

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting  
24-26 February 2004  
Deline, NT**

**February 24, 2004**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Walter Bayha  
Russell Hall  
Leonard Kenny  
Norman Simmons  
Ronald Pierrot  
Keith Hickling

**STAFF**

Jody Snortland  
Glen Guthrie

**GUESTS**

Richard Kochon – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC  
Alexis Blancho – Behdzi Ahda’ RRC  
Gordon Mackeinzoo – Deline RRC  
Michael Neyelle – Translator  
Leon Modeste – Deline RRC  
Alfred Taniton – Deline RRC  
George Kenny – Deline RRC  
Paul Modeste – Deline RRC  
Winter Lennie – Norman Wells RRC  
Rhea McDonald – Norman Wells RRC  
Pam Lennie – Norman Wells RRC  
Wilfred McDonald – Norman Wells RRC  
Wilfred Lennie Sr. – Tulita RRC  
Alfred Lenny Sr. – Tulita RRC

Alasdair Veitch – RWED-Sahtu  
Warren Parsons – DFO  
Raymond Tutcho – Deline Chief  
Israel Neyelle – Student  
Cody Tutcho – Student  
Leroy Andre – Public  
Joe Blondin Jr. – Public  
Dolphus Tutcho – Public  
Johnny Vital – Public  
Charlie Neyelle – Public  
Jonas Peter – Public  
Greg Bayha – Public  
Patrick Cleary – Sahtu Dene Council

**Meeting convened @ 9:35 a.m.**

**1. Opening Prayer**

- Opening prayer by Richard Kochon

**2. Review of Agenda**

- Agenda revisions:
  - Traditional Knowledge Committee to meet Tuesday evening; update to be discussed Wednesday
  - Public Information Session moved to Tuesday evening
  - Brendan Bell, RWED Minister, & Norman Yakeleya, Sahtu MLA, to arrive Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
  - RRC Meeting moved to Wednesday as Fort Good Hope RRC not arriving until later on Tuesday

**SRRB Motion #02-24-04-01**

- To accept the agenda with above revisions

**Moved by: Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**  
**Carried Unanimously**

### **3. Review of Previous Minutes**

- 11 December 2003
  - SLWB Application Reviews; currently, no policies to review licence applications; although SRRB has no jurisdiction over terms and conditions, the SLWB relies on the Board to make comments re: wildlife and habitat
  - Board to meet together to go over typical licence applications; put together general set of responses

**ACTION (ED):** Put together a meeting for Board Members/Alternates re: SRRB responses to SLWB licence applications

#### **SRRB Motion #02-24-04-02**

- To accept the 11 December 2003 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Carried Unanimously**

- 23-24 September 2003
  - Questioned whether Marina Hansen-Lennie had provided transcripts and proof of enrollment as per Board's request
  - Scholarship cheque sent March 17<sup>th</sup> following receipt of requested items

#### **SRRB Motion #02-24-04-03**

- To accept the 23-24 September 2003 minutes as presented

**Moved by: Norman Simmons**  
**Seconded by: Russell Hall**  
**Carried Unanimously**

### **4. Review of Financial Statement**

- Audit costs - \$7000; performed by Lorraine Tremblay, CGA; staff satisfied with her work
- Income statement – to ensure budget line items include figures from all funds so comparison more correct
- Recommendation made for the RRCO to develop separate budget to accomplish job description without administrative hassles

#### **SRRB Motion #02-24-04-04**

- To develop a separate budget, in line with Board priorities, for the Renewable Resources Communication Officer

**Moved by: Norman Simmons**  
**Seconded by: Russell Hall**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (RRCO):** To submit a budget required for accomplishing job description

**SRRB Motion #02-24-04-05**

- To accept the financial statement as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**5. Laptop Computer Quote**

- Jody requested to purchase new laptop with docking station (Calsolutions Inc. quote tabled); tender old laptop and CPU

**SRRB Motion #02-24-04-06**

- To purchase new laptop as per tabled quote

**Moved by: Norman Simmons**  
**Seconded by: Russell Hall**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**6. Harvest Study Update – Jody Snortland**

- Harvest Study Summary Update tabled
- Harvest Study Mapper - tool that uses various inputs, including species, community, and time of year, to map out harvest; demonstration given; several glitches noted

