

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
February 8, 2012**

Present: Sybille Haeussler (Chair), Tony Pesklevits, Irene Ronalds, Alison Beal, Debbie Cichowski, Brian Edmison, Don Morgan, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AM).

Absent: Laurence Turney, Andrea Kosalko, Paul Wodjak, Phil Burton, Greg Knox

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Alison moved to accept, Debbie seconded, approved.

2. Approval of December Minutes

Alison moved to accept, Brian seconded, approved.

3. Moore Foundation Cummulative Effects project update (Don)

Workshop next Friday (Feb. 17) to set strategic direction for the project. Overview and specific activity areas to set a strategic workplan. Project management – Mike Sawyer. (1) Institutional arrangements for long-term project management. (2) modeling Climate change to be a major component of the Moore Foundation project.

4. Cummulative Effects conference planning proposal (Laurence)

Jill Dunbar now taking over for conference planning. Concept paper available to help seek funding. Moore project will contribute funds. INAC funding fell through. Date is set for November, 2012. Government interested in being involved.

Action: *Laurence to find a conference honorary chair or two co-chairs (part of subcommittee).*

5. Budget update

Budget update presented briefly. Board to review at next meeting and Brian to ratify before AGM.

6. Strategic visioning, Communications and Marketing (Alison)

Implication from the visioning session of last winter was that we needed to change our mandate - mandate is fine, delivery of mandate is the issue. For example, (1) there is no mechanism for evaluating our performance (e.g., # newspaper releases); we need a Research Plan. Our website works for people we are already communicating with, not the people we want to reach, such as potential new funders, CBC, others. We need to add specifics to vision statement and make it accountable.

Action: *meet again for afternoon session to refine prior to AGM if possible. Sybille, Rick to find a date that works best.*

7. Other potential BVRC funders and collaborators (Sybille)

Potential oil and gas industry projects. Shell Environmental Fund – whitebark pine research.

TransCanada pipeline – transfer agreement to BVRC \$34,000 to study herbicide application to an area in Stewart Lake Rd near Dawson Creek. As long as contract parameters are consistent with BVRC policy, and funding sources are declared upfront, this project fits within BVRC scope.

8. AGM/Board membership planning

Laurence is stepping down from President position, but remaining on Board. Debbie is stepping away from Board and she has found a replacement.

***Action:** Sybille to act as Board Selection Committee to poll the membership.*

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting date yet to be determined.

Minutes were taken by Irene Ronalds.