

Dunster Community Forest Society

Directors' Meeting

20 January, 2021

Called to order at 5:03 pm.

Present: Larry Stamm; Ray Johnson; Donna Hampson; Michaelynn Kyjonka; Chuck McNaughton; Seth Macdonald; Ray Thiessen.

Adoption of Agenda

Addition of New Business item: cheque signing authority for admin.

Motion to adopt agenda as amended: Ray Johnson; seconded by Donna Hampson.

Read/adopt/amend minutes from 18 November, 2020.

Seth Macdonald moved to adopt minutes as presented; Ray Johnson seconded. Carried.

Financial Report

Presented by Donna Hampson.

End of year (2020) bank balance: \$149,794.46

Donna moved to accept the November 2020 financials. Ray Johnson seconded.

Regarding the financials up to 19 January, 2021- bank balance: \$118,133.32

Donna moved to accept the financial report up to 19 January, 2021; Ray Johnson seconded.

Additional Item: 2021 DCFS Memberships are now due.

Manager's Report

Planning: DCFS has applied to join the Carrier Lumber/ VCF Forest Stewardship Plan. This move allows DCFS to align with other licensees in the valley in order to work together with them on the next FSP which will have significant changes to the First Nations portion, as yet to be confirmed via legislation.

Silviculture: The new order for 2022 seedlings is in. Ray has reduced the number from 75,000 to 56,000 to reflect the anticipated net-down in the DCFS Annual Allowable Cut that will get set in 2021.

Grants: No word yet on the two grants: one for DFASS building improvements; and one for an additional building at the BRKH site, applied for in November 2020.

Inventory: Tesera has completed the Inventory and are doing the final Quality Assurance. The package is to be sent, by 22 January, 2021, to DCFS and Ecora for the Timber Supply

Analysis. The report on the Inventory is to be delivered to DCFS by 29 January, 2021. This is the report that we send to NDIT for the \$30,000 rebate.

Administration: The DCFS and BRKH staff are getting more cohesive. Progress is being made in both areas. Katharina has set up at the BRKH office in order to assist Tim with day-to-day admin details there.

BRKH: Now that Katharina is helping Tim with the admin, and Ray Thiessen is taking on the raw log procurement for BRKH, Tim's load has been eased, and that should pave the way for a successful year in 2021.

Jim Chicago has been contacted about working with us on a website for BRKH.

Additional Item: The government is proposing an ungulate winter range for moose up the Raush. This does not affect DCFS Tenure but is a serious issue for Carrier Lumber as it would make their area a Conditional Harvest area with a 27 hectare limit in block size. Discussion and more to follow...

Correspondence: None

Old Business and Business Arising from the Minutes

Administrator Update: Katharina is doing a great job. She has great communication skills and implements great communication practises. She is proving to be a genuine asset to DCFS and BRKH.

Policy Review: This has been put off until a later date.

New Business

Donna moved that BRKH approve Katharina McNaughton as a cheque signing authority on BRKH's chequing account. Ray Johnson seconded. Carried.

Discussion regarding the issuing of a credit card for BRKH. The overriding thought is that Donna can easily write cheques in a timely manner for any of BRKH's day-to-day financial needs. Therefore no credit card is needed at this time.

AGM: Set for Wednesday, the 17th of March, at 5:00 pm at the Dunster Schoolhouse. The next, regular DCFS Directors' meeting will be held in the minutes following the AGM.

The BRKH AGM is set for Wednesday, the 21st of April.

Community Grants: The due date for this is now changed from 31 January, 2021 to 15 February, 2021. Larry will check with Archie to make sure he is still on for this.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ray Johnson; seconded by Chuck.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.