

# SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

BOARD MEETING, JULY 28-31, 1997

## COLVILLE LAKE

### MINUTES

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**Location:** Colville Lake

**Present:**

Winter Lennie	Chairperson	Ross Hagen	RWED
George Barnaby	Member	Norm Hodgson	RRRC
Russell Hall	Member	Diane Malley	Alternate
Leonard Kenny	Alternate	Robert Nowosad	SRRB
Paul Latour	Member	Michelle Wheatley	SRRB
Gerry LePrieur	Member		
Ruby McDonald	Member		

**Monday, July 28, 1997, 4:00pm**

North Wright Air – charter, Norman Wells to Colville Lake Lodge.

**Tuesday, July 29, 1997, 9:00am**

1. Call to order – Chairperson, Winter Lennie called the Board Meeting to order.
2. Introduction of meeting participants and guests – Winter Lennie introduced all those present at the meeting. He explained that George Barnaby would be joining us later in the day.
3. Review and acceptance of the Agenda –  
**SRRB 60-1997: Motion to accept the Agenda – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Russell Hall. Carried**
4. Review and acceptance of the Minutes –  
**SRRB 61-1997: Motion to approve, Minutes of the April 21-24, 1997 Board Meeting held in Norman Wells NT – moved by Russell Hall, seconded by Gerry LePrieur. Carried**
5. Business arising from the Minutes – The Executive Director provided a short review of the status of the Action Items listed in the previous Minutes.

6. Agency updates – CWS, Paul Latour advised the Board as to the current status of the revisions to the Migratory Bird Convention Act, proposed Canada Endangered Species Protection Act, both of which have been further delayed, as well as reminding the Board that effective September 1, 1997, steel shot must be used to hunt waterfowl in place of the currently used lead shot. Paul also outlined CWS work in the NWT, indicating that no specific projects were planned for the Sahtu Region

Russell Hall provided a brief summary list of recent DFO projects in the Sahtu region. He also referred to correspondence he had received from DFO, indicating that the scope of the regulations associated with the proposed Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act were to be broadened to include outfitting for sport fishing. Apparently the MVRMA may become law as early as January 1998.

Gerry LePrieur provided an overview of recent Departmental happenings including those related to the Canol Trail Dodo Canyon Park Work Plan, recently presented to the Tulita Land District. Gerry also indicated that there was a slight but definite improvement in the level of tourism activity in the region, in part being responsibility for and helping support the decision to provide increased availability of accommodation facilities in Deline, Tulita and possible Fort Good Hope. Forest fire activity has been much lower this year compared to previous years with only 17 fires reported this summer, very few of which were "actioned". Gerry indicated that regional Departmental staffing was in the final stages.

7. SRRB financial status report – The Executive Director provided the Board with copies of the 1996-1997 SRRB Audited Statements along with a 1997-98 current status financial update.

**SRRB 62-1997: Motion to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 1997, prepared by Lorraine Tremblay, C.G.A. – moved by Leonard Kenny, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried**

8. GIS additional funding requirement – The Executive Director advised the Board that the joint SRRB/RWED presentation to the Implementation Committee, seeking a separate five year fixed funding arrangement for the GIS Project was unsuccessful and thus additional cash funding would be required in order to continue operations throughout the current fiscal year. At the present time only the SRRB had committed cash funding of \$30,000.00 representing less than 20% of the projected 1997-98 budget need. Although other GIS cash funding sources had been approached for support, none had as yet agreed to commit funding. Following lengthy discussion the following motion was put forth;

**SRRB 63-1997: Motion to increase SRRB financial support for the GIS Project by an additional \$52,000.00 during the 1997-98 fiscal year – moved by Leonard Kenny, seconded by Russell Hall. Carried**

**SRRB 64-1997: Motion that the SRRB attempt to cost recover expenses associated with the production of products produced for outside clients – moved**

by Paul Latour, seconded by George Barnaby. Carried but with two abstentions.

