

Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations
Board of Directors Conference Call
November 14, 2022 – 6:30pm

Present: Mark Clark, Kevin Webber, Don Whyte, Rick Walters, Helene Marcoux,
Brian Amies, Ken Dodd, Tyler Hodgkinson, Steven Wright

Contractors: Gord Chipman, Karen Forge, Brian McNaughton

Guests: Chris Hawkins (WPDC)

Regrets: Coleen Maclean-Marlow

Mark Clark chaired the meeting.

Quorum was present.

Submitted reports are attached as appendices to the minutes.

Date	Action #	Description	Assigned to	Outcome
1/10/22	1	Two FBCWA representatives to be found for Editorial Committee	Mark Clark	Ongoing
1/10/22	2	W4W Improvements - MOU with MoF	Tom Bradley	Ongoing
07/11/22	3	Karen to contact Lisa to investigate options for secure document storage	Karen Forge	Ongoing
11/14/22	4	Chris to ask Cathy to contact Mark regarding making arrangements for the directors governance training.	Chris Hawkins	Complete
11/14/22	5	Investigate options to obtain a FBCWA credit card for Gord Chipman	Steven Wright	Ongoing
11/14/22	6	List of committees/portfolios opportunities to be sent to all BoD members	Gord Chipman	Complete
11/14/22	7	Contact Quesnel Assn to see if they are still interested in hosting 2023 AGM	Mark Clark	Complete
11/14/22	8	Gord to contact Debbie Zandbelt for Waste Assessment system update	Gord Chipman	Complete

1. Adopt Agenda

MOTION #1: Consent Agenda adopted

M/S: Steven Wright/Brian Amies Carried

2. Reviewed Previous Minutes

Reviewed Action items from previous minutes

MOTION #2: To accept minutes as presented

M/S: Don Whyte/Steven Wright Carried

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3. Reports

3.1 WPDC President – Chris Hawkins

New WPDC Executive:

President – Chris Hawkins

Vice-President – Gernot Zemanek

Treasurer – TBD (Blain Arnett resigned from Council)

JTF met with Ministry of Agriculture regarding the ongoing governance review. Willing to assist with creating a new development plan if required once governance review is complete.

Lisa Zabek, MoA, has joined Council as an ex-officio member.

Next WPDC meeting to be held November 24, 2022.

3.2 FBCWA President – Mark Clark

Continuing work with GM transition.

3.3 GM Report – Gord Chipman

Attended FBCWA Annual Conference

Attended BCCFA AGM in Nakusp

- met Minister Conroy

- Minister Conroy announced she would not be changing tab rates at this time

Attended TLA Forestry Summit. Met Lenny Joe (BC First Nations Forestry Council) and John Betts (Western Canada Silviculture Association)

Made contact with Paul Rasmussen (ILMA) and Chief Foresters from West Fraser, Tolko, Canfor, Interfor, Mosiac and Western

Working closely with Brian on transition

After AGM, H. Griessel expressed interest in WL replacement rather than monetary compensation. Brought the subject up with Patrick Russel that going forward a solution would be to have a no net loss policy with woodlots due to land claims. Last week we had a JWG meeting and Emma Neill said that the Province was looking at land replacement for the woodlot.

Meeting with FBCWA Contractors – first week of December

Looking at FNFC meeting on November 22, 2022 in Kamloops

South Island AGM and tour Gregson and Dawson woodlots on November 30, 2022

Governance JTF meeting taking place in Kelowna on December 8 & 9, 2022

Requests the Board review the current mileage rate of \$0.65/km which is 12% short of standard

Request a credit card be issued for FBCWA expenses (ie: airline travel, accommodation)

4. Old Business

4.1 Quarterly Reports – Mark Clark

Q2 Report has been submitted to WPDC

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4.2 Directors Governance Training - Mark Clark

Chris advised that the proposal from the Governance Group was received and accepted by the WPDC.

Action: Chris to ask Cathy to contact Mark regarding making arrangements for the directors governance training.

