

2000

**SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD
BOARD MEETING - DELINE
JULY 3-6, 1999**

PRESENT: *Winter Lennie - Chairperson
Ruby McDonald - Vice-Chairperson
Russ Hall - Board Member
Frederick Andrew - President, Tulita RRC
Jim Moore - Executive Director
Suzie Silastiak - Office Manager
Janna Promislow - Davis & Company, Yellowknife*

The meeting commenced at 9:45 a.m. at the Deline Lands/Financial Corporation Building.

Janna (presentation): Powers of the Board, Roles and Responsibilities, Powers of the Renewable Resources Councils.

Summaries: wildlife, harvesting regulations, consultations.

Discussion on commercial/sport fishing.

The majority of the presentation included Section 13 of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, Volume I.

Presentation adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 4, 1999

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Winter summarized the issue of Grizzly Bear Studies in the Norman Wells area.

Fred questioned the harvesting of grizzly bears in the Mackenzie Mountains. (Good information for the RRC's).

Discussion on priorities (issues) with the RRC's. Recommendations were: meeting with SRRB and the RRC's; travel to each individual community, etc.

Communications: Executive Director - Board office - public and RRC's.

Winter spoke on developing a strategic plan with the aid of a facilitator/co-ordinator. Also, briefed on the roles and responsibilities of the SRRB and the Board members; professional/technical staff.

- LUNCH BREAK -

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Ruby McDonald questioned whether the SRRB had any promotional items such as pins.

Winter stated that the harvest study program had items such as hats, mugs, lighters, pocket calendars; but that the Board itself have not purchased any promotional items except for portfolio bags for the Board members and staff.

Russ Hall recommended that a working session be held after the next SRRB meeting.

Winter spoke on the 'conduct of meetings' - planning of the agenda, action items. Operating Procedures Manual - no index. Recommends that an index be included with the revised Operating Procedures Manual.

Policies and procedures can be changed at any time; by-laws to be revised at annual meetings.

He further recommended a lawyer be present at the strategic planning meeting; also, our book-keeper to be present, along with an investor from TAL.

**SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD
BOARD MEETING - DELINE
JULY 5, 1999**

PRESENT: *Winter Lennie - Chairperson
Ruby McDonald - Vice-Chairperson
Leonard Kenny - Board Member (alternate)
Russ Hall - Board Member
Jim Moore - Executive Director
Suzie Silastiak - Office Manager*

1. **1. CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.
2. **2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND MEETING PARTICIPANTS**
N/A
3. **3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA - ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**
 - Dates of the agenda to be changed from July 6-8 TO July 5-6, 1999.*
 - Recommendation: To bring TAL in for next Board meeting and cancel the conference call with scheduled for Wednesday (7/07/99) morning.*
 - *- Swearing in of Celina Stroeder to the Board scheduled for tomorrow morning, 11:30.*
 - *- Russ requested that Correspondence and Agency Updates be added to future agendas.*

MOTION # - 1999

"THAT THE AGENDA BE REVISED WITH PROPOSED CHANGES".

*Moved by: Ruby McDonald, Seconded by: Leonard Kenny.
Motion Carried.*

4. **4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - MARCH 22/99**
Not accepted due to the verbatim format. To do over and presented at the next Board meeting. (Copies to be distributed to the Board members prior to meeting).
5. **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - ACTION ITEMS**
Summarized. Jim expressed concern regarding the 1999/2000 proposed projects. (Letters to be sent regarding the accepted proposals).

6. **UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

Only one representative from a RRC (Tulita), Fred Andrew in attendance.

Recommended that a facilitator be hired to conduct this session.

Discussion on by-laws, policies and procedures. (To find out whether the Board requires by-laws to operate).

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

(The Board Members felt that only urgent items be discussed).

Staffing - 25 applicants received for the Harvest Study Co-ordinator position.

- recommended that a position be created for Executive Director Trainee. (Strategic Planning Session)

Financial/Audit - Extended deadline to _____.

Trailers - deficiencies reported. (water tanks, skirting, insulation, driveways).

- Russ suggested that a letter be written to the lessee stating the Board will hire a worker, then deduct amount from rent due to their leniency in our continuous requests for maintenance work.*

Warehouse - needed to store skidoos, canoes, field equipment, also, space needed for lab work. Recommendation: to look around Tulita, if unsuccessful, then purchase, sell and lease. Inquire about land.

Operating Procedures Manual - few changes.

Filing System - proposed alpha numeric system.

Summer Student Program - to be advertised. Recommend that the student work with Alasdair in Norman Wells.

Meeting adjourned: 4:15 p.m.

**SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD
MEETING - DELINE
JULY 7, 1999**

PRESENT: *Winter, Leonard, Russ, Celina, Ruby
Jim, Suzie.*

Winter updated Celina on meeting discussions.