9. Dall's Sheep Survey, Mackenzie Mountains – The Executive Director advised the Board that due in part to project design changes, the need for increased use of helicopters and more importantly the 88% increased cost of hiring community based field workers, the Dall's Sheep Project required additional 1997-98 funding. Following discussion the following motion was put forth;  
**SRRB 65-1997: Motion to approve and additional \$13,000.00 for the 1997-98 Dall's Sheep Project – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried**
  
10. Wildlife Studies Fund, TAL Investment – Winter Lennie advised the Board Members of the recent meeting he and the Executive Director had in Norman Wells with TAL representatives. The Wildlife Studies Fund will be actively managed by TAL through investment in a variety of bond and blue chip equity investments in a manner similar to that being utilized by TAL in it's dealings with SSI investments.
  
11. Great Bear Lake Management – Michelle Wheatley presented an overview summary of the activities of the former Great Bear Lake Management Committee along with a discussion paper in which she outlined options for future lake management. Following discussion it was agreed that a new group, the Great Bear Lake Advisory Group would be established. The GBLAG would be comprised of representatives from the Deline RRC, DFO, RWED, lodge owners and headed up by the SRRB representative, Russell Hall. The GBLAG would report to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board and would advise the Board on matters pertaining to the long-term management of Great Bear Lake.  
**SRRB 66-1997: Motion that the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board establish the Great Bear Lake Advisory Group, the Group to be coordinated under the direction of the SRRB representative Russell Hall – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by George Barnaby. Carried**
  
12. Outfitting Licenses – Michelle Wheatley presented an overview summary of current outfitting practices in the Sahtu Settlement Area as well as a background paper dealing with the SRRB and RWED role in issuing outfitting licenses. Following discussion it was agreed that new interim licensing measures would be implemented, measures that would more closely follow Section 13, of the Claim, Wildlife Harvesting and Management.
  
13. Tulita relocation update – Winter Lennie presented draft copies of the Tulita office space lease agreement. Present plans call for the SRRB office space to be ready for occupancy by February 1, 1998.  
**SRRB 67-1997: Motion to accept the Tulita office space lease agreement and to approve signing of the five year lease agreement between Two Rivers Development Group Ltd. and the SRRB – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by George Barnaby. Carried**

**Wednesday July 30, 1997, 9:00am**

14. Regional Renewable Resource Committee, July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting – Norm Hodgson, representing the Regional Renewable Resources Committee, outlined decisions reached by the RRRC to support the redistribution of existing Muskox tags to include both Tulita and Norman Wells. As well Norm put forth a request on behalf of the RRRC to significantly increase the total number of Muskox tags available to hunters in the Sahtu.

**SRRB 68-1997: Motion that the SRRB agree to the redistribution of Muskox tags presently held by the Colville Lake RRC, tags to be divided equally between Norman Wells and Tulita, provided that the Colville Lake RRC agree in writing to release all or part of their current four tag allocation – moved by Gerry LePrieur, seconded by Russell Hall. Carried**

A number of outstanding RRRC issues were discussed and various approaches were suggested to address the issues. Board Members were encouraged whenever possible to attend community based RRC meetings and to enhance or establish lines of communications with the RRCs.

15. Treasury Board Guidelines – The Executive Director advised the Board of the Privy Council Office reply to questions concerning Treasury Board Guidelines relating to remuneration of Governor In Council Appointees in Boards, Agencies and Commissions. Some of the current SRRB remuneration practices fall outside existing guidelines. The Board directed the Executive Director to contact SSI and request they approach the Privy Council Office on behalf of all Sahtu based Boards seeking approval for greater flexibility of remuneration guidelines. Current SRRB remuneration practices falling outside existing guidelines may have to be adjusted pending the Privy Council Office decision.
16. SRRB communications, internal and external – Following discussion the Board directed the Executive Director to establish a list of communication contacts for each Sahtu community. SRRB prepared and publicly released material such as, The Bear Facts, GIS Notes and SRRB announcements should be circulated to the community communication outlets as well as northern newspapers such as News North and the Mackenzie Valley Viewer.
17. Management Plans, Wildlife, Fisheries, Forestry – Michelle Wheatley presented an overview of options that could be followed in developing wildlife, fisheries and forestry management plans. The three steps outlined included compiling species status reports, developing research projects and plans and finally developing management plans. Following discussion the Board directed the Executive Director

to begin work compiling species status reports for the major wildlife species in the SSA.

