



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019

MISSION STATEMENT: The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) will manage the diversity of values of the Community Forest in an ecologically responsible and fiscally accountable manner on behalf of the people of Kaslo and Area D.

Attendees: Steve Anderson (Chair); Stephen Neville (Vice Chair) Tara Lynne Clapp (Treasurer); Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck; Carl Hall (Directors); Jeff Reyden, Sabrina Mutterer (Management Team); Sylvie Barkley (Administration)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm at Kaslo Senior's Hall

A. Preliminaries

Adoption of the AGENDA

that the Board of Directors adopt the Amended Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of December 11, 2019

Moved to adopt: Marie-Ange Fournier-Bec Carried

Adoption of Minutes

that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019.

Moved to adopt: Carl Hall Carried

Treasurer Report

Receive Treasurer Report. Financials not fully prepared due to transition between bookkeepers. Natascha Behrens-Ristow, B.B.A hired to replace Heather Hamilton as bookkeeper.

Moved to adopt: Steven Neville Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Receive Manager's Report

WRR Meeting – Wildfire resilience process and Ecosystem restoration. The Forest District grant funding model more accessible and has less deadlines for applications.

Lessons learned from past years reviewed. Priority moving forward is to be prepared for opportunities that arise. Sustainability planning and opportunities to be included in the Business Plan.

Treasurer proposed for further discussion that a balance sheet could be added to the budget process to clarify Silviculture Reserve spending. Budget scenarios discussed. Budget can be modified throughout the year as it is highly dependant upon grants.

A change in species market preference and pricing for western hemlock would fundamentally improve KDCFS profitability and sustainability options. Are there other ways to utilize hemlock advantage other than waiting for the market to improve? KDCFS will continue to monitor opportunities, adapt as the markets change and prepare for implementation of prospects that may arise.

Recommendations

1. That the Board adopt Management recommended 2020 Draft Budget Option "CP43Blks 3,4,5,7".

Adoption of budget conditional to a budget review in the spring of 2020 after receipt of grant allocations.

Moved to adopt: Tara Clapp Carried.

2. That the Board resolve that:

- Heather Hamilton be removed as signing authority and access to all KSCU bank accounts
- New bookkeeper, Natascha Behrens-Ristow to have Delegate Initiator access to bank accounts but will not have signing authority.
- Sylvie Barkley will assist with cheque printing and circulation.

Moved to Adopt: Tara Clapp Carried

C. Governance

Board Quest – Brainstorming session held to explore business plan ideas and tenure sustainability. List of ideas composed. Board to complete the following:

1. Review feasibility studies and past Strategic Plan from Laurie Moss
2. Research and review business plan ideas of other Community Forests
3. Review and analyse list of ideas, possibly a living document, and choose most viable to focus on;
4. Board to engage with industry experts who have experience and connections in the industry to assist with the idea choosing/implementing

Half day meeting proposed to begin next steps listed above. Steve Anderson will attempt to schedule Kevin to assist with facilitating the meeting. Meeting scheduled for January 19th.

D. Items for Board Discussion

1. Board Director explored if KDCFS should play an active role in the Private Property FireSmart Program beyond public education at our public meetings and field tours. Other Community Forest Societies have taken on the roll of assisting property owners with Firesmart procedures and preparation. Firesmart currently falls under RDCK umbrella and KDCFS will continue to work with and support Kaslo Fire Dept and RDCK to engage the public.
2. Community Meeting December 12, 2019: Summary of Wildfire Corridor Developments. Kootenay Lake Fire Officer, Art Westerhaug will be present to answer questions.
3. **Recreation CTE:**
CTE reports they have prepared large scale maps that require printing and laminating. Board Member and Management will inquire about pricing at local printers. Funding may be available through Recreation Sites and Trails BC - Marie and Steve to write funding request. Management has written Justin Dexter, Kootenay-Boundary Recreation Officer, to ask that the Kaslo Fire Access Trail is added to their 2020 list of Danger Tree assessment and treatment due to high root rot mortality in mature Douglas-fir close to the trail.

4. Public Information:

Board Member proposes that community members have access to the Managers Report prior to the monthly meeting. No objection.

Policy Committee to review Communications Policy– tabled for future board meeting.

E. Community Comments

None

F. In-Camera

Motion: Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck that the meeting be moved in-camera. Carried

Proposed year end performance review.

Motion: Steve Anderson - That the meeting rise from in-camera Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2019