

SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 20-23 1997

DELINE, NT

MINUTES

Location: Deline Cultural Centre

Present:

Winter Lennie	Chairman	Jan Adamczewski	SRRB
George Barnaby	Member	Michelle Wheatley	SRRB
Russell Hall	Member	Alasdair Veitch	RWED
Paul Latour	Member	Later Arrivals:	
Gerry LePrieur	Member	Danny Gaudet	Member
Robert Nowosad	Executive Director	Leonard Kenny	Alternate

Monday, October 20, 1997, 3:00pm

North Wright Air – charter, Norman Wells to Deline

Tuesday, October 21, 1997, 9:30am

1. Call to order – Chairman, Winter Lennie called the Board Meeting to order.
2. Introduction of guests and participants – Winter Lennie introduced those present at the meeting. He explained that Ruby McDonald would not be attending the Board meeting due to a family illness and that Leonard Kenny (Alternate) would be attending the Wednesday session in place of Danny Gaudet (Member).
3. Review and acceptance of the Agenda – Additional Agenda items 3(a) Committee/Group Honoraria and travel reimbursement; 11(a) Canol Trail travel restrictions, added.
SRRB 73-1997: Motion to accept the Agenda as amended – moved by Paul Latour, seconded by Gerry LePrieur. Carried
- 3 (a) Committee/Group Honoraria and travel reimbursement – Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that a standard honoraria of \$150.00 per meeting day, plus meals and accommodations where necessary, would be paid to all eligible representatives participating on SRRB, Working and Advisory Groups, Committees, Agencies etc. and that the honoraria would only be paid for the actual meeting days and not be paid for travel days.

While in most cases travel arrangements and travel costs to attend SRRB meetings would be taken care of by the SRRB office, it was agreed that alternate travel costs, such as by private transportation, boat, snowmobile etc., would be reimbursed on a per kilometer basis, up to a maximum of the air travel cost, in accordance with rates indicated in Schedule A of the SRRB Operating Procedures.

As outlined in the SDMCLCA, Implementation Plan, travel and other expenses of government representatives on SRRB Working and Advisory Groups, Committees, Agencies etc., are to be paid by the appointing government, where as travel and other expenses of government representatives (Members and Alternates) on the Board are to be paid for by the SRRB (if representatives are government employees no honorarium will be paid).

4. Review and acceptance of the Minutes – Amend item #6, page 2, line 4, “Agency updates” to read as follows, “September 1, 1997, steel shot or other legal alternatives”.
SRRB 74-1997: Motion to approve Minutes as amended of the July 28-31, 1997 Board Meeting held in Colville Lake NT – moved by Russell Hall, seconded by Paul Latour. 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. In reference to an old action item from the Fort Good Hope Board Meeting, Gerry LePrieur indicated that RWED would be supporting a test fishery this fall in the Fort Good Hope area (see present Agenda item #17)
6. Meetings attended – Winter Lennie provided an overview of the meetings he attended in Fort good Hope (SSI General Assembly) and in Prince George BC (Sustainable Forest Strategy). The Executive Director provided an overview of the meetings he attended in Saskatoon (National Forest Strategy), Quebec City (International Agreement on Humane Trapping Standards – Implementation Phase) and Winnipeg (Rice Financial – CINUP workshop).
7. SRRB Tulita office – Winter Lennie informed the Board that construction of the Tulita office complex, slated to house the SRRB office, had been started. Copies of the final version of the Tulita office five-year rental agreement between the developer, Two Rivers Development and the SRRB, were signed, witnessed and returned to the lawyers for further processing.
8. Agency updates – CWS – Paul Latour provided updates dealing with; Federal Government Amends Regulations on Use of Lead Shot; Endangered Species Legislation and Darnley Bay Resources – Phase II. Russell Hall provided updates dealing with the Mackenzie Valley Act and the Great Bear Lake Advisory Group. Gerry LePrieur provided updates dealing with wildlife enforcement plans associated with mile 222 of the Canol Trail and the upcoming meeting between the GNWT/Yukon Government to discuss joint enforcement efforts. He also advised the

Board that the regional RWED office was now fully staffed, that the Community Futures office was operational and that a three-year wildlife officer trainee position for the region had been approved.