**ACTION (ED):** To have computer administrator review and fix Harvest Study Mapper glitches

**7. Renewable Resource Communication Officer Update – Glen Guthrie**

- Project WILD – an educational program; recent community tours completed; Glen to take over Sahtu component and upgrade northern content
- Newsletter to be distributed in March; to be added to website
- Suggestions – to add a conservation education page to website; address question of “Why do we survey”; work more closely with Bands to distribute information

**ACTION (RRCO):** To bring educational activity to next Board meeting

**8. RRC Concerns**

- Fur Advance Program – trappers used to be guaranteed \$55; however, this was not the case in 2003-04

- Changes made to program in November 2003; labeled as Genuine Mackenzie Valley Furs to provide buyers with best marten in the world (well handled; prime fur; caught with quick kill traps)
- Advance program – officers grade pelt before advancing \$55 (must be prime fur; well handled with little to no damage; stretched with good leather); if pelt is stained, damaged, or not prime, no advance is given
- Concern that no consultation was done before changing program; communities with no officers were unaware of changes
- New officer recently hired for Deline (Jay Stevens)
- Fur Auction – trappers want the choice of where to ship their fur
  - RWED puts out a tender for an auction house; currently, North Bay has the contract
  - North Bay: Marten avg. \$89; Western Canadian: avg. \$80 US
- Gutpiles & Hides – recently, a large number of gutpiles have been found along the winter road from Tulita to Deline; should be buried off road to show respect to caribou & people; only beneficiaries and First Nations people should be allowed to hunt; need two RWED officers or community monitors in the winter
  - Illegal to shoot along or across road
  - Working with the Dept. of Transportation to produce signs to put along winter road

**9. a) Great Bear Lake Working Group Update**

- Great Bear Lake Working Group Update – October 2003 to February 2004 tabled
- Deline community members expressed the importance of the project; must support one another to ensure Great Bear Lake is protected; must ensure that community of Deline is involved in all decision-making (both youth and elders)

**b) TAL Update**

- Wildlife Studies Fund Summary Update & Draft Statement of Investment Policy and Procedures tabled
- Suggestion made to pool investments with Sahtu Trust to get better rates of return

**ACTION (ED):** To set up conference call between Board members and Deborah Lewis, TAL, during the week of 1-5 March 2004

**c) Implementation Update**

- Implementation Update, as of 20 February 2004, tabled
- SRRB should sit at the negotiation table as resource people
- Communities would like to see monies used to carry on cultural/traditional activities; to train and establish community monitors

**ACTION (ED):** To respond to DIAND letter, 13 Feb 04, reflecting the SRRB's wish to be present during negotiations

**10. Tulita Yamoria Community Secretariat – Observer Status**

- Tulita Yamoria Community Secretariat letter, 17 Sept 03, tabled
- SRRB is a public board; all meetings are open; minutes can be found on the website; Board has no authority to set official observer status

**ACTION (ED):** To respond to Tulita Yamoria Community Secretariat letter, 17 Sept 03, with above comments

**11. Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Proposal**

- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Proposal tabled
- Concerns expressed about community handout; have seen from the past that printed material has limited value
- Suggest the use of PowerPoint presentation as able to change and accommodate to audience as new information is made available; ensure community is consulted during development of project to ensure vision is met

**ACTION (ED):** To send letter supporting CPAWS proposal with above comments

**12. Protected Areas Strategy Candidate Area – Tulita Dene Band**

- Tulita Dene Band letter, 16 Feb 04, tabled
- Important harvesting areas; sacred sites and routes of Mountain Dene; protection of land and wildlife is important; must support other communities wishing to protect areas for future generations
- Since Land Claim does not protect all lands in the Sahtu, Protected Areas Strategy is another avenue

**SRRB Motion #02-24-04-07**

- To support the community of Tulita in its endeavour to secure Protected Area Status for the Drum Lake, Raven’s Throat & Redstone Rivers, Keele River & Headwaters, and Nahanni Headwaters areas

**Moved by: Leonard Kenny**

**Seconded by: Norman Simmons**

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To send letter supporting the Tulita Dene Band’s efforts to protect the candidate areas listed above

**Meeting recessed @ 4:30 p.m.**

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**February 25, 2004**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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Edith Mackeinzoo – Translator  
Darwin Bateyko – U of Calgary  
Alicia Korpach – Ducks Unlimited Canada  
Stephen Charlie – DFO  
Kim Howland – DFO  
Patrick Cleary – Sahtu Dene Council  
Norman Yakeleya – Sahtu MLA

