



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2023

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: Chris Webster (Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Greg Lay, Doug Drain, Matt Brown (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair), Jessie Lay (Admin)

Absent with notice: Jeff Mattes (Treasurer)

Absent without notice: Sarah Sinclair

Meeting called to order at 6:59 in person and Zoom

A. Preliminaries:

Agenda that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of November 23, 2023.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay Carried

Minutes that the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023.

Moved to adopt Doug Drain: Carried

Treasurer Report

\$200,000 of grant money from WRR work completed last year makes the bottom line look better. Spending on roads is just under the budget but a couple more invoices coming in for road work.

Q: Liability for silviculture? \$909, 500.

A: Previous liability so still a line item. Recalculated every year.

Q: Budget for next year?

A: Thinking about it, but not done yet. Meeting of Finance Committee in the next couple weeks prior to board meeting. Discussed December 7th as date.

Q: Community Wildfire Projects?

A: WRR work and equipment etc is mostly grant funded. May purchase a couple of pumps, will see what the CWRP says and go from there. FESBC is moving towards allocation-based funding model.

Moved to adopt: Stephen Neville Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Q. Is it possible to access steeper stuff next year in timber ridge block up Keen creek?

A. Done the conventional stuff up Keen Creek and some yarder wood. Shane looking at equipment options. Looking at road access options for additional blocks but timing would have to work with markets, road building, equipment etc. Road 20% grade so you don't want to be there in the winter. 55 ha logged. 20 ha above on that

block and 20 ha on deer creek remaining to harvest in existing permits. Comes to approx 17K m between those blocks, with another 11k m³ in yarder blocks further up Keen Creek.

Q. How far up Keen Creek is the proposed 30 ha?

A. Between Briggs deer creek. 30 ha between Briggs and deer creek. It is all burned. There's more but it's impossible to get to.

Q. Regarding Lost Ledge road: are water bars major or minor?

A. Keeping it minor. Half on each side of the road. Done this week. Started to open up spur to south mid slope on the Lost Ledge bench but it proved too brushy to tackle this year.

Q. Kayawats Creek bridge - replace decking?

A. We'll have to. It's a safety hazard.

Q. Regarding collapsing bridge at the very edge of our license on Desmond Creek (located approximately 12km up Keen Creek): Is bridge repair within our budget and how much will it cost?

A. It may have to be as a liability within KDCFS road permit. Will not be a haul road so bridge could be atv/etv only, approximately 5ft wide. Difficult to get firm quote in the snow, but estimate \$60,000-80,000 plus \$20,000 for redecking of Kayawats Creek bridge. Management reached out to MoF for support with materials. Director Brown to look into potential funding partners.

Q. How often is this used?

A. Fairly often and will be more, as community access to Kokanee Park and Joker Lakes. A lot of people biking up here.

Q: What is the span of the bridge?

A: 30 m or more, but rock underneath the bridge so could be two separate spans with cribbing.

Q: Are there any harvesting opportunities?

A: Not really due to the proximity of the park boundary. Kayawats, yes.

Q. Considerations regarding summer youth project crew. Age of crew?

A. Consider liability and youth. Perhaps high school to early twenties. Look into partnering programs for wages, perhaps CBT. If unable to find funding partners could pay in house, crew of 2 for the summer approximately \$24,000.

Moved to adopt: Matt Brown

Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Website – Communications

Minutes to be posted on the website consistently. New communications position open to feedback and direction from board members. Consider creating director's report, a summary to be shared with public. Director Webster could start collaborating on that.

2. Winter in the Forest

Date is February 19th, 2024. Partner with a community organization or do it in house? Chris Webster will approach Erika and Chloe or another group that wants to. Emphasis on Community Forest event and could incorporate a membership drive. Budgeted \$4,500.

3. Keen Creek access into the Park?

Discussed in manager's report.

Moved to adopt: Carried

D. Governance

1. Committee positions;

Review of document. Chris Webster (chair) will reach out to board members and ensure aware of committees.

Personnel committee to meet for year-end review – manager contract is three years, started last year. Finance committee to meet prior to next board meeting. Recreation committee more active to plan trails. Plan access roads around recreation.

Director Brown added to long term planning, communications, and recreation committees. Expressed interest in attending Finance to learn.

2. Review Policies;

For next meeting email out policy. Look back in the minutes to see which was discussed last time. Community advisory committee policy maybe? Firewood Cutting Policy (pg 35) and Guidelines regarding Charitable Donations of Firewood Policy (pg36) reviewed at 07/20 board meeting.

3. Remove Alicia Sergeant as a KSCU signer and add Annick Troback

Moved to adopt: Matt Brown. All in favour. Passed.

4. 2024 Annual Budget

Finance Committee to meet December 7th.

E. Community Comments

1. Firefighting equipment. Nakusp has gotten grant for firefighting equipment. FireBoss system is a trailer that comes with all of the equipment for a neighbourhood or small community. Discussed past grant initiatives and future opportunities.

2. REDIP update – Find out in May. If not successful, go back and incorporate feedback for next intake.

F. In-Camera

None

Meeting adjourned – 7:55 PM

Next Board Meeting: December 14, 2023