



Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024

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Meeting held at the BCFC Office, 1971 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet, BC
Attendance: Terry, Julian, Geoff, Ken, Gary, Dario

Absent: Noah Plonka , Director

Staff: Accounting Manager, Mike Williams ; Erik Holbek, Forestry Manager

Guest: Nil , regrets Mayor Marilyn McEwen , District of Ucluelet

Notes: Ken Matthews

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:04 am

1) Agenda Approval:

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Dario, to adopt the agenda as presented. **Carried**

2) Approval of minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular BCFC Board meeting:

Motion by Julian, seconded by Geoff, to approve the minutes of the revised December 13, 2023 BCFC Board regular meeting as presented. **Carried.**

3) Forestry Manager Report: Erik Holbek

a) Strategic Planning: BCFC Community Forest Management Plan #2. Erik explained the ongoing analysis work being conducted by Econ and Forest Ecosystem Solutions. Erik expects to have a draft of the analysis report to discuss with the Board in March.

b) Application to Prov of BC , Recreation Sites and Trails , Ministry of Environment and Climate Change . Erik continues the discussion with the local representative. The tentative date for approval of the bike trail proposal is April 1, 2024.

c) Barkley Community CF "one cutting permit" option and proposal. Erik discussed the option for having the entire community forest area under one cutting permit. BCFC would still need to do full engineering on all harvesting areas and road construction as well as do full consultation on each proposal with First Nations. The major benefit is that it would allow BCFC flexibility in operations and planning and reduce the administrative time in dealing with approval applications to the Province in each individual cutting area. All existing cutting permits would need to be finalized.

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Dario, for BCFC to close all existing cutting permits (CP13) and apply for a single cutting permit over the entire community forest area except areas where there is an overlap into Tla-o-qui-aht FN traditional territory.

Carried.



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- d) RW timber cut on the Maggie FSR. Erik noted that the Ministry of Forests has had this timber cut and decked and has offered the timber to the BCFC at district average stumpage rates. GM has entered into a market pricing agreement with Probyn Log to load, haul and market this wood at existing market values. BCFC will receive the net return from sales less operational costs and overhead fee by Probyn.

- e) GM has reviewed field options to get some yellow cedar logs for the proposed Japanese Pavilion in Ucluelet. There are not many good options and in most cases with no ongoing operations in the CF at this time, extraction costs for small volumes exceed the costs of buying this material from suppliers. GM will continue looking at options.

Motion by Dario, seconded by Geoff, to approve the Forestry manager's report as submitted. **Carried**

4) Financial Report, Accounting Manager: Mike Williams

Mike presented the final comparative income statement for BCFC for 2023 and the balance sheet as of Dec 31, 2023.

Income and expenditures were both lower than projected in the 2023 budget. A year end adjustment to the long-term silviculture accrual has also improved the overall BCFC financial position going into 2024.

Mike explained how and why the adjustment to the long term silviculture accrual impacted the year end financial summary and balance sheet.

Motion by Geoff, seconded by Gary, to accept the Financial Reports as at Dec 31, 2024 as presented. **Carried**

5) On-Going Business

- a) DC3 Project GM lead a discussion on the draft signs. GM will finish design and move forward with getting the signs made.
- b) Progress with UMBA. GM will wait for the approval from the Province and then enter discussions with UMBA on a further agreement on the trails.
- c) Barkley CF Tour by District of Ucluelet mayor and Council members
Mayor McEwen will postpone this tour until spring 2024.
- d) Weather station GM still reviewing options for partnering with Toquaht Forestry and determining the best location for the weather station.
- e) Culturally modified log flown in error during salvage. Log has not been moved.



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- f) BCFC AGM 2024 attendance. At this time, there will be no attendance at this meeting in Mckenzie in June .
- g) Damage to Draw Creek because of windthrow. GM has discussed these recent events with biologists. Best option appears to be leaving the fallen logs in places in the stream.

6) Correspondence

- a) Letter of support for the proposed Japanese Pavilion in Ucluelet
Motion by Geoff, seconded by Ken, that the BCFC write a letter of support for the organizers of this initiative. Geoff will draft the letter on behalf of BCFC. **Carried**

7) New Business

None

8) Items brought out of In-Camera Meeting


- a) BCFC Board reviewed, amended and approved:
 - the 2024 BCFC annual workplan and operating budget
 - the 2024-28 strategic 5 year operating plan and budgets

9) Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the BCFC Board will be March 13, 2024.

It is important that the timber supply analysis for MP #2 is available at the next meeting . Chair will work the GM and if need be postpone the meeting for a week or two to ensure the data is available for directors to review and come prepared for a discussion.

10) Meeting Adjourned by Chair at approximately 11:22 am.

Approved: Terry Smith, Chair 
Ken Matthews, Secretary 