- 8. STAFF ATTENDANCE/JOB DESCRIPTIONS**
- 9. STAFF SALARIES/BENEFITS**

MOTION # - 1999
**"THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD GO
IN-CAMERA".**

*Moved by: Celina Stroeder, Seconded by: Russ Hall.
Motion Carried.*

MOTION # -1999
"THAT THE SRRB COME OUT OF IN-CAMERA".

*Moved by: , Seconded by .
Motion Carried.*

2:15 p.m.

- 10. LETTER TO GNWT**
*RE: Special Harvesting Areas. Restrictions lifted (?) until issue
resolved - outfitters, sport/commercial fishing. Board agreed.*
- 11. DELINE MEETING (LANDS CORPORATION/RRC)**
*Report: Winter Lennie. Harvest Stude, Great Bear Lake
Management Committee, Regional Renewable Resources Council.*
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE**
*Agenda item.
Letter from Gordon Yakeleya, President, Tulita Lands/Financial
Corporation.
Information packages to be sent to all Board members prior to Board
meetings.*

Implementation Committee (GNWT, Federal Government, Sahtu Tribal Council) - Tulita - August 10/99.

Discussion on accommodations - board/staff - travel. Agreed that it's the individual's choice.

Celine questioned on the membership of the Great Bear Lake Advisory Committee. (GNWT, DFO, Deline RRC, SRRB and five lodges).

Co-chairs meeting. (This fall in Inuvik).

RWED Staff in Tulita today for initial meeting on the Wildlife Act.

Patrol areas: Mile 222, Kelly Lake.

Fire season.

Sheep Study (NW) - completed. Will give regional update at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Fort Good Hope - November 2,3,4/99; travel days: Nov. 1 and 5/99.

Letter to Paul Latour, re: attendance.

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MOTION # - 1999

"THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED"

Moved by: Ruby McDonald, Seconded by: Celina Stroeder.

Motion Carried.

3:33 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

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- I. *Operating Procedures Manual***
 - *index to be included (Jim Moore)*
- II. *SRRB Meeting - Nov. 1-5/99***
 - *TAL to be invited (Jim Moore)*
- III. *Minutes/Information Package***
 - *To be distributed to Board Members prior to meetings. (Jim Moore/Suzie Silastiak)*
- IV. *1999/2000 Proposed Projects***
 - *Letters to accepted parties. (Jim Moore)*
- V. *SRRB By-Laws***
 - *To be looked into (Jim Moore)*
- VI. *Two Rivers Development Group***
 - *Letter to be sent regarding maintenance. (Jim)*
- VII. *Storage/Warehouse***
 - *Plan. (Jim Moore)*
- VIII. *Summer Student Program***
 - *Advertise. (Suzie)*
- IX. *Special Harvesting Areas***
 - *Letter to RWED. (Winter)*
- X. *Meeting Attendance (CWS Alternate Member)***
 - *Lack of participation, possibility of another alternate. (Winter)*

(C=Complete; IC=Incomplete; NR=Not Required)

SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD MEETING
DELINE, N.W.T.
JUNE 07, 1999

PRESENT: *SRRB (Chairperson Winter Lennie; Office Mgr. Suzie Silastiak)*
 RWED (Alasdair Veitch)
 Deline Land Corporation (Raymond Taniton and Members)
 Deline Renewable Resources Council (Leroy Andre and Members)

The meeting commenced at 1:40 p.m. at the Deline Land Corporation Building.

President Raymond Taniton opened the meeting with introductions.

Chairperson, SRRB, Winter Lennie briefed the delegation on the SRRB'S work to date. He mentioned that this has been one year since the last meeting with Deline. As Deline is included the settlement area, it is the Board's responsibility to include Deline in all programs and projects. Any problems that were risen in the past can be resolved. Update. Winter informed the delegation that he has been Acting Executive Director since December 1998, up until the latter part of April 1999. The Board's office moved to Tulita from Norman Wells in November; into the new hotel building. The Board is presently leasing four (4) modular homes from 984214 NWT Ltd. In Tulita to house Board employees.

The last Board meeting was held in March 1999. During this time, interviews were done to hire an Executive Director. The successful candidate was Jim Moore; and began employment April 22, 1999. Office Manager, Suzie Silastiak, was hired Nov. 24/98. Harvest Study Worker, Janet Bayha, was hired April 19/99 and Rosa Etchinelle, Wildlife Technician on April 19/99. The Harvest Study Co-ordinator, Ed McLean and Biologist Bruce MacDonald recently hired. These two positions to be filled in the near future.

