



***HIGH LEVEL FORESTS
PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Annual General Meeting***

“DRAFT” MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
4:00 p.m. – Four Winds Banquet Room
High Level, Alberta

ATTENDANCE:

John Thurston, Chair
Marilee Toews (HBSWS)
Mike Alsterlund (Member)
Al Benson (ASRD)
Brent Cleghorn (ASRD)
Aaron Doepel (LCSM)
Paul Kitchen (Tolko)

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)
Al Toews (Guest)
Dave Sadowsky (ASRD)
Paul Ebert (ASRD)
Jamie Bruha (ASRD)
Jon Geortzen (Guest)

Brenda St. Arnault – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Thurston, Chair of the High Level PAC called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Introductions

Chair requested that members and guests introduce themselves.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved By: Marilee Toews

Agenda accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES from last AGM: June 3, 2008

MOTION

Moved By: Mike Alsterlund

High Level Forests Public Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting minutes of June 3, 2008 accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Discussion of chairperson position; John asked if anyone else would be interested in taking on the chairperson position, has approached Marilee to take over the chairperson position in previous year but felt she was not ready to take over chairperson position. Marilee said that she would not have a problem covering occasionally in the upcoming year but she is not sure how long she will be around.

John agreed to remain as Chair and Vice Chair will be Marilee Toews for the upcoming year.

5. REVIEW OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS DOCUMENT

Jeremy Beal updated the Issues and Concerns document over last few months which was reviewed (document was available for all attendees). John T. explained and review document to date, several new concerns were brought up but no resolutions have been made for the issues.

Mike A. commented on Decked Aspen Logs; is Footner Forest Products still responsible for the decked logs, are they an active company?

Al B. replied that since February 2009, Government has met with Footner Forest Products to figure out issues. Loads have been chipped and tested to see if wood is still worth anything but no results have been received as of yet. If we wait any longer, the wood will not have any value. Footner Forest Products are still responsible for timber dues.

Al B. explained that the Alberta Government has a program in place by Alberta Treasury – Community Trust Program. Speculating that Footner Forest Products along with several companies are not eligible to be run under the program.

Marilee T. asked if Footner Forest Products has gone into bankruptcy.

Al B. commented that the government has not been able to get payment for dues for the past 2 years.

Jeremy B. inquired what kind of penalty will be applied to Footner Forest Products when they start up again.

Al T. inquired of there are companies still owed by Footner Forest Products.

Jon G. said there are several companies that are still owed for services.

Al B. replied to Jeremy's question and commented that if Footner Forest Products start up again there would be less land base due to the fact when blocks left when company shut down where not reclaimed.

Mike A asked question regarding ecological issue

Al B. said that decisions that were made by the Government upper management I do not have access to information.

Al T. asked about Federal Government providing support?

Al B. said he is trying to get information, he will pass on information to Jeremy so he can forward to PAC members.

5.1 Annual Summary

A discussion was held regarding the town representative – Barry Gladders, if he is representing the Town of High Level he should be in attendance of all PAC meetings.

Jeremy B. discussed the Terms of Reference and mentioned that with the Timelines target date will be changed to October 31, 2010. Tolko Industries will be submitting in the interm sooner without Footner Forest Products.

Marilee T. asked Jeremy B. about his representation on behalf of Footner Forest Products, clarify any time put in by Jeremy.

Jeremy commented that any time he applies for Footner Forest Products is billed accordingly which is very minimal.

No comments from Auditor so there are no other changes to be made to the Terms of Reference.

Jeremy advised that Names will be place on document.

6. SPECIAL SPEAKER - Jamie Bruha – Senior Forester Timber Operations

Jeremy B. introduced Jamie Bruha from ASRD and his presentation on Grizzly Bears in Alberta.

Jamie explained how he got involved with the Grizzly Bear project for Alberta, what the process is, what happening with the program to date with the

management team that was set up the Minister. Any questions that can't be answered now will be forwarded to Jeremy at a future date.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

No discussions

8. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, June 1, 2010 (location TBA)

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:08 pm