

MINUTES OF SIFCo BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2019 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. SIFCo office, 5645 Hoodikoff Rd., Winlaw, B.C.

Board Members Present:

Lisa Farr	Tom Armstrong	Sam Tichenor	Lesley Mayfield
Stephan Martineau	Moonbow	David Liske	

Staff: **Regrets:**

Chair & Recorder: Lisa Farr

Agenda

1. Approval of October 15/19 minutes
2. Managers' Report
3. In Camera Meeting

1. Approval of October 15/19 Minutes

Agreed: that the minutes of the October 15, 2019 board meeting are approved, with the following exception; the second paragraph on page 1, under CRI Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program, "24 hectares on the west side of Slocan Lake" should read "24 hectares on the west side of Slocan River".

2. Managers' Report

➤ **Annual Meeting of Kootenay/Boundary Community Forest Managers**

Stephan hosted the 2nd annual meeting of the Kootenay/Boundary Community Forest Managers. Nakusp, Midway, Creston, Harrop-Procter, Kaslo and the Slocan Valley were all represented. Some topics discussed were:

- None of the CF's present have undertaken applying for a recreation tenure. Kaslo CF has some privately held tenures that overlap their forestry tenure. The biggest issue involved is liability.
- The waste assessment regulations for major licensees have recently changed to reflect the province's desire for less waste left on the land. Community Forests and Woodlots have been given a year to submit our own proposal for waste assessment changes.
- There are no new initiatives regarding CF expansion. Expansion efforts are being dealt with on a one at a time basis.
- All attending CF's are getting involved in wildfire/fuel mitigation work. Changes in burning regulations are affecting all CF's. It is getting harder to find windows for burning.
- Kaslo has successfully gotten LIDAR from the RDCK. This is good news for us as we should be able to duplicate the process.
- Nakusp CF will be hosting the next BCCFA Annual General Meeting, May 27 to 29, 2020.

➤ **Project Updates**

- FESBC Bannock 39 – our WUI crew will be finished in the western area of Bannock 39 by next week.
- Bannock East management area – Tom will be presenting an overview at our next board meeting for logging approval. The goal is to do winter logging here.
- FESBC Anderson 23 – This is a type 1 area. It is in an OGMA which generally have no activities allowed. It has been agreed that as this OGMA is so close to private property, it can accommodate a type 1 level of activity. We now have a prescription.

- RDCK Trozzo – SIFCo did a type 1 prescription for this area, for the RDCK. The prescription has been approved and the RDCK is putting the project out to bid.
- Next spring – our WUI crew will be working on Bannock east and Anderson. All of the prep work is done on the Ponderosa prescribed burn area, so we will be ready for our 2nd prescribed burn.

➤ **CBT-900**

Our WUI crew have opened up 7 km of road to gain access to the proposed burn area. Jonathan Fox from BCWS has been up several times doing initial assessments and getting the lay of the land. Gregoire Lamoureux and Jennifer Yeow want to meet with Stephan to discuss water monitoring. Lesley Mayfield will attend as well.

➤ **Carbon Project with Mel Reasoner**

Stephan has spoken further with Mel Reasoner and a path forward is becoming clear. They have included Tom and Charles Cuell in the conversation, who has a PHD in mathematics. Charles sees the possibility in a computer modelling that can predict wildfire probability pre and post WUI treatment. If we can show scientifically that managing forests for wildfires, results in a significant net reduction in carbon in the atmosphere, perhaps we can fund WUI work through carbon offset programs. Stephan has been speaking with Mark Elder from the CBT about their innovation funding program. He has submitted an expression of interest. He is expecting to hear from CBT in mid-January. Stephan will be meeting with the Silvertown Village Council to discuss this project on Dec. 10/19.

➤ **CRI Funding (Slocan Valley Wildfire & Resiliency Program)**

An application for \$440,000 in funding has gone in to CRI program. Stephan has discovered that emergency evacuation preparedness and emergency response are covered under two separate silos. Right now no one is covering emergency evacuation planning. Hopefully this will be resolved. **Action;** Lisa will email a link to Frontline’s documentary on the Paradise Wildfire in California to all board members.

➤ **Winlaw Watershed Committee AGM Report**

Lesley Mayfield shared some highlights of WWC’s latest AGM. They achieved a quorum. Lesley did a presentation on some of SIFCo’s projects. The list she gave highlighted the various ways in which SIFCo is supporting local communities with our forestry approach. She received some feedback regarding a desire for more communication with members regarding our project plans.

Action; Lesley will forward WWC AGM minutes and her report to Lisa.

3. In Camera Meeting

Agreements & Action Items from This Meeting

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Action	Lesley will forward WWC AGM minutes and her report to Lisa.	done

Agreements & Action Items from This Meeting In Camera Session

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Action Items from Previous Meetings.

Apr. 26.16	Action Items April 26, 2016 - Regular Session	
Action	Stephan, Tom & Lisa will develop a current approach for SIFCo to take with regards to invasive plants in the Slocan Valley.	in process
Mar. 22/18	Action Items March 22, 2018 - Regular Session	
Action	create public education around the issue of firewood.	
Action	develop policy on firewood from SIFCo management areas.	
June 4/19	Action Items June 4, 2019 - In Camera Session	
Action	Stephan will research infrared heat detection systems and any relevant soil moisture analysis systems that may aide us in assessing risk.	
July 16/19	Action Items July 16, 2019 - Regular Session	
Action	Lisa will ensure that a conversation around community involvement/ communication process will be on the board meeting agenda once our full video package is ready, hopefully by October 2019	
Action	Stephan will research applying for a recreation tenure over our landbase.	

Next Board Meeting: December 12/19