Winter informed the delegation on the Board Members - Ruby McDonald (alternate Archie Lennie Sr.), Tulita District; Danny Gaudet (alternate Leonard Kenny), Deline District; George Barnaby (alternate Lucy Jackson), K'ahsho Got'ine District; Paul Latour (alternate Kevin McCormick), Canadian Wildlife Service; Celina Stroeder (alternate Keith Hickling), RWED; Russ Hall (alternate Diane Malley), Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Member Ruby McDonald spoke on the hiring of professional staff, where it is necessary to hire staff with university degrees, and exceptional qualifications.

Winter stated that the Board is attempting to utilize many of our own people to fill these positions, and that education and training is important. Scholarships are available; a Summer Student Program will be available very soon; and also, educational programs will be available to the students by our Wildlife Technician and Harvest Study Worker.

Leonard Kenny questioned the position of the Harvest Study Co-ordinator at the present time.

Winter replies that Janet Bayha has been doing the work until this position is filled, and has been doing a good job.

Leonard explained to the delegation that he has been appointed the alternate member from the Deline District. Danny Gaudet has been the main member on the SRRB. His resignation from the SRRB is forthcoming. His concern is that this position be filled as well. (Two seats to be filled: main member and alternate member).

Slide Presentation: Alisdair Veitch, RWED, Norman Wells.

President, Raymond Taniton, Deline Land Corporation, stated that the Deline Renewable Resources Council is appointed by the Deline Land Corporation.

Winter stated that one of the obligations of the SRRB is the implementation of the Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study as stated in the Implementation Plan for the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

He further informed the delegation that this study was set up by the Working Group, at an annual meeting for Harvest Study Co-ordinators. Deline was the only community which did not participate.

The importance of this study is that this provides necessary information for the Board and government to effectively manage wildlife.

Leroy Andre (Deline Renewable Resources Council) informed of the problems encountered with Robert Nowosad, former Executive Director of the SRRB. He expressed interest on training to run their own Harvest Study Program. Willing to compromise on issues with the new Board and the staff.

Winter informed the Deline delegation that employment opportunities with this study is available; one or two people can be hired. Arrangements can be made to set up a meeting with Janet Bayha and the DRRC on training a Harvest Study worker.

At present, Kirk Computer Systems Ltd. From Yellowknife are designing a software program for data collection. This information can be accessed by the Renewable Resources Councils in the region.

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board works closely with other RRC's with the exception of Deline. The only work done together was the Muskox Study which was done in March 1997.

(Translation by Raymond Taniton).

Elder Alfred Taniton stated that wildlife is a big issue to all elders. Regarding the Harvest Study: important to inform ALL residents of Deline of this Harvest Study. It is necessary wot work together in this issue.

Elder Leon Modeste spoke on the care and protection of wildlife. He did not like the idea of helicopters being used during studies of the animals. He, too, stressed the importance of working together in order to gain from each other.

(Translation by Leroy Andre).

Elder Paul Baton also spoke on the protection of the wildlife, this is an important issue. Also, important to inform the elders everything that goes on pertaining to wildlife. Any decisions made should be with community consultation.

Leroy advised Winter that a meeting be set up soon with the DRRC and SRRB to begin the Harvest Study. Agrees to work jointly with the SRRB.

Grizzly Bear Study: Winter informed the delegation that funds are available for this study. This study/plan can be designed after the new biologist is hired - towards the end of June.

Raymond Taniton spoke on the issue of wildlife studies. He felt as though Deline was always on the 'end of the stick'.

Winter explained that these studies are being done with the utilization of local people within own communities. This is based on recommendations from the RRC's.

Fisheries Proposal. (Lake Trout Proposal at Keith Arm) The Department of Fisheries and Oceans was not present at the last Board meeting so proposal was not settled. Winter suggested that a follow up letter be sent to the Board in regards to this proposal.

Regional Renewable Resources 'Council' consists of the Presidents from the five Renewable Resources Councils. The SRRB can allocate funds for meetings. Recommendations, as a result from these meetings. can be forwarded to SRRB.

Suggestion: The RRC's meet prior to the SRRB meeting in Deline, July 2-8, 1999. Any decisions made, should be made by the RRC's and the people.

(Agenda Item for the Strategic Planning Meeting).

Winter informed the delegation on the Great Bear Lake Management Advisory Committee; this is an advisory committee to the SRRB. The committee consists of members from DFO, GNWT, SRRB, TROPHY FISHING LODGES and the DRRC. Questioned whether Deline wants to continue sitting on this committee. Again, SRRB, can fund the committee for meetings held. The SRRB will await a response from Deline on this issue.

MuskOx Study. Project completed in March of 1997. This project was funded by the SRRB. As a result, the quota was increased from 11 to 27.

Leroy Andre brought up the issue of boundaries. He felt that the boundaries set was with recommendation from the SRRB.

Winter informed that NO recommendations were made by the SRRB. ALL recommendations were made by the RRC's.

The Deline Land Corporation and the Deline Renewable Resources Council to sort out the MuskOx issue.

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 p.m.