



KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2024

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), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Doug Drain, Matt Brown (Directors), Stephen Neville (Vice Chair), Jeff Reyden (Management Team), Jessie Lay (admin)

Absent with notice: Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Sarah Sinclair (Director)

Absent without notice:

Meeting called to order in person and zoom at 19:03

A. Preliminaries:

Agenda that the Board of Directors adopt the Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting Agenda of October 17, 2024 be adopted.

Motion: Matt Brown Carried.

Minutes that the Board of Directors acknowledged the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23rd were adopted via email.

Treasurer Report

Good conversion made pulp more profitable than anticipated. Operations are done up Keen Creek for now and will reassess in the winter.

Investment of about 180K in road work that will help us turn profit in operations in the next five to ten years.

Moved to adopt: Matt Brown Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

B. Manager's Report

Q. How far in is road?

A. Brushed 8 km past the bridge, may do more, but working on contractors. Upgrade roads as we need, a couple spurs to build maybe, road needs a lot of work, about a month or more. Try to have blocks ready in case the road is too greasy to haul.

Q. How do we revisit previously logged areas?

A. Yes, regen surveys must be done one year within regen surveys.

Q. How do we go about having a healthy stand after a forest fire?

A. Many variables make it stand dependent including, site conditions, seed source, self pruning, timelines. There are pros and cons of fire salvage. We harvested about 4% of the burnt area up Keen Creek.

Q. How do we log and prepare for fire at the same time?

A. Again, site specific, proximity to assets, can broadcast burn slash. Discussed reburnt fire at Hammill Creek.

Q. How is silviculture coming?

A. A bunch of blocks ready to declare free growing, Craig doing some surveys, some brushing, etc. Working out well with the contractor who is performing surveys and brushing work.

Q. Location of 2ha on Buchanan?

A. Bottom of Wardner to up above the access trail. Lots of dead fir, lots of it what you want to see already douglas fir, maple. Cut and burn, will put together a more comprehensive plan because of proximity to town.

Moved to adopt: Carried

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Wildfire Preparation

Discussion included current funding opportunities and challenges, what the Village of Kaslo is doing through FireSmart programming and why, and if KDCFS can contribute to community resilience in a way that bureaucracy is not able to. Also discussed slopes of Buchanan and options including planning more access, more cut blocks and public messaging and communications around that.

Motion to purchase fire pumps:

Moved: Jeff Mattes Second: Matt Brown Carried.

D. Governance

1. KSCU signors - determine what maximum members of board members to signors. Bring to the next meeting.

Steve Fawcett to send some papers up.

Motion Matt, second Doug. Carried.

E. Community Comments

None.

F. In-Camera

None.

Meeting adjourned – 8:21

Next Board Meeting: November 21, 2024.