



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 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: Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Greg Lay (Director), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair), Jessie Lay (admin) **Via Zoom:** Matthew Brown (Director)

Absent with notice: Doug Drain, Sarah Sinclair (Directors), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Chris Webster **Absent without notice:**

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 February 22, 2024.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett Carried: Matt Brown

Minutes that the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024 were approved via email.

Treasurer Report

Revenue came in from logs shipped in January that were logged last year, logging revenue 51,000; some operating costs (30,000 in harvesting).

Q. What is wildfire preparedness equipment in budget.

A: added to budget a couple years ago, purchased equipment that was unfortunately stolen. Jeff will look into insurance coverage options.

Q. What were the major expenses this year?

A. Harvesting and paying out for work on Jimi Crack Corn Project, once project completion certificate then we get the money. Project will be wrapping up at the end of March.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Found some cedar up Keen creek, but it's expensive logging. 10% poles, the rest saw log, all dead too.

Q. Forest Operations Map (FOM)?

A. April 1st post 3-5 year plan on iMap BC. This increases transparency and opportunity to comment. Relatively easy to implement.

Q. Land Act Amendments - Indigenous relations?

A. Jeff has been invited to the Sinxt Nelson office.

Q. through wildfire funding in mgr report?

A. Call last week with CFA to see how much money each cfa could use and capacity to collaborate with bcws. move to annual funding source. BCWS help plan fuel breaks in region, broader level stuff. BCCFA in talks, more to come. Open dialogue, aim high, engage, prepare for future. Shifting to proactive rather than reactive. Lots of talk about this at UBCM, see it happening. Big provincial priority.

Community question regarding public learning resources?

A. Can share professional development opportunities.

Q. What's happening in March?

A. Mostly development work and permitting. Start working in June. Probably hand treatments next fall again.

Moved to adopt: Greg Lay Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Winter in the Forest:

Good work! Mat is looking into whether we can get the \$1000 Family Day Grant as it usually flows. Applied for ReDi Grant. Will continue to look at funding opportunities.

D. Governance

1. Review Community Dividend Policy Amendments:

The Community Dividend is money in excess of the Society's needs going forward, and so is dependent on the KDCFS having had a profitable year. As well as having shown a profit, the various reserve funds (operating reserve policy, for road building, for silviculture, etc.) must be full before money will be released for a Community Dividend. This is to ensure that the Society can weather economic downturns in the future.

Purpose: to provide a set of guidelines to be used by a committee whose purpose is to recommend to the board how the Community Dividend (if any) should be disbursed.

Motion to submit the resolution to the AGM.

Moved to adopt: Steve Fawcett Second: Steve Neville All in favor. Carried

E. Community Comments

1. Discussed public perception of FireSmart and Wildfire Risk Reduction work in regards to efficacy and ulterior motives. Role of fuel breaks, protecting community and forest. Landscape level planning and access. We're all learning!

F. In-Camera

None

Meeting adjourned – 8:01

Next Board Meeting: March 21st