



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 14th 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), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Greg Lay, Doug Drain, Sarah Sinclair (Directors), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Jessie Lay (Admin), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair) via zoom,

Absent with notice: **Absent without notice:** Matthew Brown (Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 in person and Zoom

A. Preliminaries:

Agenda that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of December 14, 2023,

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes Carried

Minutes that the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2023.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay Carried

Treasurer Report

Q. How much road did we build?

A. Built about 2 km up keen creek. Upgraded 16km +

Q. 312, 835 negative; is that finalized?

A. This is projected budget. Grant coming in for WRR at 188,000, makes it look about 150,000 better. Should be approximately negative 150,000 all said and done.

Moved to adopt: Doug Drain Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Q. Originally thinking closer to 50,000 meters up there?

A. Another 15k not gotten to, could lay out another 15 so that's 30.

Q. Regarding safety incidents? Do you actually ask for a copy of safety meetings?

A. Craig sends his. Initially meetings with Shane, Clint.

Q. What kind of road development is required up Lardeau?

A. The road is laid out, extending a couple km over edge of the bench. Some wood available is, including fir and larch. Road improvements also provide access for fire. Some of that road is pretty adverse so will have to redo a couple sections to make it haulable, rebuilding about a km.

Q. Is there any interest in keeping Craig's crew running year-round? As a board we should be encouraging having a working crew.

A. Goal is to have a local planting crew, but with the logistics of planting that many trees it is tough this year. Tendered out planting contacting to West Arm. Craig will help administer the contract, and do brushing next year.

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Winter in the Forest – Chloe will help facilitate Winter in the Forest perhaps as the head administrator of the housing society. Chris to coordinate with Chloe moving forward. Confirm budget allocation. Advertised as a KDCFS event with funds going to housing society, with board members helping to facilitate. Jessie will contact Cloe re communications. Event will have a membership table.

Moved to adopt: Carried

D. Governance

1. Committee positions

Jessie to update Matt Brown on Committee list per last board meeting.

2. Review Policies; Privacy Policy (pg37)

Regarding uses of information: Stephen Fawcett motion to add 7. Use for administrating AGM. Carried.

Next meeting Community Advisory Committee Policy (p.39). Community Dividend Policy (p.40) to be added to agenda for next AGM.

3. 2024 Annual Budget Approval

Board discussed three budget scenarios for 2024. The first option was favoured involving salvage operations up Keen Creek, logging operations up branch 7, and Lost Ledge road work. Removed \$80,000 from road development in favour of assessing the bridge redecking and replacement project up Keen Creek when markets improve. Projected bottom line approximately -\$330,000

Moved to adopt: Sarah Sinclair. 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Board discussed nontimber value opportunities discussed inviting a representative from BC Community Forest Association to hear what other community forests are doing regarding recreation etc.

4. Remove Steve Anderson as a KSCU signor

Moved to adopt: Jeff Mattes. All in favour. Passed.

E. Community Comments

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F. In-Camera

None

Meeting adjourned – 8:09

Next Board Meeting: January 18, 2023