9. Wildlife Business Regulations – Gerry LePrieur reviewed the new Wildlife Business Regulations (contained within the Wildlife Act) with the Board Members. Of particular interest was the section dealing with big game outfitting and the possible fines associated with violations of the Regulations.
10. Yukon – Sahtu hunting status – Gerry LePrieur advised that a tentative meeting of representatives of the GNWT-RWED, the Yukon resources department and possibly the SRRB, to discuss wildlife enforcement activity in the vicinity of the Canol Trail, was planned for late January 1998.
11. Canol Trail-Dodo Canyon Park Plan – Gerry LePrieur advised that the final draft of the proposed park development plan had been forwarded to the Tulita Land District for review and comment but as yet a decision had not been received. Gerry LePrieur recommended that the SRRB do it's best to encourage the Tulita group to reach a conclusion on the park plan matter, otherwise development dollars associated with the development plan might be lapsed.
- 11 (a). Canol Trail travel restriction – Gerry LePrieur advised that not much could be done concerning travel restrictions on the Canol Trail until the proposed development plan was finalized.
12. SRRB financial status and 1998 carry forwards – The Executive Director provided an overview of the current status of the 1997-98 budget. Additionally he outlined the proposed carry forward funding figures that will be recommended to the Federal Government for inclusion with funding for the 1998-1999 fiscal year. The Executive Director pointed out that once again, the need to provide firm carry forward budget recommendations five months before fiscal year end (based on five months of actual expenditures) combined with the uncertainty of the date the SRRB office would be relocated to Tulita, resulted in the recommended carry forward values bordering on mere guesses. The budget rules imposed by the Federal government and the threat of lapsing dollars forced under budgeting for the remainder of the 1997-1998 fiscal year.
13. Wildlife Studies Fund – The Executive Director advised that all of the Wildlife Studies Fund dollars had been released to the investment firm TAL Investment Counsel Ltd. for placement. TAL would be providing regular reports as to the status and current placement of the various forms of investment. Current projections were that interest earned on the investments would be totally reinvested without drawdown for at least the next three years.
14. Deline Renewable Resource Council – Unexplained delays resulted in the RRC failing to meet with the Board as originally scheduled. (refer to #14 later in the Minutes)

15. Regional Renewable Resource Committee – The Executive Director advised that the Colville Lake RRC had agreed verbally to release unused muskox tags by February 28 of each year to the other communities in the Sahtu Settlement Area. Attempts were to continue to have this agreement confirmed in writing.
16. Grizzly bear hunting west of Tulita – Gerry LePrieur agreed to provide the SRRB with mountain grizzly bear kill statistics. This information would then be passed along to the Tulita District Land Corporation Ltd. in response to their recent inquiry concerning same.
17. Fort Good Hope RRC funding request – Following discussion the Board agreed to provide funding, up to the limit being provided by RWED and DFO, to the Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council to undertake, The Study of Environmental Contaminants In Fish In Rorey Lake and Loon Lake during November 1997.
SRRB 75-1997: Motion to approve funding for the Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council, November 1997 fish contaminants study in Rorey and Loon Lakes up to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) or a lesser amount matched by funding from RWED and DFO - moved by Gerry LePrieur, seconded by Russell Hall. Carried
18. RWED moose survey funding request – Alasdair Veitch reviewed and explained the various options and funding request levels associated with this fall's planned moose survey in the Fort Good Hope area. Following discussion the Board agreed to support Option B, the more extensive moose survey.
SRRB 76-1997: Motion to provide funding to the Department of Resources Wildlife and Economic Development to undertake the Fort Good Hope area moose survey Option B, funding to be provided up to a maximum of thirty three thousand four hundred and twenty dollars (\$33,420.00) – moved by Gerry LePrieur, seconded by Danny Gaudet. Carried
19. Harvest Study status – The Executive Director advised that all members of the Sahtu Settlement Area Harvest Study Working Group had been appointed and that the first meeting of the Working Group would take place in Norman Wells October 23-24, 1997. (members: Joe Blondin Jr., Michel Lafferty, Paul Latour, Alfred Lennie Sr., Fred Taptuna, Alasdair Veitch)
20. Traditional knowledge – Following discussion it was suggested that as all Sahtu Boards, Agencies, Government and private sector organizations should be making greater use of traditional knowledge and incorporating it into their respective activities, it would be far more effective, efficient and economical to have one central Sahtu organization established, a Traditional Knowledge Office, who's responsibility it would be to gather traditional knowledge, record, transcribe, publish and disseminate the material to all other traditional knowledge users. Winter Lennie agreed to make a proposal to SSI to establish a Traditional Knowledge Office, an office that could be funded by all Sahtu user groups.