4.3 WPDC-FBCWA Business Arrangement – Mark Clark

Current agreement due to expire March 31, 2023. Status of the agreement and need to revise is subject to the outcomes of the governance review. Business as usual in 2023/24 B&WP preparation.

4.4 Directors Portfolios/Committees – Mark Clark

Due to new Board members all portfolios and committees should be reviewed.

Action: Brian M and Gord C to review and complete list and distribute to all BoD members in next 10 days.

4.5 FBCWA Investments – GIC Terms – Steven Wright (Treasurer)

There was a suggestion made at the AGM that the FBCWA might receive a better return on investment if FBCWA funds were invested in longer term GICs. Treasurer position currently transitioning from Nancy Pezel. Steven advised he will look into this in due course.

4.6 Scholarships

Two Topics:

- Members suggested at AGM that the number and/or dollar amount be increased for scholarships.
- There was an 'unofficial' motion made from the floor at the annual conference that there be a separate 1X "salmon" scholarship using the funds received from the auctioning off of the S Flynn salmon carving.

Both topics were tabled until the directors responsible for scholarships is decided and then they will be responsible for looking into both topics.

4.7 2023 Annual Conference

Host Association? Quesnel had expressed an interest.

Action: Mark Clark to contact John Massier, Quesnel WL Association President to see if they are still interested.

5. New Business

5.1 Waste Assessment System

Some directors expressed frustration over the current system, including a lack of clear direction and training, being onerous, time consuming and expensive.

Action: Gord Chipman to contact Debbie Zandbelt to discuss the current situation, possible options going forward, and what the FBCWA can or should do.

Meeting moved to In-Camera session – 7:45pm

Administration Report – October 2022

Key Deliverables	Start Date	Finish Date	Status Update
Admin support Provide correspondence, reports, inquiries, membership questions, contracts and distribution of information and records	2022.04.01	2023.03.31	- Ongoing
Zoom meetings Schedule Zoom calls for FBCWA and Associations upon request	2022.04.01	2023.03.31	- Ongoing
WL Contact List updates	2022.04.01	2023.03.31	- Ongoing
Association Projects Assist Associations with application process and distribute ideas	2022.04.01	2023.03.31	- See below for progress report
Joint Task Force Meeting and accommodation arrangements	2022.07.01	2023.10.31	- October & December meeting arrangements - Catering, room block
Annual Conference & AGM	2202.08.01	2022.10.31	- Send email - AGM Meeting arrangements - Attend WL Conference & AGM

Association	Contact	Project	Budget	Status
SOWA	Terry Hammond	Waste Assessment Training	\$2,829	Complete
Boundary	Tyler Hodgkinson	Wildlife tree signs (all FBCWA Assns)	\$6,612	Approved Awaiting invoice & project summary
Cariboo	Rick Walters Gord Chipman	New waste manual and assessment processes Request for Project Proposal Assistance form	TBD	Awaiting submission
Kispiox	Eddy Plant Dan Burns	Cedar cone collection	\$1,963	Complete
Prince George	Mark Clark/Mike Trepanier	FN Engagement & Communication	TBD	Awaiting submission
Prince George	Mark Clark/Mike Trepanier	Commercial Thinning on WL in sub boreal Spruce zone Timeline – May 15, 2022 – Nov 30, 2022	\$9,000	Awaiting submission

Communications Report – October 2022

No report submitted

e-FM Monthly Report – October 2022

Key Deliverables	Status Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay current with e-Business Issues 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify beneficial changes in e-Business processes or strategies to achieve improvements. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement approved strategies or actions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with MoF re: content in their July draft MOU re:W4W improvements that (in our opinion) should not be in the MOU. Discuss with Tenures Branch, get assurance they will engage, now waiting and reminding.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications and extension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almanac article Attend AGM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly and annual reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for work plan and budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tech support to Licensees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to move MapView under Edge emulation General assistance to new WLGML user
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address issues that arise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESULTS: Look for ways to reliably identify Error 11: Broken link to spatial data. Discuss with MoF. No resolutions yet.

