

**Sahtu Renewable Resource Board Meeting
June 26 & 27, 2001
Norman Wells, NT**

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ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Winter Lennie
Lucy Jackson
Russell Hall
Ruby McDonald
Norman Simmons
Leonard Kenny
Celina Stroeder

STAFF

Jody Snortland
Ben Olsen
Lori Ann Lennie

GUESTS

Ann Orlias – Behdzi Ahda' RRC
Sarah Kochon – Behdzi Ahda' RRC
Andrew John Kenny – Deline RRC
Dolphus Tutcho – Deline RRC
Lorraine Tremblay – CGA

Frederick Andrew Jr. – Tulita RRC
Wilfred Lennie – Tulita RRC
Everett Kakfwi – Fort Good Hope RRC
Camilla Rabisca – Fort Good Hope RRC
Sara Goulet – COSEWIC Secretariat

Meeting convened @ 9:15 a.m.

1. Opening Prayer/Board Member Oath

- Opening prayer by AJ Kenny
- Oath of Board Member – Norman Simmons; sworn by Cst. J.W.G. Rose
- Round table introductions

2. Review and Approval of agenda

- Agenda additions:
 - ACCRU Business Paper
 - WAAG Consultations
 - Proposed Pipeline & Hydro-dam
 - Wildlife Research Permits
 - Great Bear Lake Advisory Group
 - Other

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-01

- To approve the Board meeting agenda with additions

**Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Russ Hall
Carried Unanimously**

3. Review and approval of past minutes

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-02

- To approve the Board meeting minutes from March 6-8, 2001

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Lucy Jackson

Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-03

- To approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 14, 2001
- Discussion – Staff questioned about the need to replace computers so often; noted that computers are out of date within 2-3 years and therefore, should be replaced

Moved by: Russ Hall

Seconded by: Celina Stroeder

Carried Unanimously

4. Review and approval of financial statement

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-04

- To approve the financial statement with the following amendments:
 - Separate Automotive into Automotive Repair & Maintenance and Automotive Gas
 - Change Repair & Maintenance to Building Repair & Maintenance
- Discussion – To ask DIAND to reimburse the SRRB for interest charges paid as a result of late funding

Moved by: Norm Simmons

Seconded by: Lucy Jackson

Carried Unanimously

5. Audit Presentation – Lorraine Tremblay, CGA

- Draft March 31, 2001 Financial Statement tabled
- Two main points that Lorraine brought to the board's attention:
 - Since SRRB is a non-profit organization (receiving more than 40% of funding from government), the board is eligible to apply for a 50% GST rebate annually; although the rebate was not applied for in 1999-2000, the board has up to four years to apply (have received this rebate as of June 2001); 2000-2001 rebate will be applied for in July 2001
 - Many discrepancies were found in project allocations (including the adjustments and corrections); mostly due to turnovers in staff; program & accounts need to be clearer (standardized)

- Under contingent liabilities, require month and year James Kushny first initiated claim against SRRB (Note #8, p.7)
- \$26,000 of accounts receivable is due to GST receivables; long term investments have improved (\$313,261); deficits have been reduced due to surpluses (however, core operating fund still remains at a negative balance -\$84,259); negative cash balance in the cash operating fund (-\$52,769); scholarship fund has increased by \$24,833
- Copies of final draft to be sent to all board of directors and RRCs

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-05

- To approve the March 31, 2001 Financial Statement with amended date for Note #8 (p.7)

Moved by: Russ Hall
Seconded by: Lucy Jackson
Carried Unanimously

6. Reports/Correspondence/Conferences

- Two reports tabled by executive director
 - Environmental Best Practices in the Management of Oil & Gas Development
 - 3rd Annual Technical Training Workshop – Land Use Permits/Water Licences
- Report tabled by biologist
 - Co-management of Woodland Caribou in the Sahtu Settlement Area
- Letter to Mr. Handley Re: Reallocation of Wildlife Resource Revenues tabled (signed copy to go to all board of directors)

7. SRRB Policies

- ❖ Recommendations from executive committee (May 14, 2001)
 - a) **Winter Clothing**
 - Dollar amounts listed are the board's cost

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-06

- To approve the executive committee's recommendation (Motion #05-14-01-01) as presented

Moved by: Norm Simmons
Seconded by: Lucy Jackson
Carried Unanimously

b) Board Meeting Location and Frequency

- Cost & time saving measure; more effective meetings
- By reducing the number of meetings per year, SRRB can still rotate meetings throughout communities and/or can allow more

