



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
5:30 p.m. – Four Winds Banquet Room
High Level, Alberta

ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)	Lacey Reid (ECHO)
Marilee Toews (HBSWS)	Al Toews (Public member)
Ed Anderson (Tolko)	Dave Sadowsky (ASRD)

Recording Secretary: Brenda St. Arnault

1. CALL TO ORDER

Marilee Toews, Co-Chair, called meeting to order at 5:58 pm

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Addition to agenda – DMI minutes – copies made for PAC members.

Adopt Agenda as presented

MOVED by: Lacey Reid

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – May 6, 2008

Minutes originally Adopted at the June 3, 2008 PAC meeting and were reviewed for action items.

3.1 Review of action items

Jeremy was to provide copies of the DMI PAC meeting minutes. Currently their meetings are very focused on their upcoming DFMP submission, which is very similar to what HLFAC had been working through. Minutes are for information purposes. No questions or concerns.

4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

4.1 *Aspen decked logs*

Nothing has changed since last meeting in May 2008, and no aspen has been moved. FFP is still looking for opportunities to solve this problem.

Marilee asked when the aspen decks would be written off. Jeremy stated that some decks may be unsuitable for OSB production at this point, and some may be ok for this end use until next year. Eventually the volume will only be suitable for alternative purpose than OSB production: energy?

Marilee asked has there been any advertising that there are aspen log decks to be sold, other than communications with major players or with discussions with Alberta? She believes the public needs to know if there are other avenues that could be explored.

Jeremy to discuss with Jayson Kofluk and will report at the next meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.0 *Update on Activities with Footner Forest Products*

- Footner still supports HLFAC in terms of DFMP discussions, but because they have no activities at the mill they are unable to continue to “prove” an effective ISO or CSA program
- As a result, their ISO and CSA certifications were allowed to expire this summer and their involvement in the SFM Plan for the DFA is now terminated
- Jeremy will be the FFP representative at the PAC meetings and Jayson will only attend PAC meetings where it is necessary for him to do so.

Tolko update;

- Woodlands staffing levels are low, therefore we will not be able to participate in additional public activities. We currently have 11 staff and due to current downturn in the forest industry it has been difficult to fill vacant positions.

Sustainable Resource Development

- Ted Edwards had moved on.
- Dave Sadowski is the SRD representative until Caleen returns from Maternity leave.

Planning

- Companies met with Government members from Edmonton in June and SRD has approved to extend deadline to October 31, 2010 (1 year extension)
- Extensions are required due to complications with joint planning following the FFP shutdown

Comment made by Marilee about how the Companies should make provisions in the next DFMP for similar problems that may arise if one

company takes an extended shutdown so the other company is not held back.

General discussion on interim planning activity at Tolko with D-landbase not being harvested and no incidental conifer coming to Tolko, therefore more activity on conifer landbase. Jeremy mentioned that long term sustainability will not be affected during these short term planning measures.

Eventhough Tolko is not receiving incidental conifer from the FMA, there will be volume for 2008/2009 coming from our Quota area (P10) to Tolko and LCSM will be logging in F11, relieving pressure from the FMA..

5.1. Proposed changes to SFM Plan for 2008/2009

Jeremy provided the committee with a list of possible changes to the SFM Plan for the 2008/2009 season. Changes will be made to allow for the SFM Plan to be reviewed at the November 4th meeting. The revisions will also take in account that FFP is not involved. in the SFM Plan.

(Lacey left meeting at 6:45 pm.)

Marilee asked if we should be putting a preamble in the document stating why Footner Forest Products is no longer a part of the ISO/CSA. Jeremy said that is planned.

5.2. Results from recent CSA/EMS Internal Audit

Jeremy provided a summary of the results from the CSA/EMS Internal Audit and discussed each item.

Regarding the suggestion from the auditor to further provide public invitations for attending the PAC meetings, the companies could put "Meetings open to new Members" on the monthly meeting advertisement.

5.3. Proposed harvest operations for Tolko during 2008/2009 season

Ed reviewed logging plan for the upcoming logging season as per handout of GDP map and table of volume summary.

Question of how this years logging plan compares to previous years? Ed mentioned that it is a comparable volume as the mill operating with 2 shifts is producing lumber (consuming logs) at 90 to 95% of the levels of 3 shifts.

5.4. Survey on www.surveymonkey.com

Jeremy discussed survey he set up on website www.surveymonkey.com. The PAC members and others will have an opportunity to complete the 10 question survey that is focused on the PAC meetings and other aspects of the public involvement.

Only the results/summaries of the survey are provided to the companies, therefore it is completely anonymous.

5.5. Letter of invitation

Jeremy completed a draft letter to be sent to targeted stakeholders as an invite to participate at the HLFAC meetings.

5.6. Minutes from DMI PAC meeting

Comments made in 3.1; Reviewing of action items

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Clipping Service (J. Beal)

Jeremy B. distributed the latest news clippings to the PAC members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

No correspondence/reports

8. AROUND THE TABLE

Jeremy commented on survey that was filled out at the Trade Show and he will provide the results at the November 4, 2008 meeting.

Marilee commented on "Get to Know You Night" in Fort Vermilion and how the PAC committee missed the opportunity of attending and how important it is to attend community functions as a committee. Note for future opportunities.

9. NEXT MEETING – November 4, 2008, 5:00 pm

Four Winds Banquet Room

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 pm