$20,000 to max out the BC Rural Dividend Fund work & we need to contribute approximately \$40,000 toward the NDIT projects. Ray suggests increasing the funding to each of the Development & Silviculture accounts, to \$10/tonne, after the first cheque.

Donna moved her report. Seconded: Kelly. Carried.

4. Manager's Report

Ray referred to his report. Grants: Ray secured \$78,000 from the Land Based Investment Program for the historical brushing (Ministry Outstanding Obligations). The Inventory data acquisition should begin this week. There will be some spot brushing this fall. Ray is increasing his rate & will be reducing his hours & Sarah's hours will be increasing accordingly to cover the work. Ray is recommending a wage increase for Sarah, for the Board's consideration. He requests \$60 per hour for himself, \$890 per day for the crew(2 people, machinery), & recommends \$26 per hour for Sarah. Forest Enhancement Society is another grant source to be looked into regarding reseedling.

5. Correspondence

a. Request from Lori Daniels et al

She is a professor at UNBC asking us to participate in a survey on wildfire management around communities. Larry is forwarding the request to Ray to review. Overall view is that it is not applicable to us at this time.

6. Old Business & Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Newsletter update

Ideas: something outlining what we have done/are doing, grants, etc. - put out 3 annually (Feb 1, June 1, Oct 1) – single page – could be left at the store, etc. - one or two pictures eg. Map of where logging is happening, trail sign, etc. - membership drive information – where the wood is going. Sarah will do & Board & Ray to review.

7. New Business

a. New BC Rural Dividend Grant intake

New intake due July 31. School Society is okay with doing a partnership grant with us. If we do in partnership, they will only fund 60% & if we go on our own, they fund 80%. Ray is looking at fire protection upgrades & it would be on School Society property, therefore the reason to link up with

them. We could also possibly lease the land from the DFASS. Grant may also be used to increase the technology available in the School building, which could be an increased source of revenue for DFASS, as well as an asset to DCFS. We are looking for another grant from NDIIT for \$30,000. Ray will look into the possibilities until the end of the month, & contact the Board to decide which direction to proceed, via email vote. The Board agrees to proceed with this research.

b. Website maintenance

Larry had volunteered to keep the website up-to-date & he has fallen behind & suggests someone else do same. Updates need to be concurrent. Vincent De Niet has been doing some – Ray suggests that more of this be passed on to him – Larry will contact him.

c. Directors

There are 7 Directors – a quorum is 4. Should we be considering recruiting other Board members, in case quorum becomes an issue. Sarah will put out a request on Pete's email list.

8. In Camera

Manager Evaluation

Motion: To move into In Camera. Moved: Kelly, Seconded: Ray J. Carried at 2051.

Motion: To move out of In Camera. Moved: Kelly, Seconded: Donna. Carried at 2132

Next meeting: The next meeting will be July 11, 2018 at 1900 hrs.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved: Ray J., Seconded: Chuck. Carried at 2138.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly McNaughton
DCFS Secretary