**Meeting convened @ 9:35 a.m.**

**13. Sahtu Renewable Resources Traditional Knowledge Study**

- Project to collect renewable resource related traditional knowledge
- Local people to be involved from beginning; Deborah Simmons, Social Scientist with expertise in the TK field, will be providing valuable input
- TK committee meeting the evenings of Feb 24 & 25 to discuss and develop proposal; full presentation to group on Feb 26

**14. Harvest Study Data Request – Mackenzie Gas Project**

- Mackenzie Gas Project letter, 18 Feb 04, tabled
- RRCs opposed to releasing specific harvest information to industry; information to be used by communities and SRRB to make wildlife management decisions; communities were told that information would remain confidential
- Policy should be developed stating that specific Harvest Study data should not be given to industry

### **SRRB Motion #02-25-04-08**

- To deny the Mackenzie Gas Project access to specific Harvest Study data for use in its Baseline Report

**Moved by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Seconded by: Keith Hickling**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To respond to the Mackenzie Gas Project indicating that specific Harvest Study data will not be released

**ACTION (ED):** To develop policy regarding the distribution of Harvest Study data

### **15. Upcoming Meetings & Conferences**

- Staff unable to attend Waste Management Forum and NGO Workshop – Mackenzie Gas Project due to other commitments
  - Walter to attend NGO Workshop, 23-24 March, YK
  - Keith to try and attend Waste Management Forum, 16-18 March, Norman Wells
- Wildlife Health Community Tour – Glen, Alasdair & Susan Kutz, Wildlife Veterinarian, 15 – 30 March 2004
- Concerns noted by RRCs about attendance at Mackenzie Gas Project workshops – possibly seen as consultations by Sahtu; noted that SRRB should take lead and have meeting with MVEIRB and RRCs to have discussions about the environmental assessment process

**\*\* RRC Caucus** – to develop list of concerns to bring forward to Brendan Bell, RWED Minister

### **16. Minister of RWED & Sahtu MLA – Brendan Bell & Norman Yakeleya**

**\*\*** In this section, the notes reflect the comments made by each individual

- Winter Lennie
  - Mackenzie Gas Project Environmental Assessment – MVEIRB process
    - RRCs are under-funded and therefore, unable to meet responsibilities/obligations
    - No resources available to participate in process; require monies for staffing, full-time offices, and research capabilities
    - RWED promoting development but providing no funds to organizations to deal with development; difficult for communities to support GNWT development opportunities
  - Enforcement/Tools – have no way to protect land because tools/mechanisms to protect wildlife are not in place; to date, have had limited results when seeking help from RWED Minister
    - No mechanism in place to enforce exclusive hunting rights; in the past, senior GNWT officials have stated that to deal with this issue, a new Wildlife Act was required (which is not completed); RRCs and SRRB believe this can be dealt with through a simple

- regulation change; brought to senior GNWT officials at three separate SRRB meetings and still nothing has happened
  - No method in place to regulate access on private lands for recreational purposes; even if individuals are told NO, they can still do whatever they want because no Trespass Act in NWT
  - Sahtu Land Use Plan has not been finalized; communities are being asked to consider development when Land Use Plan is not completed
  - Protected Areas Strategy has not been finalized; process needs to be set up
- Mr. Bell
  - Recognize the challenges RRCs and communities face in responding to development, especially large-scale (e.g. pipeline)
    - RRCs require baseline information in order to determine impacts and make informed decisions
    - Inadequate resources (funds and capacity) have been available to RRCs and other community organizations; monies need to flow into programs that will help address these problems and allow meaningful participation
    - RWED must reassess community needs and look at rearranging funding priorities in the department
    - Federal government also has a role in building capacity and ensuring communities are able to take advantage of development opportunities
  - Regulations
    - Enforcing exclusive hunting rights and access on private lands does not require a new Wildlife Act
    - Unfortunately, regulation changes seem to take a long time; uncertain where bottleneck is occurring (either at RWED or Justice Departments)
    - Possibly develop a new process for regulation changes (Fall 2004); require consultations with both settled and unsettled areas of NWT
    - To enacted a Trespass Act would require consultations with NWT residents and MLAs; will raise issue with RWED and in legislature
    - Protected Areas Strategy has both federal and territorial components; implement strategy in tandem with developments
  - Breadth of RWED
    - Economic development drives the department; internal battle for resources
    - Must effectively deliver programs and services to communities
- Richard Kochon
  - In the past, governments did everything for the people; today, communities need to lead their own initiatives



