

Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations
Board of Directors Conference Call
February 13, 2023 – 6:30pm

Present: Mark Clark, Ken Dodd, Kevin Webber, Steven Wright, Rick Walters,
Tyler Hodgkinson

Contractors: Gord Chipman, Nancy Pezel, Colin Sauer

Guests: Chris Hawkins (WPDC)

Regrets: Helene Marcoux, Brian Amies, Don Whyte, 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
01/10/22	2	W4W Improvements - MOU with MoF	Tom Bradley	Ongoing
11/14/22	5	Investigate options to obtain a FBCWA credit card for Gord Chipman	Steven Wright	Ongoing
12/12/22	9	Gord to arrange a meeting with Minister Ralston, preferably to include field trip)	Gord Chipman	Ongoing

1. Adopt Agenda

MOTION #1: Adopt Agenda as Amended

M/S: Steven Wright/Rick Walters Carried

MOTION #2: Adopt Consent Agenda

M/S: Steven Wright/Rick Walters Carried

2. Reviewed Previous Minutes

Reviewed Action items from previous minutes of January 9, 2023.

MOTION #3: To accept minutes as presented

M/S: Kevin Webber/Ken Dodd Carried

3. Reports

3.1 WPDC President – Chris Hawkins

JTF Committee working on province wide Zoom calls as part of Communications Plan
FBCWA-WPDC Agreement Extension on Councils agenda for next meeting Feb 23rd

3.2 FBCWA President – Mark Clark

Attended ABCFP meeting

Working with FBCWA Budget Committee

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3.3 GM report

Report attached in appendix

4. Old Business

4.1 2023 AGM Host Association

FBCWA/WPDC led initiative in East Kootenay
Cathy McClary has been informed of plans
Brian Amies is interested in helping with organization

4.2 Spring Members Meeting

Contractors will be invited for Friday March 17th sessions
Gord working on agenda

5. New Business

5.1 Proposal to Advertise Contracts for Service Providers

Admin/Communications contractor position currently advertised, will be interviewed and selected in March for April 1 start
Proposed Regional Reps are new positions, include Timber Pricing portfolios but also other duties/portfolios, so need to be advertised
Gord recommends to advertise all three Regional Rep positions in March
Challenges dealing with contracts at this time because of budget uncertainty

5.2 Next Board meeting

Will be face-to-face March 19th in Victoria
Colin recommends joint meeting with Council

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 pm
Minutes prepared by: Nancy Pezel
Minutes approved: March 19, 2023

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General Manager Report

February 2023

The Woodlot Joint Working Group met on Feb 1st for the first time of 2023. There was much discussion about the Terms of Reference for the Group. The representatives from the FBCWA are Mark Clark, Brian Amies, Tom Bradley, Rick Walters and Gord Chipman. In the future the JWG will be a reporting group about updates around the industry and identify subcommittees to address issues that affect woodlots.

Over the Month of February there were several meetings regarding the TAP Old Growth strategy. Ken Dodd attended a meeting in Richmond on behalf of the Federation on Feb 6th and 7th. It was announced that there will be 23 regional sessions held around the Province during April.

There are many conversations about Wildland Urban Interface areas. Bill 23 is expected to be deposited in the next couple months that will designate these WUI's throughout the province where there are housing concentrations of 6 or more buildings.

I attended the Association of BC Professional Foresters AGM in Prince George. This was a great networking opportunity with leaders throughout the forest industry. Considerable time was spent with the new CEO of the First Nation Forestry Council (FNFC)- Lenny Joe. There was good dialogue about developing an MOU in the future between the FBCWA and the FNFC to build up relationships between the members of the two organizations.

There were several meetings with the Joint working group of the ABCFP / BC Wildfire Service to discuss issues impacting fire management in the province. I attended as a member of the ABCFP. The BCWS is interested to provide funding to Woodlots to address wildfire risk. Particularly, they are interested in research opportunities, capacity building and outreach to Woodlots. There are a few unknown issues right now such as the operational funding that the Forest Enhancement Society will provide, how much the BCWS will provide and what impacts will be with Bill 23.

I participated in rewriting the WPDC development Plan, also involved was Cathy McClary, Gernot Zemanek, Colin Sauer. It has since been distributed to both boards and Joint Task Force Members.

The WPDC plan to distribute to Lisa Zabek, at the Ministry of Agriculture for review and comment prior to last touch edits to be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for Approval. 6 months is requested for this.

Approximately 20 hours was spent on the Budget and Work Plan. After the FBCWA budget subcommittee composed of Mark Clark, Nancy Pezel and Steven Write reviewed and commented it was sent to the WPDC budget Subcommittee on February 28.

There were 2 FBCWA contractor meetings held in February. The intention is to have these touch base meetings for 1 hour every two weeks.

The Administration Communications position was posted with the help of Human Resources consultant Liz Wooton. Feb 28 was the Deadline and over 150 applications were received. The intention is to have the communications and administration positions replaced by end of March with an April 1st start.

During the month there were many emails and telephone conversations with some woodloters. Specifically Fred Marshall, George Delisle, and Ron Beauchain.

Another project that was started was to track the number of Woodlot deletions that have been occurring in the province. This will be a work in progress for the next few months.

The Timber Pricing Update has been business as usual. Nothing new in Jan or Feb but changes are probable. The Timber Pricing Branch announced that in the Summer they intend to change the duration of actual prices to reflect one month of data instead of 6-8 months that the current stumpage pricing. The Ministry received a lot of pressure at the Truck Loggers Association AGM to change the stumpage system.

A sub committee of Brian McNaughton, Lisa Marak and Nancy Pezel met to discuss setting up an Cloud data base for Federation documents. The decision is that Lisa will set Google Drive accounts that the Contractors will be given access to the various accounts once they are set up.

Planning started to set up the Fall AGM for Cranbrook. Brian Amies has taken the lead on this. Unfortunately it was identified from the WPDC Budget Subcommittee that they do not support the Cranbrook location now. It is planned that this will be sorted out in March so that we can book venues and invite the Forest Minister to attend. An executive decision will be required on this issue.

There was a meeting with the Timber tenures branch to discuss the Ministers Award. I was informed that due to Covid the Ministers award was missed in 2021 but \$10,000 was sent to the Federation. The tenures branch would like to hold back the 2023 deposit of the Ministers award. I have requested to use this award to put into scholarships instead of clawing it back. Hope to get certainty on this issue before the end of March

Gord Chipman