18. SRRB training opportunities – Wherever possible, Sahtu claimants should staff all training opportunities within the SRRB. The Executive Director advised that the first such opportunity should be available this fall once the Harvest Study gets underway with additional positions possibly developing next spring following the move to Tulita.
19. Scholarship Fund, renewable resource training – The Board directed the Executive Director to compile information on post secondary scholarships currently being offered by other renewable resource boards and agencies in the NWT and to develop a proposed scholarship program for SRRB consideration.
20. Oil and gas industry updates – Gerry LePrieur provided the Board with an update on recent oil and gas industry developments in the SSA.
21. Staff training – The Executive Director advised the Board that staff are encouraged to participate in all locally offered training courses related to their individual area of responsibility. Staff also attend scientific conferences dealing with their field of expertise and whenever possible present research papers at these conferences.
22. Staff workplans – At the present time staff are assigned new tasks on an individual priority bases and there has not been an identified need for individual workplans.
23. SRRB in camera session – **SRRB 70-1997: Motion for the Board to go in camera – moved by George Barnaby, seconded by Ruby McDonald. Carried**  
  
**SRRB 71-1997: Motion for the Board to move out of camera – moved by Gerry LePrieur, seconded by Russell Hall. Carried**
24. Correspondence – Two Outfitting License Applications were recently received from RWED requesting SRRB comment. The first document referred to an applicant that had already been granted a Sport Fishing Outfitting License on Great Bear Lake and the second document dealt with a corporate application to commence sport fishing outfitting also on Great Bear Lake. Following discussion the Board passed the following Motion;  
**SRRB 69-1997: Motion that RWED may accept applications for Outfitting Licenses for Great Bear Lake and should notify the applicant that all licenses are on hold pending recommendations of the Great Bear Lake Advisory Group – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Gerry LePrieur. Carried**
25. Additional Business – A request was put forth to have all printed material previously prepared for the Board meeting, handed out prior to the start of the meeting to allow time for the Members to read the material before the item was tabled. Ideally material should be distributed to the Members at least ten days to a week prior to

Members arriving at the meeting and in order to facilitate this practice Members should submit Agenda items and accompanying written material to the Executive Director at least three weeks prior to Board meetings.

The Executive Director showed preliminary drawings of a proposed SRRB logo and an accompanying written explanation of the items depicted in the drawings to the Board. Though the general approach was felt to be acceptable, Board Members made several suggestions on how best to enhance the image and suggested that additional logo attempts be presented at the next meeting.

26. Next meeting – The next Board meeting will be held in Deline, October 20-23, 1997.
27. Adjournment – **SRRB 72-1997: Motion to adjourn the Colville Lake Board Meeting – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried**



**ACTION ITEMS**

<b><u>ITEM:</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u></b>
1. Have an Agenda item dealing with GIS and possible financial support by the Land and Water Board presented at the upcoming Tulita LWB meeting	Ruby McDonald
2. Send a letter to the RRCs encouraging them to invite SRRB Members to their meetings	Executive Director
3. Continue workshops advising RRCs about the procedures to be followed related to reviewing and responding to research and land travel applications	Ruby McDonald
4. Request SSI support in having Governor in Council revamp current Treasury Board remuneration guidelines	Executive Director
5. Prepare communication contact lists for all Sahtu communities and circulate SRRB material prepared for public release	Executive Director
6. Begin preparing major wildlife species status reports	Executive Director
7. Research and prepare proposal outlining possible SRRB scholarship program	Executive Director
8. Redesign logo suggestion and present new ideas at the next Board meeting	Executive Director

**RESULTS – April/97 ACTION ITEMS**

<b><u>ITEM NO.</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>
1.	Ruby McDonald	pending
2.	Executive Director	completed, presentation pending
3.	Executive Director	completed
4.	Executive Director	completed, presentation pending
5.	Executive Director	support declined
6.	Executive Director	completed, nominations pending