- Require resources from government to ensure community initiatives are successful
- RRCs are to help their community with wildlife issues
- Mr. Bell
  - RRCs and co-management boards have more expertise with wildlife and the land (thousands of years)
  - Want to foster relationships between RRCs, co-management boards, and government
  - Require creativity to move funds from other programs
- Gordon Mackeinzo
  - Concerned about the lack of consultation about changes made to the GNWT Fur Purchasing Program; many trappers in Deline did not receive the entitled \$55
  - Harvesting along winter road
    - Outsiders not checking in with Deline RRC
    - Leaving unsightly carcasses and gut piles on road
    - Require wildlife monitors from community
  - Fishing in Special Harvesting Areas
- Mr. Bell
  - Recent adjustments have been made to the GNWT Fur Purchasing Program; majority of changes have been positive
    - Confusion about program the result of there being no RWED officer in the community of Deline
  - Trappers can send pelts to other auction houses but no advances will be given (shipping will be covered by RWED)
    - Advance mechanism only in place with tender winner (North Bay)
  - Recently have hired a RWED officer for Deline
    - Believe officer will help community to address hunting issues more quickly and help RWED determine where programs are coming up short
  - Out of respect, Chiefs from other communities should be informing Deline when their Band members are hunting in the vicinity
  - Auditor General has indicated that the federal government has poorly handled the settling of land claims
    - GNWT needs to be made more aware of commitments made in the past to make sure they are dealt with efficiently and effectively
- Ronald Pierrot
  - Land Claim gives RRCs many responsibilities related to wildlife and the environment
    - RRCs must be well-oriented about their responsibilities
    - Currently, unable to fully complete all responsibilities due to under-funding

- Hard time accepting when governments say there isn't enough money
  - Pay a lot of taxes
  - Lots of activity in Norman Wells
- Mr. Bell
  - Recognize that communities are tired of hearing about lack of money available
    - Government must try and be more creative in program delivery
  - Royalties and taxes are given to the federal government
    - GNWT looking at devolution and fair resource revenue sharing
    - Currently, delivering programs and services that cost more in the North with limited funds
    - Only one Member of Parliament for the NWT
  - Ensure that communities are ready for development
    - Help deliver orientation and training programs to RRCs
- Winter Lennie
  - Consultation definition
    - Land Claim has a clear definition
    - GNWT has never indicated whether or not they agree with definition
  - Wildlife Act
    - Consultation process – SRRB one of the last groups consulted on short notice; should have been consulted early to help GNWT determine process, etc.
    - Residency requirement change (2 years to 1 year); RRCs do not support this change; believe Sahtu should consider legal action similar to Gwich'in if change is made
  - Pipeline Readiness Office
    - Why located in Yellowknife?
    - How can RRCs and SRRB access funds from this office? Will GNWT support RRCs and SRRB accessing funds from this office?
    - Has GNWT accessed funds from this office?
- Mr. Bell
  - What is adequate consultation?
    - Currently, notifying communities what activities are happening
    - Needs to be more meaningful
    - Partnerships with Aboriginal governments and communities are a GNWT priority
  - Wildlife Act process
    - More public consultation to happen prior to tabling bill
    - Believe that if adequate population management is happening, then the residency requirement is not as important
  - Pipeline Readiness Office – create to deal with regulatory issues
    - Uncertain if GNWT has used any funds from this office; will find out

- GNWT will support RRCs efforts to receive funds from the federal government to deal with development
- Ronald Pierrot
  - How will we be notified about concerns noted today?
- Mr. Bell
  - To provide information to Walter to disseminate to RRCs
- Walter Bayha
  - SRRB mandate of wildlife and forest management spelled out in the Land Claim Ch.13
  - Important to support RRCs
    - Created new position, Renewable Resource Communications Officer, to bridge the gap between RRCs and the SRRB
    - Plainspeak – plain-language training tool that will help RRCs understand their responsibilities; adaptable to a variety of audiences
    - Demand for monies to aid trappers to continue subsistence harvest
  - Must work together to foster a closer relationship between RWED Minister and the SRRB
  - What are GNWT wildlife priorities?
  - Currently, only one management plan in the NWT for caribou; set to expire at the end of March 2004
    - Must work together to initiate management plans for wildlife species in the Sahtu
    - Great Bear Lake Working Group developing a management plan for the Deline District of Great Bear Lake watershed
  - SRRB developing a traditional knowledge pilot project for 2004
  - Need wildlife officers and a superintendent in the Sahtu
- Mr. Bell
  - Important to improve relationships; must be able to work together to quickly identify and handle concerns before they become a major problem
  - RRC & SRRB training
    - Important to have a real understanding of roles and responsibilities; increases effectiveness of grassroots input
  - Need to improve process for regulation changes
    - Must be more responsive; embarrassing to hear about four-year turnaround
  - Glad to hear the SRRB will be developing a policy to deal with increasing development; ask for help from GNWT
  - Management plan expiring in March 2004; wish to see revised
  - RRCs and SRRB need to be champions to collect traditional knowledge and demand that it is a priority
  - Commitment to improve background about wildlife/environment programs and processes as well as land claims

