

In Person Board Meeting Minutes



September 27-29, 2022

Minutes by Catarina Owen

List of Acronyms/Terms Used

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HGS (<i>Hıdó Gogha Sėnégots'ıá</i>)	Plan for the Future/Community Conservation Planning
PLS	Public Listening Session
SDMCLCA	Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement

Day 1 - September 27, 2022

Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Overview/discussion of the SRRB's land claim mandate, roles of Board members and chairs
- Overview/discussion of the SRRB's strategic plan
- Human Resources

Participants

Board Members

Sam Haché
Rhea McDonald
Camilla Tutcho
Judy Tutcho
Camilla Rabisca
George Barnaby

Staff

Deborah Simmons
Melanie Harding
Ben Dosu

Legal Counsel

Bruce McRae
Gabrielle Thompson

SRRB Board Member Orientation: Legal Considerations

Presentation by Gabrielle Thompson and Bruce McRae

- Legal context of the SRRB
- Responsibilities of Board Members
- Introduction to decision-making
- Role of Staff and Legal Counsel

SRRB Strategic Plan

Presentation by Deb Simmons

- Vision – working together to make a living on the land.
- Goals:
 1. Planning and related initiatives in the Sahtú are undertaken through **community conservation planning** processes, including strong Nę K'édíke programs led by communities
 2. Community **ʔehdzo Got'jne** are strong, independent organizations, fully implementing their role as defined in the Sahtú Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement
 3. **Research and monitoring** in the Sahtú is community collaborative, and supports community and regional leaders to make wise decisions
 4. **Sahtú youth** are strong environmental stewards and future community leaders
 5. Build **strong staff, contractor and partnership teams**, with a central focus of building Beneficiary capacity in the Sahtú
- Strengths-Based Approach – we work closely our partners

Human Resources

Human Resources will be handled by the Executive Director

Day 2 - September 28, 2022

Agenda

- Review of key messages from Day 1
- Background on the SRRB's five-part caribou Public Listening Sessions (PLS)
- Board membership

Participants

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Background on the SRRB's five-part caribou Public Listening Sessions (PLS)

Confidential update from legal counsel.

Board membership

- Since DFO and CWS have not filled out the substantive vacant positions, the alternates (Sam and Faye) become automatic board members with full voting rights
- A process is still ongoing to fill the vacant positions from the GNWT
- George Barnaby remains the acting chair
- The SDMCLCA remains the primary term of reference for the Board
- The SRRB Policies and Procedure also can also be referenced
- Legal counsel to look into the composition and functions of board members

Day 3 - September 28, 2022

Agenda

- Overview of Federal Species at Risk processes underway and decisions to be made.
- Overview of NWT Conference of Management Authorities processes and decisions to be made
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Wildlife Studies Fund status, policy and budget for 2022-2023
- Introduction to the Dene Ts'ı́ı Fund – a support for training in the Sahtú, and possible revisions to SRRB scholarships policy
- In-camera session
- Closing prayer

Participants

Board Members

Sam Haché

Rhea McDonald

Camilla Tutcho

Judy Tutcho

Camilla Rabisca

George Barnaby

Faye D'Eon-Eggertson

Staff

Deborah Simmons

Ben Dosu

Legal Counsel

Gabrielle Thompson

Other Guests

Bruce Laurich

Overview of Federal Species at Risk processes underway and decisions to be made

- Presentation by Bruce Laurich
 - Federal (COSEWIC) Assessment and listing process
 - Statuses of Lesser Yellowlegs, Barn Swallow, and Short-eared Owl
- There are upcoming engagement workshops on wolverine
- There will be a validation workshop on grizzly bears in late winter

M2023-017

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Overview of NWT Conference of Management Authorities processes and decisions to be made

- Presentation on CMA and decisions to be made
- Need to improve the consultation and engagement process with the communities with regards to the SRRB's participation in the CMA consensus building

Approval of Meeting Minutes

M2023-0018

M2023-018	Approve Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2022. <i>Faye D'Eon Eggertson/Samuel Haché</i>	Consensus
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M2023-0019

M2023-019	Approve Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2022. <i>Camilla Tutcho/ Camilla Rabisca</i>	Consensus
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M2023-020

M2023-020	Transfer \$186 from the Special Projects Fund to the Training and Scholarship Fund to bring Fund to \$nill and after the transfer the Training and Scholarship Fund is eliminated. <i>Rhea McDonald/ Faye D'Eon Eggertson</i>	Consensus
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M2023-021

M2023-021	Transfer \$26,139 from the Special Projects Fund to the Operating Fund to bring the Operating Fund to \$nill. <i>Rhea McDonald/ Faye D'Eon Eggertson</i>	Consensus
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M2023-022

M2023-022	Transfer \$74,195 from the Operating bank account to the CIBC Wood Gundy cash account. CIBC Wood Gundy to invest the funds. <i>Rhea McDonald/ Faye D'Eon Eggertson</i>	Consensus
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M2023-023

M2023-023	Approve the following Wildlife Studies Fund Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$10,000 – Arctic Salmon• \$25,000 – Great Bear Lake Fisheries• \$150,000 – Nę K'ə Dene Ts'ıłı Forum <i>Rhea McDonald/ Faye D'Eon Eggertson</i>	Consensus
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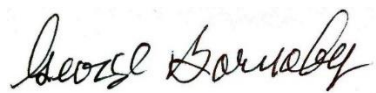
M2023-0024

M2023-024	Adjourn Meeting. Judy Tutcho	Consensus
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Closing prayer by Camilla Tutcho

Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, October 27, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "George Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a stylized 'B'.

George Barnaby, Acting Chair

Summary of Motions

Number	Description	Result
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M2023-024	Adjourn Meeting. Judy Tutcho	Consensus