

MINUTES OF SIFCo BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2009 Thursday, 4 p.m.
SIFCo Office, Winlaw

Board Members Present: Bruce Charlton, Stephan Martineau, Lisa Farr, Phil Larstone, & Suzanne Schroyen

Regrets: Luce Paquin & Marc Septav

Guests: Jean Patterson & Tom Bradley

Proposed Agenda:

Minutes from Last Meeting

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- 1. Business Manager Report**
- 2. Woodlands Manager Report**
- 3. Point of Entry Signs**

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Agenda is accepted as is.

1. **Business Manager's Report**

a) Community Adjustment Funds application

Stephan has provided a third iteration of a budget for the project. They have removed the clause requiring matching funds. Application has passed the first phase of approval and has been passed to the next level for approval. Success would mean 18 months of WUI work with two crews of 6. Project would start in October 2009.

b) JOP – WUI Project

There are approximately four weeks of work left. The crew is moving to Trozzo Creek on Tuesday. Mapping and flagging is in place. We will be able to finish approximately 1/3 of the block with the remaining funds.

c) JOP – IAP Project

The crew has almost finished the Trozzo Creek forestry service road. This is the biggest part of the project from an I.P. perspective. They have finished Popou Rd. and have about 2 km. left on Rooster Rd. Then they will move to Winlaw, Pedro and Red Mountain. The grader is starting work on Saturday. Deb Corbett and Kevin Sutherland will be establishing expectations with regards to rates of work. This project has about 5 or 6 weeks worth of work left.

SIFCo sponsored an invasive alien plants community education day on Sunday, August 30th, at the Spicer Centre. The IAP crew was on hand, digging weeds in the parking lot. Deb Corbett supplied a three panel informational back-drop. A water station was operational to model the practice of rinsing a vehicle's undercarriage before accessing sub-alpine on logging roads.

SIFCo also provided an opportunity for members of both crews to attend a level one first aid course through Selkirk College.

d) FIA, Bannock Point Project

Dan Reibin of the Ministry of Tourism has approved our project plan. We are still uncertain of the budget available. There should be an announcement soon with regards to provincial budget for this program. We will begin with \$7,500.00 available. If funding is kept in place, this will

become \$25,000.00 The project has been designed to accommodate either budget. Start date is in October 2009.

e) Long Term Tenure

There is new perspective evolving in relation to C.F.'s gaining long term tenures. This might affect how we approach doing a TSA.

Question from Suzanne:

How are we dealing with the firewood generated from the WUI project?

- Very little is being generated. Tom is still working on a firewood policy. There are legislated parameters to consider. This has been referred to the Planning Committee.

2. Woodlands Manager Report

a) Red Mountain Block

The market for cedar poles has declined. Brisco hopes to be interested again soon. This may affect the timing for the cut on the Red Mt. block. Deadline for response from First Nations is October 15.

Phil will ask David Aaron, lawyer for the Sinixt, whether future notification to the Sinixt should be through Bob Campbell or through Marilyn James.

b) Site Information

Tom developed a first draft of site information to be evaluated, as the first stage of developing standard protocols for the Board to follow with regards to planning. This draft was circulated to all Board members.

[This has been referred to the Planning Committee.](#)

c) Public Access Policy

Tom developed an introduction paper for Board members to consider. Road management strategies need the agreement of the District Manager. We need to develop road management policy and make a proposal to the District Manager for approval.

[This has been referred to the Planning Committee.](#)

[Tom will develop basic policy for the Planning Committee to consider.](#)

d) Boundaries

There are significant discrepancies between the boundaries of our landbase as established in our Forest Stewardship Plan, and information that MoFR is working with. Tom is working on rectifying this. (Mostly the lower boundary, where our landbase interfaces with private property.)

3. Point of Entry Signs

Leslie has generously offered to add some lettering to signs if member organizations desire this. The signs have been finished and have been delivered.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, October 15th, 4 p.m., at the SIFCo office.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, October 22nd, 4 p.m. at the SIFCo office.