- Mr. Yakeleya
  - Mr. Bell is a good person to work with (open door policy)
  - Federal government must own up to obligations made to the Sahtu
  - Must work together to educate communities about process and to learn from our elders
  - Hope to bring the Premier to Sahtu in June

**17. Evaluating Co-Management – Darwin Bateyko**

- PowerPoint Presentation tabled
- Continue to hold research priorities workshops; ensure research application screening criteria are in line with RRC research priorities
- Develop partnership with Northern Education Programs to produce a formal board training program (useful to anyone sitting on a co-management board in the NWT); important for the Board to function together as a team and to understand the rules; board training has been identified in the projected implementation budget
- High priority to help RRCs to search out additional funding sources b/c they are our foundation
- Develop wildlife management plans (even frameworks) to lessen pressure on the SRRB; useful when reviewing land use permits & water licences
- Strategic plan important to identify where SRRB has been and where it is going

**18. DFO Update – Stephen Charlie & Warren Parsons**

- Recently, conducted a department assessment and alignment process; resulted in 60 full-time job cuts (mainly in Prairie offices)
- Due to increasing oil & gas development, NWT offices will remain relatively the same; to identify high priority activities to use funds more effectively
- Memorandum of Cabinet for \$30 million (DFO & DOE); to be used to prepare for development (oil/gas, pipeline, etc.) e.g. proposal to study lakes along proposed pipeline route
- Six DFO officers in NWT (2 in Hay River, 2 in Inuvik, 2 in Yellowknife); working closely with RWED officers
- Committed to coming to Great Bear Lake during summer; plans to establish enforcement program in Deline (similar to Lutsele'ke)

**Meeting recessed @ 3:40 p.m.**

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**Meeting convened @ 9:05 a.m.**

### **19. 2004/05 Research Funding Proposal Presentations**

#### **a) Ducks Unlimited Canada – Alicia Korpach**

- PowerPoint Presentation tabled
- Land cover classification – no fieldwork in 2004; classification of satellite images only; to be completed by 2005
- Requesting \$25,000

#### **b) Department of Fisheries & Oceans – Kim Howland**

- PowerPoint Presentations tabled
- McTavish Arm – study to be done in collaboration with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Concerns raised about lodges around Great Bear Lake; important to study each arm to see recovery from past usage; to provide copy of paper detailing lodge history
- Requesting \$22,000, \$30,000 and \$38,000 w/ budget options

#### **c) Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council – Rodger Boniface**

- Cultural activity to teach the young people of Fort Good Hope about their culture; parents will be encouraged to take their children out on the land (hope to reduce alcohol & drug abuse)
- Unable to access Harvester Trust Fund until 2006; land corporation, district land corporation and oil companies have all turned down proposal
- Lack of capacity to put together proposals

- Land Corporations should be held accountable; Benefits and Access Agreements negotiated on harvesters behalf but funds are not given to grassroots organizations
- In past, SRRB has not funded cultural activities; encourage Board to be creative about funding and helping to coordinate back-to-the-land programs
- Requesting \$44,483.34

**d) Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study – Ron Pierrot**

- To date, little effort has been put into Traditional Knowledge studies by the Board; identified by Darwin Bateyko
- Traditional Knowledge Committee put together a proposal with Deborah Simmons assistance
- Noted that this is not the proper way to submit proposal; usually community is involved from the beginning; a community process has been written into proposal (approval and development of study method)
- Requesting \$35,560

**e) RWED – Alasdair Veitch**

- Mandate to do research on all wildlife species in the Sahtu
- Expensive place to operate; no other biologists or researchers located in Sahtu
- RRCs and SRRB not charged for GIS mapping services
- Requesting \$49,760, \$29,840, \$28,700, \$25,400, and \$21,000

**20. Plainspeak Update**

- PowerPoint Presentation tabled
- Creating presentations that are technical and general in nature; can be adapted to RRCs, community organizations, and schools
- Expect final product by June 2004

