

Minutes

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

21 October, 1999

Norman Wells, N.W.T

10:20 – 11:40 am

Present

Winter Lennie (Chair)	Celina Stroeder	Norman Simmons
Ruby McDonald (Vice Chair)	Paul Latour (by telephone)	(Exec. Dir.)

Executive Director Competition

At an earlier meeting on this date, the Personnel Committee (S. Stroeder, R. McDonald, W. Lennie) of the Board decided that there were insufficient qualified applicants to choose from. They proposed to the Executive Committee to re-advertise, with a new closing date of 12 November. The Committee discussed the option of creating a training position, then hiring a Dene or Metis trainee with potential to train under an Executive Director who could be a southerner. The Executive Director would be hired for a term to train the trainee. There were at least two northerners who might fit the trainee job description. The Executive Director will contact one of them in Fort Smith to see if she would be willing to start right away as Office Manager, and then train under the new Executive Director for a term so that she could eventually become Executive Director.

ACTION: Executive Director to re-advertise, closing date 12 November.
Executive Director to contact prospective trainee in Ft. Smith.

Biologist and Harvest Surveys Coordinator

The Executive Director reported a lack of success in getting qualified northerners to apply for this position on contract, with the prospect of full time work. Committee members suggested contacting universities, making up a special ad to use with them.

ACTION: Executive Director to contact universities for prospective candidates.

Audit report

Mr. Lennie reviewed the results of this morning's meeting with auditor Lorraine Tremblay and accountant Karin Denkova to review Mrs. Tremblay's audit report. He recommended approval of the report, and the Committee approved.

ACTION: Mr. Lennie will have the report FAX'd to Ottawa this day.

Strategic planning exercise

N. Simmons reviewed current plans for the strategic planning exercise. He is planning for community workshops during the period 1 through 5 November if Colville Lake participates. However, as of this date, there has been no response from that community. If they do not participate, the Board Strategic Planning Workshop will begin on the afternoon of 5 November in Norman Wells. In any case, Board members will begin arriving in Norman Wells on 5 November. The Board workshop will end on 7 or 8 November, depending on Colville Lake. Then the RRC Presidents will return home and the regular Board meeting will begin. Board members will return home on 10 November.

P. Latour and R. McDonald announced that they might have conflicts with the schedule.

ACTION: N. Simmons will mail schedules and agenda to all Board members, as well as to RRC Presidents.

Office Manager

N. Simmons informed the Committee that he would be offering Suzie Silastiak the opportunity to resign on 22 October under favourable terms.

Vice Chair

The Committee confirmed that Ruby McDonald was Vice Chair. The Committee discussed the need for the availability of the Chair or Vice Chair to the Executive Director at all times. C. Stroeder raised the issue of Chairman Lennie running in the coming election for MLA.

ACTION: The potential issue of the Chairperson becoming MLA will be put on the agenda for the coming Board meeting.

Extension of N. Simmons' contract

MOTION: R. McDonald moved, and C. Stroeder seconded, the motion to extend the contract of N. Simmons to 15 December, and to pay for his return trip to the Lethbridge hospital for a 14 November appointment. N. Simmons agreed to stay until 8 December because of prior commitments after that date.

The R. Kushney affair

The Committee concluded that the latest settlement offer of Mr. Kushney was unacceptable.

ACTION: W. Lennie will contact the Board's lawyer for advice on how to proceed.

Letters from the Tulita RRC

N. Simmons reviewed two letters from the Chairman of the Tulita RRC:

1. Request for assistance in moving the RRC office: The Committee recommended that the RRC approach MLA Kakfwi for assistance, as well as the local Land Corporation. The Land Corporation has the responsibility to help.

ACTION: N. Simmons will write the RRC President and suggest this approach.

2. Waste meat from Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters: The Committee decided that this is not a Board issue. However, they recommended that the RRC arrange for a single contact person in Tulita to pick up and deliver meat, while rejecting spoiled meat. An RWED officer should be present during meat pick-ups.

ACTION: A Board member will meet with the Outfitter's Assoc. to raise this issue with them.

ACTION: N. Simmons will advise the RRC President of the Committee's recommendations.

ACTION: C. Stroeder will have a meat receipt form sent to N. Simmons for use by the RRC.

RRC representation

N. Simmons advised the Committee of a recent conversation he had with lawyer Rick Hardy. Mr. Hardy advised him that the Tulita Land Corporation created the Tulita RRC, and one of the conditions imposed on the RRC was that they represent only beneficiaries to the Sahtu Settlement, not non-beneficiaries. This is also the case in Deline. He advised that the Board should take on the role of representing the non-beneficiaries in such communities.

ACTION: N. Simmons will make the strategic planning workshops in Tulita and Deline public workshops, rather than workshops with the RRC's.

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