

Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2013 – 9:00am- 12:00pm

Minutes by Catarina Owen and Joe Hanlon

List of Attendees

Michael Neyelle	Board Member, appointed chair for teleconference
Jeff Walker	Board Member (joined at 9:20)
Paul Latour	Board Member
Deborah Simmons	Executive Director
Catarina Owen	Environmental Assessment Researcher
Joanne Lennie	Intern
Reeanna Campbell	Health-Climate Change Project Coordinator
Joe Hanlon	Project Coordinator (joined at 9:20)
George Barnaby	Special Advisor
Laurel McDonald	Board Member (joined at 9:45)

Regrets

Leonard Kenny	Special Advisor
Gordon Zealand	Special Advisor
Pat Bobinski	Special Advisor
Walter Bayha	Board Chair

Agenda Items

1. Appoint meeting chair
2. Welcome new staff! Joanne Lennie and Reanna Campbell
3. SSI Assembly report
4. Minutes of previous meeting
5. Environmental Assessment report
6. Proposed Changes to MVRMA and NWT Water Acts
7. Project updates
 - a. Harvest Survey completion
 - b. CIMP Water Health Monitoring
 - c. CIMP Dene Mapping Project
 - d. Traditional Economy
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Bluenose Herds Management Plan
 - b. Bathurst Herds range plan

- c. Species at Risk
- 9. Agenda for October Board meeting
- 10. Other Business
- 11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

1. Appoint meeting chair

Mike Neyelle appointed as chair for the meeting

2. Welcome new staff! Joanne Lennie and Reanna Campbell

Joanne Lennie is the new office intern.

Reanna Campbell is the Health-Climate Change Project Coordinator.

3. SSI Assembly report

Board nominations put forward to minister:

- George Barnaby
- Camilla Rabisca
- Lorraine Doctor
- Bobbie McPherson
- Leonard Kenny (reappointed)
- Jimmy Dillon

Mike provided a recap of his presentations. The presentation created a lot of discussion and he received positive feedback. There were some issues with interpretation during his presentation.

The SSI unanimously passed a resolution supporting the recommendation of the NWT Forum on Addictions and Community Wellness for establishing a strong on-the-land –program.

There is confusion and misunderstanding about the Board’s role and beneficiaries’ responsibilities. Community members would like the Board to support them being out on the land. Community members also have a strong desire to be more involved.

Next year’s assembly will be in FGH

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Deferred to next board meeting

5. Environmental Assessment report

Catarina provided a brief summary of her EA briefing note (Stepping Into Our Role, The Board and Shale Oil Exploration in the Sahtú). There was a discussion on narrowing the focus of the Board’s letters of

comment in the future to wildlife and to leave technical aspects to other agencies. The need to provide expertise independent from government was addressed. There was consensus that the Board is adding value to the process.

George Barnaby suggested the Board should evaluate what the Board's role is in water monitoring. ENR engaged in a involved series of water monitoring stations and community members are working with ENR technicians.

10:25-10:30 Break

6. Proposed Changes to MVRMA and NWT Water Acts

Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development sent drafts of the 2 proposed amendments to the Board's office:

- Draft Legislative proposal to amend the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)
- Draft Legislative proposal to amend the NWT Water Acts

Board members lack proper briefing of MVRMA and would like to obtain a proper technical brief from AANDC prior to seeking technical expert advice.

Decision 010

Deb will contact AANDC and inquire about getting the Board briefed on MVRMA and Consensus NWT Water Acts.

Board will decide once they have received proper briefing it they should seek advice from a lawyer with technical environmental background. Deadline for written comment submission is October 18, 2013.

Substantial time will be allocated at the next board meeting to discuss amendments.

Catarina left meeting at 10:50 am

7. Project updates

a. Harvest Survey completion

Funding proposal to research network for additional community engagement is being finalized.

Joe and Joanne are preparing for final data checking.

b. CIMP Water Health Monitoring

Led by Krista Chin, CIMP. SRRB role is to support community engagement, currently have had one focus group to plan the project. Krista will be working with high school students in both Norman Wells and Tulit'a for 1.5 days workshops with a field component. The Board will receive \$20k/yr to support this project.

c. CIMP Dene Mapping Project

Led by Kristi Benson and Deb. Project launch meeting is today in Norman Wells.

First steps will be to identify and digitize cassettes, maps and paper files.

d. Traditional Economy

CANNOR Funding for Traditional Economy project / position – Current idea is to call it an assessment and action planning process that would include work with RRCs to help them get funding for some of their on the land stuff and to access ITI's funding for traditional economy activities. Consultants would be hired to assist with the project.

8. Committee Reports

a. Bluenose Herds Management Plan

Bluenose herd management plan consulting is continuing. Currently working on separate document for community engagement process.

b. Bathurst Herds range plan

Bathurst caribou – range planning session coming up. Also coming up with some sort of management body.

c. Species At Risk

Paul

There will be a Conference of Management Authorities (CMA) meeting in Inuvik in October. They will be considering the Species at Risk Committee's recommended designations for boreal caribou, hairy braya, polar bear and Peary caribou. Only boreal caribou of concern for Sahtú.

Deb and perhaps Michael will represent the Board. Wolverine TK report, scientific report, Dolphin and Union caribou report, barren ground caribou scientific and TK reports came out. There is some controversy around the TK report and whether it meets the needs of the committee, challenging for non-community people to comment, so community members on committee kind of have the burden here.

d. Health Canada project –

Led by Tee Lim, Reanna recently hired.

Workshop being planned to discuss governance and related issues

9. Agenda for October Board meeting

Deb has been in communication with Richard, Joseph, and Wilbur Kochon about the board meeting. Pending board's approval in principle of the agenda, a formal letter will be sent to the leaders to invite them to meet with the Board.

First Day- meet with community leaders and discuss key topics

Second Day- substantive items that the Board needs to make decisions on.

Third day- administrative aspects of board work – budgeting, policies and procedures in morning, in camera in afternoon.

Jeff would like to see a discussion amongst RRCs and Board about why tags are issued and how they are used. He also suggested inviting Guy Erasmus or Francois Rousseau to discuss the trapping program and fur marketing program.

Joe will contact RRCs and inquire if they would like to submit a written report on their hot topics items they would like to discuss at the Board's March meeting.

CWS would like to discuss the federal recovery strategy for boreal caribou and the spring sport hunting of Snow geese on the first day.

Deb will prepare plans for the winter meeting, topics and guests.

Additional guests will be invited to the winter meeting not the fall meeting.

10. Other Business

a. Monitoring

Jeff

ENR has funding for training for Sahtú monitors, ideally ones that are directly involved but that have not yet taken a spill course. There is funding for one monitor from Tulít'a and one from Norman Wells. Jeff needs the names by September 15. Spill training course is offered every year in Sioux lake through the college.

Catarina has returned from her meeting.(11:30 am)

b. AANDC Supplementary Funding –

Hearing about it this week, may have to amortize over 2 years.

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion M035

Jeff Walker moves to begin the in-camera session of the meeting.

Consensus

Adjourned at approximately 12:09

Summary of Motions

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