21. SRRB promotional material – The Executive Director sought direction from those present as to their views concerning supplying Board Members with expensive promotional items such as jackets, briefcases, travel bags etc.. Direction was also sought as to whether such items should be cost shared with the recipients or paid for totally using Board funding and if the latter then how much money should be budgeted annually for such expenditures. While there was no firm agreement amongst those present as to how best to proceed it was generally agreed that expensive promotional items such as those mentioned above should be cost shared with the Board Member receiving the item. This matter was deferred, to be discussed later once the new logo was selected and available for inclusion on promotional items.
22. Peary Caribou – RENEW Program – The Executive Director advised that although the SRRB was not formally involved in the Peary Caribou RENEW program, support was being provided to enable one of the Board staff, Jan Adamczewski to participate as an advisor on the caribou recovery team. Jan Adamczewski outlined the current Peary Caribou, RENEW program and described some of the management plans being considered.
23. Dall's Sheep Study – Jan Adamczewski outlined the past summers Dall's Sheep Study field program, highlighting some of the preliminary findings. Initial training of the field technicians provided by the three RRCs involved in the study was completed and selection of next year's study sites finalized.

One issue that developed during the course of the fieldwork was whether or not field crews could carry rifles and hunt big game while conducting wildlife studies. The Board unanimously agreed that SRRB field crews would not be allowed to hunt big game while in the field conducting wildlife studies. It was further suggested that field crews be encouraged to refrain from harvesting big game from within the selected study blocks while hunting on their own time following the field season. The Board agreed that a gun policy should be developed and included in the SRRB Operating Procedures. A draft of a SRRB gun policy should be prepared and presented at the next Board meeting.

26. RWED – 1997 wildlife projects – Alasdair Veitch provided an overview of the past seasons wildlife research work undertaken by RWED including material on: Bluenose caribou; Bathurst caribou; muskox; moose; Dall's sheep and as well Richard Popko reported on waterfowl banding and beaver surveys.
14. Deline Renewable Resource Council – The President of the Deline RRC, Leroy Andre and two of his Council members met with the Board. During general discussion Leroy mentioned that the RRC planned on getting into the outfitting business. Two major types of outfitting were planned, big game hunting for caribou, muskox and grizzly bears as well as naturalist outfitting. The RRC does not presently hold an outfitting license. Leroy inquired if it might be possible to get

a special nuisance grizzly bear outfitting license but was informed that no such category of license existed in the region.

The Deline RRC encouraged the SRRB to incorporate a traditional knowledge component into all of its research and indicated that the RRC would like to participate in the collection of traditional knowledge within the Deline district. Winter Lennie outlined the suggestion made the previous day by Danny Gaudet that a Traditional Knowledge Office be established within SSI, responsible for all traditional knowledge research. Winter indicated that he would be approaching SSI requesting that they take on the traditional knowledge-gathering role within the SSA. It was also suggested that the RRC take advantage of the opportunity they had from within their membership to utilize elders traditional knowledge when preparing the background material and support justification for research funding request proposals submitted to SRRB.

Leroy indicated that the Deline RRC needed renewable resource "data" in order to make management decisions and inquired how such "data" might be obtained and who would financially assist them to obtain information. He also stated that in the RRC's opinion, not enough wildlife studies were being undertaken in the Deline district, the district was "being ignored" by the resource researchers. Winter Lennie stated that he would like to see a coordinated approach when dealing with resource issues such as wildlife research and tourism planning and offered the services of SRRB staff to assist the Deline RRC in preparing study proposals.