**\*\* RRC Caucus** – to review and provide recommendations to the Board regarding research priorities and regulation changes

**\*\* Alasdair Veitch** – expressed concerns with SRRB Research Proposal review process; require standard procedures that do not change from year to year

**ACTION (ED):** To revise the screening and review process for SRRB research proposal applications

**21. 2004/05 CORE Budget**

- 2004/05 Core Budget tabled

**SRRB Motion #02-26-04-09**

- To accept the 2004/05 Core Budget as presented

**Moved by: Russell Hall**  
**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**22. RRC Recommendations**

- Muskox
  - Proposed change to management zone S/MX/01; RRC supports change of muskox management zone to include entire Sahtu Settlement Area
  - Extension of resident season by two months; RRC supports change of season (01 August to 31 May)
  - RRC supports banning helicopter hunting within muskox management zone
- Wolf/Wolverine
  - Create new season for outfitting in Deline District; RRC supports opening season (01 August to 31 May) for wolf & wolverine in Deline District to correspond with muskox/caribou hunting seasons
- RRC Priorities for funding proposals

No.	Project
1	Population Dynamics of the Bluenose-West Caribou Herd
2	Population Dynamics of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd
3	Community-Based Monitoring of Wildlife Health in the Sahtu
4	Great Bear Lake Trout Movements and Assessment of Keith Arm Stock(s)
5	Sahtu Geographic Information System Project
6	Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study
7	Assessment of Stock Composition of Great Bear Lake Trout by Basin
8	Sahtu Renewable Resources Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study
9	Fort Good Hope Back to the Land Program
10	Ecology of Mountain Woodland Caribou in the Sahtu
11	Middle Mackenzie Project: Land Cover Classification
12	Assessment and Stock Composition of Lake Trout in the Russell Bay and Manitou Island Areas of Keith Arm, Great Bear Lake
13	Fort Rae Cultural Trip

- SRRB to revisit old recommendations made to Minister of RWED to ensure changes are made
- Revise agenda structure
  - Deal with administrative items during first day of meeting (items of less importance to RRCs)
  - Provide separate place for RRCs to meet the first day; allow for more meaningful participation

**SRRB Motion #02-26-04-10**

- To go into an in-camera session

**Moved by: Russell Hall**

**Seconded by: Norman Simmons**

**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #02-26-04-11**

- To come out of the in-camera session

**Moved by: Russell Hall**

**Seconded by: Ronald Pierrot**

**Carried Unanimously**

**SRRB Motion #02-26-04-12**

- To approve the following list of research proposals at the listed levels of funding:
  - Middle Mackenzie Project: Land Cover Classification - \$21,000
  - Great Bear Lake Trout Movements and Assessment of Keith Arm Stock(s) - \$18,000
  - Assessment of Stock Composition of Great Bear Lake Trout by Basin - \$26,000
  - Ecology of Mountain Woodland Caribou in the Sahtu - \$45,760
  - Sahtu Geographic Information System Project - \$25,840
  - Population Dynamics of the Bluenose-West Caribou Herd - \$24,700
  - Community-Based Monitoring of Wildlife Health in the Sahtu - \$17,000
  - Sahtu Settlement Harvest Study - \$26,000
  - Sahtu Renewable Resource Traditional Knowledge Pilot Study - \$35,560
  - Pre-approved for 2005/06: Population Dynamics of the Bluenose-East Caribou Herd - \$21,400

**Moved by: Norman Simmons**

**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To write to community land corporations recommending that RRCs be included in Benefits a& Access Agreement negotiations (highlighting SDMCLCA Ch.18)

**ACTION (ED):** To complete basic needs level calculations for five years of data collection

**ACTION (ED):** To search out author to write five-year Harvest Study interim report

**SRRB Motion #02-26-04-13**

- To accept the following RRC recommendations as presented:
  - Change current muskox management zone (S/MX/01) to include entire Sahtu Settlement Area
  - Extend current resident muskox season from 01 August to 31 May



- Ban helicopter hunting within muskox management zone
- Open non-resident wolf & wolverine seasons in the Deline District from 01 August to 31 May

**Moved by: Keith Hickling**  
**Seconded by: Leonard Kenny**  
**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTION (ED):** To send recommendations to Minister of RWED for review and approval

**23. Next Board Meeting**

- 7 – 11 June 2004

**24. Adjournment**

**SRRB Motion #02-26-04-14**

- To adjourn meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**Moved by: Russell Hall**