

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Teleconference 1-866-969-8429 and code 4950573#

See appended table of decisions.

Board Participants

Walter Bayha, Chair

Michael Neyelle

Gordon Zealand

Laurel McDonald (arrived partway through)

Jeffrey Walker

Keith Hickling

Paul Latour

Staff Participant

Deborah Simmons, Executive Director

Resource People

Shauna Morgan, Pembina Institute

Jean Polfus, Natural Resources Institute,
University of Manitoba

Regrets

Pat Bobinski

Laurel McDonald

Leonard Kenny

Agenda

- Prayer, opening words, meeting agenda, conflict of interest (Chair)
- Regrets regarding belated minutes (Deb and Lori Ann)
- Board and Staff Meeting Updates
- Review of the Pembina Institute report on our role in Environmental Assessments (Shauna)
- Moose and caribou study progress report (Jean and Micheline)
- Website (Catarina)
- Various funding proposals (Deb), and Environmental Damages Fund (Keith)
- Variance Report (Deb and Lori Ann)
- February in-person meeting (Walter and Deb)

Updates

Walter, Michael, Catarina, Deb and Paul gave oral updates on meetings attended, per the list below:

a) Written updates

- Chair updates (Walter Bayha)
 - Sept 10-14, Cumulative Environmental Management Association (CEMA) Traditional Knowledge Coaching Workshop and Elders Gathering, Fort McMurray (with Deb)
 - Oct 3-4, Pathways to Arctic Innovation - 2012 Yukon North Slope Conference, Whitehorse (with Deb)
 - Nov 6-7, Peace Athabasca Delta Environmental Monitoring Program (PADEMP) Forum in Fort Chipewyan (keynote speaker)
- Catarina Owen
 - September 18-19, RRC Gathering and Joint RRC-SRRB Meeting notes
 - September 25-26 - Sahtú Exploration Readiness Session, Norman Wells
 - November 6-7, and December 13-14 – Administrative Law and Board Orientation Courses, Yellowknife (with Michael, Deb and Catarina)
 - November 13-15 - Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum, Anchorage, Alaska

b) Oral updates

- Chair updates - Walter Bayha
 - NWT Board Forum (with Jean, Catarina and Deb)
 - Wildlife Act
- Michael Neyelle
 - November 6-7, Administrative Law course, Yellowknife (with Deb and Catarina) – plus a series of meetings with Todd Paget, Brian Crane, Paul Latour etc.
 - November 22-23, Resource Development and Sustainability in the Arctic (ReSDA) Workshop, Whitehorse (with Deb)
 - December 13-14, 2012, Board Orientation Course, Yellowknife (with Catarina and Keith)
- Deb
 - CanNor discussions
- Keith - Fur Institute of Canada Climate Change project
- Paul – Species At Risk

Pembina Institute Report – SRRB in Environmental Assessments

Presentation by Shauna Morgan.

Discussion

Question: What is the governance framework within which we are providing inputs?

Likely self-government is relevant only insofar as it will encompass the role of the Land Corporations, the aboriginal land owner.

Moose and Caribou Study

Presentation by Jean Polfus.

Discussion

- Is the sampling opportunistic? Yes. Pilot program this year.
- Key challenges will be keeping updated on sample locations during the winter and trying to get a representative sample from the entire region.
- Monitors for industry will also help collect samples at no cost to the program.
- Tulita RRC will also receive extra funding from ConocoPhillips to collect samples from the Conoco Block this winter.

Website

Motion M074

Accept the proposal prepared by Catarina Owen for topical structure of the new SRRB website.

Moved by Laurel; Seconded by Keith.

Variance Report and Budget

Decision to be made by email by Friday.

Decision DE01

That the variance report and budget be approved as submitted.

Yes votes by email from Gordon Zealand, Paul Latour, Leonard Kenny, Laurel McDonald, Walter Bayha, Michael Neyelle, December 20-28.

February Board Meeting

New invitations: ConocoPhillips, Husky, Parks Canada, Steve Deschenes, SLUPB, SLWB, SSI (suggest Cindy Gilday).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

Table of Decisions

| Date | Year | Decision Type | Item # | Topic | Decision | Result |
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| Dec-19 | 2012 | Motion | M074 | Communications | Laurel McDonald/Keith Hickling. Accept the proposal prepared by Catarina Owen for topical structure of the new SRRB website. | Consensus |
| Dec-12 | 2012 | Decision | DE02 | Administration | That the variance report and budget be approved as submitted. | Approved |