

Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
December 14, 2011

Present: Laurence Turney (Chair), Irene Ronalds, Greg Knox, Alison Beale, Sybille Haeussler, Debbie Cichowski, Phil Burton, Brian Edmison, Don Morgan, Kirsteen Laing (AM).

Absent: Andrea Kosalko, Paul Wodjak, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Tony Pesklevits

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Alison moved to accept, Brian seconded, approved.

2. Approval of October 12 Minutes (November meeting canceled due to lack of quorum)

Alison moved to accept, Brian seconded, approved.

3. Operations Update

Moore Foundation Cummulative Effects project (Don)

\$180,000 /yr for 2 years granted for:

- (1) Colating existing information on historical landscape and aquatic dynamics of the Iskut/Stikine (Cassiar LRMP area) and Morice River drainage; and,
- (2) Model potential future dynamics under different development scenerios. Climate change scenerios also to be modeled.

Contract opportunities to be posted throught the BV Centre website.

Don looking to leverage Moore Foundation and related government project dollars to fund further research. Don to speak to: Harry Nelson (UBC, Economics) regarding economic models for assessing trade-offs; Phil Burton regarding involvement of UNBC graduate students. Alison mentioned Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) could be intersted in funding grizzly bear habitat studies.

BVRC to receive minumum 3% administrative funding as well as conference funding,

Mo FLNRO undertaking a Cummulative Effects pilot project at a more strategic/policy scale.

Cummulative Effects conference planning proposal (Laurence)

Emily is finishing the conference proposal write-up which will be taken around to businesses in bid for funding.

Conference to be 2 days long, and is shaping up for October, 2012. Next step will be to set up a Working Group.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC, formerly INAC) may also have conference funding.

Strategic visioning (Tony, absent)

Alison commented that she had thoroughly read the Marketing and Communication Plan Update undertaken by Rick and Amanda (Spring 2011) and considered it thorough enough, but expressed concern that it takes an advocacy approach as opposed to the non-partisan “funnel for science” approach that the Board espouses. All Board members present agreed that the Centre needs to remain more neutral and therefore relevant to government, industry, and community as well as advocacy groups. Don thought the HCTF vision statement was helpful in that, like the HCTF, the Centre also needs to clearly express the strategic rationale for its existence. Alison also reviewed the Centre’s original Strategic Plan and thought it was excellent – we now need to re-iterate the original vision and act on it. Phil suggested resource sustainability, and environmental protection as a good umbrella for the Centre. Greg said the key is not to become positional.

Action: Alison offered to revise and simplify BVRC Vision Statement within the next month to use as a starting point for Strategic Visioning session tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Monday, Feb.6th, (Board meeting to follow).

Budget

Projected 2011 deficit estimated to be \$16,000, to be confirmed next meeting.

SNCERE (Skeena-Nass Center for Innovation in Resource Economics) (Sybille)

SNCERE is looking to undertake a feasibility study to explore alternative markets for local wood, including but not necessarily limited to wood as a bio fuel. Steve Osborn is the local contact.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting set for January 11, 15:30 BV Centre.

Minutes were taken by Irene Ronalds.