- RRC members to attend meetings; as well, additional dollars could be put toward research
- Meetings to be held end of January (allow for travel by winter road) and beginning of August (allow for travel by boat)

SRRB Motion #06-26-01-07

- To approve the executive committee's recommendation (Motion #05-14-01-02) as presented

Moved by: Ruby McDonald

Seconded by: Norm Simmons

Carried Unanimously

8. Storage Shed Update

- Received only one proposal (\$32,374.50); to write letter indicating that the SRRB will not accept the proposal
- Have someone come in and do a proper cost-estimate of the job; then decisions can be made to put out a call for proposals again or demolish the structure and put up a garage package

Break for lunch @ 11:55 a.m.

Reconvened @ 1:20 p.m.

**9. Committee On the Status of Endangered Wildlife In Canada (COSEWIC)
Presentation – Sara Goulet**

- Report, "Improving Lines of Communication with the SRRB", tabled
- COSEWIC is made up of Canadian biologists that identify and assess, at a national level, the status of all native wild species in Canada, i.e., the risk of extinction of a species in their range (Suzanne Carriere, NWT representative); COSEWIC provides species designations and recovery plans (how to bring species back and who will implement the plan); more information about COSEWIC, species designations, and recovery plans can be found at www.cosewic.gc.ca
- Wildlife Management Boards (WMB) have traditionally been included at the end of the COSEWIC process (reviewing the final report); COSEWIC Secretariat wish to include WMB earlier in the process because of the land claims and WMB have the 'best available information' on species in settlement area, including TEK; to include WMB earlier in the process, requires COSEWIC to improve communications (Table 2); may include nominating a member from WMB to be a member of s Species Specialist Group (group that collects specific information on a species); Land Use Planning Boards have not been included in process (have important habitat information that should be included in the creation of recovery plans)
- Bill C-33 (Species at Risk Act) has been through 1st & 2nd reading; to date, no species have been put on the legal list (this list will be based on

the COSEWIC list); WMB will have input into the Bill when goes before the standing committee; Sara to get back to SRRB regarding status of standing committee; Staff to follow-up with other WMB (Gwich'in, Inuvialuit, Nunavut) regarding their thoughts about status of Bill C-33

- Sara to provide board with Canadian Species at Risk Report (May 2001); as well, simplify the proposed communication process between COSEWIC and WMB (Table 2)
- ❖ Sahtu Land Use Planning Board will have the draft land use plan completed by late summer; SLUPB to present the plan to the SRRB for review and comments prior to sending to Ottawa

10. Executive Director Trainee & Summer Student Positions

- Executive committee to provide job description & training plan for executive director trainee and work plan for summer student
- Summer student could be involved in Great Bear Lake Trout Movements study (DFO), Sahyoue/Edacho Park work, Duck Banding at Willow Lake, etc.

11. Biologist's Research Projects Update – Ben Olsen

a) Norman Wells Aerial Moose Survey

- Historically done in November; this year completed in February due to weather; 196 moose counted (decrease of 58% from 1995); however, the area is a 30 year old burn (optimal habitat has peaked), the area is not typically a late wintering area for moose, and the survey was done in cold temperatures (-30°C); these factors may be the reason for the poor results; some management recommendations for the area are: 1) prescribed burns and 2) stop suppressing fires
- Must decide whether to continue to do survey at current location or move to a newer burned area; to sit down with Norman Wells RRC closer to next survey (2006); next aerial survey to be completed at Fort Good Hope

b) Barren Ground Caribou (Ease Bluenose)

- Plan to redo photo-census of the East Bluenose Caribou Herd in early July 2001 (post-calving survey of aggregations of caribou); 1998: 20,000 caribou counted & 2000: 60,000 caribou counted (trying to establish minimum number of population)
- Seven more collars were put on caribou in Deline in March 2001; classified over 6000+ animals; recruitment appears to be good (many calves seen)
- Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) will no longer be heading this project; rather SRRB will take the lead with DSD providing funding in 2001-02

c) Woodland Caribou

- Poster, "Age & Sex of Hunter-Killed Mountain Caribou", tabled; to be distributed to all RRC offices
- Issue raised that perhaps Norm Simmons' work from the 1960s could be used as a baseline comparison for work being done today

12. Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters' Letter – Board Response

- Draft letter tabled
- To make appropriate changes to letter; remove paragraph #3; indicate that the SRRB supports the issues in principle; note the following processes that will deal with each issue: WAAG discussion papers and Canol Trail & Dodo Canyon Park Management Plan
- Executive committee to review prior to sending

13. NWT Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management Steering Committee (CEAMSC)

- Meeting held at the beginning of June; no one from the SRRB attended as uncertain of SSI's position
- Letter to SSI and Gwich'in Tribal Council regarding their position on the CEAMSC

14. Wildlife Aboriginal Advisory Group Consultations – Ruby McDonald

- Discussion papers have been written and approved by cabinet for consultation; Ruby (SSI) putting together a budget for consultation this summer (to be done with Keith Hickling (GNWT))
- Suggested that fieldworkers be hired to go door-to-door to ensure that everyone will have input; not enough money available to hire and train fieldworkers
- Community leaders (RRC presidents and Land Corporation presidents) will be relied upon to spread the word about the importance of the consultations; translators will be hired; documents are straight-forward and written in plain language

15. Proposed Mackenzie Valley Pipeline & Great Bear River Hydro-Dam

- Letter to Joe Handley requesting more information about the proposed hydro-dam; agenda item for next SRRB meeting
- SRRB should be aware that the number of data requests for biological and harvest study information is going to increase significantly, as well, the number of studies that oil and gas companies will be funding to collect baseline information along the proposed pipeline route

16. Wildlife Research Permits

- Concerns expressed throughout the NWT regarding the LGL Limited Wildlife Research Application (joint venture with the Inuvialuit); letters written by GRRB and NWRRC; internally, RWED is looking at some major revisions of its process

- Letter should be written from all settled and unsettled regions of the NWT indicating that issuing wildlife research permits territorially is not appropriate (except possibly in the case of trans-boundary issues)
- To be discussed at a Fall 2001 Co-Chair Meeting (to be hosted by the SRRB)

Meeting recessed @ 4:45 p.m.

June 27, 2001

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Camilla Rabisca – Fort Good Hope RRC
Chris Tourangeau – Norman Wells RRC
Cece MacCauley – Public

Meeting convened @ 9:20 a.m.

17. Forestry Presentation – Paul Rivard & Jason Currie

- Discussion Papers on Roles, Responsibilities and Policies Regarding Forestry & Harvesting Trees on Sahtu Lands tabled
- Aklavik Community Forest Use Guidelines tabled
- Concern about the lack of forest management policies and no forestry biologist position; increased wood consumption in communities due to sawmills, increased fuel prices and proposed pipeline; no one seems to be worried about forestry in the SSA
- Concern about why the Harvest Study is not collecting harvest info regarding firewood and berries; working group felt that collection would be difficult to quantify
- SRRB to determine community objectives and develop policy for the SSA; staff to look into developing a job description for a forestry biologist; organize a workshop on forestry management

18. Recommendations to Minister

- List of 'Recommendations for Regulation Changes' tabled
- Concerns raised that additional responsibility for RRCs will require additional funding dollars; to go to DIAND and solicit more funding dollars on behalf of the RRCs

SRRB Motion #06-27-01-08

- To approve the following recommendations for regulation changes with amendments:

1. To enforce the exclusive hunting rights of Sahtu Dene-Metis participants on Sahtu private lands (SDMCLCA 13.4.3)

- 1) Non-participants will not be permitted to hunt on Sahtu private lands.
- 2) Non-participants may be permitted to hunt on Sahtu private lands, subject to the following:
 - i. Individuals are required to apply directly with the Renewable Resource Council to receive permission to harvest wildlife on private lands. GNWT hunting regulations will provide a map highlighting Sahtu private lands.
 - ii. The Renewable Resource Council will set up terms and conditions of the harvest respecting species, age and sex of species, location, methods, quantities, seasons and duration of harvest.
 - iii. Following the hunt, individuals will be required to report actual harvest information to the Renewable Resource Council. The harvest information shall not be included in the Sahtu Needs Level.
 - iv. The Renewable Resource Council shall not charge a fee or receive a benefit for the act of granting a non-participant permission to harvest wildlife.