Interior Timber Pricing Report – October 2022

Key Deliverables	Start Date	Status Update
Monitor Timber Pricing Policies	Ongoing	November 1 IAM update
Liaise with MoF and Industry	Ongoing	Normal Oct MPS committee meetings
Monitor Tab rates	Ongoing	Proceeding with action plan for Tabular Stumpage review
ID policy changes	Ongoing	No updates this month
Implement pricing strategies or actions as approved by FBCWA		No updates this month
Liaise with Assns and licensees	Ongoing	Member communications – more cut control, consolidation, and waste survey questions
Prepare Pricing Position papers		Nothing to report
Coordinate with coast on pricing matters	Ongoing	FRZ updates
Monthly reports to BoD, calls	Monthly	Monthly report to BoD
AGM and Directors meeting attendance	Spring & Fall	AGM in Abbotsford
Budget and annual work plan	January	No updates this month
Timber Pricing related topics	Ongoing	No updates this month

Coast Timber Pricing Report – October 2022

No report submitted

General Manager's Report – October 2022

Brian McNaughton

- K'omoks Treaty – v. meeting with NIWA, attended public sessions, v. meeting with provincial negotiators, discussions with MoF, strategizing with G. Chipman and M. Clark
- WLS & Treaties Presentation
- Annual Conference – preparation (PowerPoints & speaking notes), attendance, notes
- Annual General Meeting – preparation (PowerPoints & speaking notes), attendance, notes
- Directors Meeting – preparation (PowerPoints & speaking notes), attendance, notes
- Post Annual Conference, AGM & Director Meeting tasks – finalize PowerPoints for posting to website, revise priority list, send governance information to new directors
- Governance – attended two day Joint Task Force (JTF) workshop in Abbotsford
- Honorary Life Members – nominations & vote, certificates, recipient attendance
- Minister's Awards – finalize, recipient attendance, minister's participation.
- General Manager succession & transition – GM contract, FBCWA organization, file organization & transfer, priorities, contracts, etc.
- Q2 Report
- Almanac articles – GM Report and introducing new GM
- RESULTS – WL licensee performance, data analysis, course of action
- Bylaw amendments
- W4W MoU – letter to D Kelly
- Monthly Board virtual meeting – agenda, PowerPoint & GM report
- Miscellaneous – contractors' invoices, inquiries re treaties, court decisions, FN consultation, valuing a WL, private land removal, WL transfer, waste assessments, old growth, delayed CP approval, etc.

General Manager's Report – October 2022

Gord Chipman

Hello it is my pleasure to write my first GM report for the Federation.

I officially started my role as General Manager on Oct 16th. I accepted the offer from the Board of Directors within a day with the condition that I could clean up the commitments that I have on the go in the Cariboo Region and be able to shadow Brian until the end of December about the role of the GM. Brian has been in the role for over 21 years now and I feel like I will be fed with a fire hose over this next two months on the various files that are on going.

I know everyone in the forest industry is feeling the pressure from the various changes the Government has imposed in the past couple years. The level of uncertainty is the highest I have seen in my 30 year career. The impact from beetles, fires, mill closures and the constant turnover throughout the Forest industry has many people wondering what is next, what else do I need to consider.

I accepted the challenge to manage the Federation because I believe in Area based forestry. I believe woodlots have made a difference in this province and I believe we can manage old forests, wildlife habitat, and maintain water quality.

Going forward I am aligning myself on the various committees or working groups. Connections are being made daily and I am getting exposed to the Federation process. I am happy to see the new Governance training occurring with the directors of the Federation and the Council (WPDC). I have worked for several other boards in the past and good Governance principals are key. They have been working hard to look after Woodloters interest.

I plan to get out and visit woodlots in the coming year and would like invitations from people that are interested to share their thoughts in person. If you would like to meet please let your local Association rep know or contact me directly at gechipman@xylemrm.com. I look forward to this next year and if I have not met you yet I hope I get to soon.