



## KDCFS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – DATE

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### **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.*

**Board Members:** Chris Webster (Chair), Stephen Fawcett (Secretary), Jeff Mattes (Treasurer), Greg Lay, Doug Drain, Jeff Reyden (Management Team), ~~Alicia Sergeant (Bookkeeper)~~, Stephen Neville (Vice Chair)

**Board Members Absent:** Matthew Brown (Director), Sarah Sinclair (Directors)

**Call To Order:** Chair Webster called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **A. Preliminaries:**

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

That the Agenda for the May 29, 2025, Kaslo & District Community Forest Regular Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**Receipt of Minutes:** the Board of Directors acknowledge the Kaslo and District Community Forest Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2025.

**Carried**

## **Treasurer Report**

Jeff Mattes, Treasurer provided a detailed overview of the Treasurer Reporting including the following notable discussion items.

- We were successful in all three of our funding applications and have a previously funded project extended, which include:
  1. CP 47-1 – \$89k. This is a 20ha block at the end of the Branch 7 road extension. Funding is to complete a Fuel Management Prescription (FMP), thin over dense non-merch hemlock, and conduct post harvest clean up and pile burning.
  2. Lardeau - \$186k. A FMP was developed for this area in 2023, and we received money for implementation, with 6ha of mechanical and 10ha of manual treatment.
  3. Kaslo North - \$14k. This is on unallocated Crown land north of No Brakes. Funding is for treatment unit layout and a FMP.
  4. KAS6 - \$40k. To carry on manual implementation activities along the Fire Access Trail.

## **B. Manager's Report**

Jeff ~~Mattes~~ **Reyden**, Treasurer provided the Board with a summary of action items including the following notable items:

- Timber development continues in the True-Blue area with blocks stretching from close to Kemp Creek to the north side of Bjerkness Creek.
- It is anticipated harvesting will start in the fall with CP 47-1 up Branch 7. The blocks in True Blue are near busy hiking and biking trails, and with the permitting process, we are looking at late fall or early winter for these blocks.
- No safety incidents from WRR, planting or timber development.
- The referral period for the FSP is over with two comments received from the public. The District will now refer the FSP to First Nations.
- KDCFS donated some reclamation grass seed mix to KORTS to help with their Old Pump House restoration efforts.

## **C. Items for Board Discussion**

### **1. Introduce Jenna our new administrative assistant.**

Jeff ~~Mattes~~ **Reyden** provided the Board an introduction of Jenna the new administrative assistant who will be responsible for all administrative tasks including:

- Jenna will be joining online for all Board meetings

### **2. Boards by George**

Jeff Mattes proposed a few ideas to the Board, which decided to discuss at the next meeting and do further research.

### **3. Wildfire Crew**

Kaslo has a wildfire crew that started to do some training together using the fire equipment purchased by the Community Forestry Society.

#### **4. JVH scholarships**

The Board discussed the Community Forest JVH school bursaries and whether we should expand our criteria from forestry school and trades to a broader scope. Increase the bursary amount from \$500 to \$1000.

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

That the Board moves to support the JVH applicant for \$1000.00

**Carried**

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

That the Board moves to support another JVH applicant (Tomaken).

**Carried**

#### **D. Governance**

##### **1. Operations and Silviculture Accounts**

The Board provided a detailed discussion in regard to merging the operations and silviculture accounts.

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

The Board moves that the Silviculture and Operations be combined in one account but kept separate in 2 subaccounts.

**Carried**

**ACTION ITEM:** Chris Webster, Chair to look at drafting a policy for the JVH bursary.

#### **Adjournment**

**Moved** and seconded

And Resolved:

That the Kaslo & District Community Forest Society meeting be adjourned at 7:50p.m.

**Carried**