2. Collection of NWT Resident Harvest Data

- a) Harvest tags for NWT resident harvesters will only be issued in the SSA.
- b) All licensed harvesters must obtain tags annually from SSA vendors only (regional or local Resources, Wildlife & Economic Development offices).
- c) Following the hunt, all licensed harvesters will be required to report actual harvest information, including species, age and sex of species, location, methods, and quantities to the regional or local RWED office.

3. Wildlife Research Permits

- a) Wildlife research permits will only be issued in the SSA, with the exception of trans-boundary research.
- b) All wildlife research permit applications received by territorial or regional Resources, Wildlife & Economic Development offices must be sent to the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board office with suitable time to review and approve.
- c) The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board will ensure that the applicant consults affected Renewable Resource Councils.

Moved by: Russ Hall
Seconded by: Norm Simmons
Abstention: Ruby McDonald
Carried

19. Alberta Cooperative Conservation Research Unit – Norman Simmons

- ACCRU 2001 – 2005 Business Plan tabled
- ACCRU is a University of Alberta effort that funds and conducts cutting edge scientific research dealing with applied fisheries and wildlife management issues (graduate student program)
 - Cooperative research unit with access to researchers and research dollars
- Establish contact with Professor Bill Samuels via letter to indicate SRRB awareness and support of program; include SRRB's role in wildlife management in the SSA

20. Great Bear Lake Advisory Group

- Meeting to be held in Deline on June 29, 2001
- Sam Stephenson to replace George Low; 2 Deline residents have been nominated to sit on committee; new chairperson to be elected
- Issues to be raised:
 - No harvest data collected from lodges or NWT residents
 - Renew terms of reference
 - Status of special harvesting areas arbitration
 - Barbless hooks issue
 - Deline's position regarding hydro-dam on Great Bear River

21. Other

a) Policies & Procedures

- Unable to get Judith Wright-Bird to return disks and edited hard copy
- Winter to contact; indicate that legal action will be taken if policies and procedures info is not returned

b) Arbitration

- SSI issue; waiting for Deline Land Corporation to respond to motion to go ahead with arbitration

c) Traditional Knowledge Report – Norman Simmons

- Traditional Dene Environmental Knowledge Project paper tabled
- Similar studies may be considered for other Sahtu communities in the future; SRRB may receive request at some point to support such an effort

Break for lunch @ 11:55 a.m.
Reconvened @ 1:15 p.m.

d) DIAND Funding Request

- Letter written to raise issue of increased development of projects, however, shortage of money
- To be brought to co-chair meeting

e) Strategic Plan & Board Membership – Russell Hall

- Ensure that strategic plan is finalized and followed
- Follow-up on the membership of the board with DIAND and SSI

f) Wetland Disturbances – Lucy Jackson

- Concerns raised in communities about disturbances to wetlands during exploration, e.g., CAT went through ice on a small lake
- K'ahsho Got'ine District to write letter to address issue and cc the SRRB

❖ **Next Board Meeting:**
January 2002

22. In-Camera Session

SRRB Motion #06-27-01-09

- To go to an in-camera session

Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Lucy Jackson
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #06-27-01-10

- To come out of the in-camera session

Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Russ Hall
Carried Unanimously

SRRB Motion #06-27-01-11

- To adjourn meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Moved by: Ruby McDonald
Seconded by: Leonard Kenny
Carried Unanimously

Approval of minutes:

Chairman

Date

June 26-27/01

Item

Responsible Party

Action Taken

1. To make requested changes to financial statement setup
2. Send letter to DIAND re: reimburse for interest charges due to late funding
3. Send final copy of audit to board members
4. Copies of important correspondence to be sent to board members
5. Have a proper cost estimate of warehouse renovations done
6. Send letter to other wildlife management boards re: Bill C-33
7. To finalize job description and training plan for executive director trainee and summer student
8. Send poster of tooth aging study to RRC offices
9. Send letter to SSI re: position on CEAMSC
10. Contact RWED-YK for more info re: proposed hydro-dams
11. Send out invitation to Fall Co-Chair Meeting
12. Send letter to Bill Samuels re: SRRB support for ACCRU
13. Contact Judith Wirght-Bird re: Policies & Procedures
14. Provide board members with updated board membership list

Executive Director	Completed
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Chairman	Ongoing
Executive Director	Completed
Executive Committee	Ongoing
Biologist	Ongoing
Executive Director	Completed
Executive Director	Completed
Chairman	
Executive Director	Completed
Executive Director	Completed
Chairman	Ongoing
Executive Director	Completed