The current health of fish in Great Bear Lake was also an expressed concern of the RRC and Leroy suggested that the Great Bear Lake Advisory Group should pay particular attention to this matter.

27. DFO projects 1997 & 1998 – George Low provided an overview of 1997/98 DFO projects undertaken and planned for the Sahtu area. He was advised that the SRRB agreed to co-fund, along with DFO and RWED, the November fish contaminants study in Fort Good Hope.
28. Great Bear Lake contaminants study – Marlene Evans reviewed her proposal to undertake a GBL contaminant study in conjunction with researchers from DFO. While no firm decisions were forthcoming it was agreed that Marlene should review her research ideas with the GBLAG and based on those discussions formulate a research proposal to be submitted later this winter to the SRRB.
24. SRRB Scholarship and Bursary program – Michelle Wheatley reviewed her submission outlining current scholarship and bursary programs available for students in the Northwest Territories. Following general discussion it was agreed that a series of scholarship and bursary options would be prepared and presented at the next Board meeting.

29. Correspondence – The Executive Director reviewed recently received office correspondence, including a report from DFO on Departmental sustainable development, a report from Natural Resources Canada on safeguarding our assets and securing our future through sustainable development, a copy of the Gwich'in Interim Land Use Planning Board's report dealing with the Gwich'in Land Use Plan, as well as volume #7 of RENEW.

Winter Lennie provided a recently received copy of the 1997 Spring Issue of RECOVERY and Gerry LePrieur circulated a copy of the 1995-96 Annual Report of the Sahtu Implementation Committee, as well as a copy of the 1995-96 Annual Report of the Gwich'in Implementation Committee.

30. SRRB logo – The Executive Director circulated copies of several versions of the proposed SRRB logo for review and comment. Several of the suggested design refinements that were forthcoming from those present will be incorporated into future drawings. It was agreed that copies of the final versions of the logo would be sent to all SRRB Members and Alternates who will be asked to select and rank their choices. The most widely accepted design will become the SRRB logo.
31. Additional Business – The Executive Director advised the Board that he had been informed by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada that Max Melnyk had been approved as the GNWT-RWED Alternate on the SRRB. As yet written confirmation of the approval had not been received.

Winter Lennie outlined the draft Agenda for the upcoming Co-management Chairs meeting to be held in Iqaluit November 3-5, 1997.

32. Next SRRB Meeting – The next Board meeting will be held February 10-13, 1998 in Norman Wells with the Tuesday and Friday being travel days.
33. Adjournment – **SRRB 77-1997: Motion to adjourn the Deline Board Meeting – moved by Gerry LePrieur, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried**

ACTION ITEMS**ITEM:****RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

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| 1. Revise Schedule A in the Operating Procedures to reflect current Per Diem rates, Honoraria for Representatives on SRRB Working and Advisory Groups, Committees, Agencies etc. and to reflect Use of Personal Transportation rates. | Executive Director |
| 2. Chairman to meet with Gordon Yakeleya concerning the status of the Canol Trail-Dodo Canyon Park Plan and to encourage a decision be made on the future of the plan. | Winter Lennie |
| 3. Obtain a letter from the Colville Lake RRC confirming their decision to release unused muskox tags for use by other communities. | Executive Director |
| 4. Provide grizzly bear kill statistics to the SRRB | Gerry LePrieur |
| 5. Respond to the Tulita District Land Corporation concerning grizzly bear hunting. | Executive Director |
| 6. Approach SSI with recommendation to establish a Traditional Knowledge Office within SSI. | Winter Lennie |
| 7. Draft a SRRB gun policy for Board review. | Executive Director |
| 8. Draft a series of SRRB bursary and scholarship options for Board review. | Executive Director |

RESULTS – July/97 ACTION ITEMS

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1.	Ruby McDonald	not possible
2.	Executive Director	completed
3.	Ruby McDonald	unknown
4 - 9	Executive Director	completed