

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Shane Brien

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom – arrived at 10:15 a.m.
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert – left at 10:18 a.m., returned at 10:25 a.m.
Linda McGuire
Annette Morgan
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarra Storey – via Zoom – arrived at 10:30 a.m.
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Other Dave Stevens, President, Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brien called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director McGuire

NRC.2022-3-1

“That the Natural Resources Committee Agenda for June 16, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

**Natural Resources
Committee Meeting Minutes
– March 17, 2022**

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

NRC.2022-3-2

“That the Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

KPMG Request for Comments Re: Re-certification Audit of Sierra Pacific Industries and West Fraser Mills Ltd.

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Past international certification for planting and harvesting of trees
- Forest professionals to review document
- Providing a response as a region
- Impacts of First Nations Agreements and ecological considerations
- Risk Assessment for Canada
- Re-certification Audit
 - o Chain of custody and wood re-certification practices
 - Prove which tree each forest product is produced from and tracked through the market system
 - o Risk Assessment
 - What's the risk of not being able to properly track the wood
- Further clarification and information required
- Contacting forest consultants (Al Gorley, Ray Schultz) to review document and provide invitation to attend future meeting
- Determine top 5 forestry topics for RDBN advocacy
 - o Old Growth Deferral
 - o First Nations Agreements
 - o Timber Harvesting Licenses control
 - o Lack and utilization of Fibre
- Request more time for consultation and to provide comment
- Addressing topics in a timely manner where necessary
- Taking the opportunity to comment when provided and voice concerns
- Utilizing RDBN staff forestry knowledge
- Collective voice from the Regional District.

Invite Forest Consultants to a Future Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director McGuire

NRC.2022-3-3

“That the Committee invite Al Gorley, President, Triangle Resources Inc. and Ray Schultz, Registered Professional Forester, and Independent Consultant to a future Natural Resources Committee Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Future Agenda Items:

- Developing and prioritizing top 5 forestry topics for RDBN advocacy
 - o Old Growth Deferral
 - o First Nations Agreements
 - o Timber Harvesting License control
 - o Lack and utilization of fibre
 - o Insight into cumulative impacts on the land base – how are they being considered
 - How being addressed by various ministries.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Newell

NRC.2022-3-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Shane Brienen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate
Services