

SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

**BAORD MEETING
MARCH 22 - 25, 1999**

TULITA, NT

MINUTES

Location: Tulita Hamlet Chambers

PRESENT:

Winter Lennie	Chairman
Ruby McDonald	Member
Celina Stroeder	Member
Lucy Jackson	Member
Russ Hall	Member
Paul Latour	Member
Leonard Kenny	Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Winter Lennie.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Winter Lennie introduced the visiting guests to the Board - Alasdair Veitch, Richard Popko, Ed McLean, Roy Doolittle, Jim Moore.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

SRRB 118-1999: MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA AS PRESENTED - MOVED BY PAUL LATOUR, SECONDED BY LUCY JACKSON. CARRIED.

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

SRRB 119-1999: MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2/98; NOVEMBER 5/98 CONFERENCE CALL MEETING; NOVEMBER 23/98 CONFERENCE CALL MEETING; DECEMBER 10/98 CONFERENCE CALL MEETING; FEBRUARY 22-24/99 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - MOVED BY RUSS HALL, SECONDED BY PAUL LATOUR. CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - ACTION ITEMS

**Sahtu Harvest Study: Deline.
SRRB Operating Procedures**

Signing Authority: Winter Lennie, single signing authority up to \$5,000.00; Michelle Wheatley, also, had single signing authority, when she held the position of Acting Executive Director. Ruby McDonald was given authority when Michelle left.

Co-Chairs Meeting in Tulita. SRRB's responsibility to host this meeting. To be planned for.

Screening Criteria - information sent with Board Member's packages.

Five-Year Plan - Working Group.

Appraisal on the Executive Director. Strategic Planning Workshop.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

It was agreed that the whole Board be involved in the interviews - scheduled for Wednesday morning, March 24/9, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Russ Hall spoke on fairness. Structured interview, same questions. One person to lead the interview.

The Board to meet this evening to work on interview questions.

7. SRRB STAFFING UPDATE

Executive Director, Robert Nowosad resigned September 8, 1998. Winter took over as Acting Executive Director until the office moved its location to Tulita, where Michelle Wheatley then took over the position as Acting Executive Director. She resigned December 15, 1998, and again, Winter took over the position.

The SRRB meeting which was scheduled in December was postponed until late February. The meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to no quorum.

An Executive Committee meeting was held February 22, 1999 to deal with some issues.

Bruce MacDonald, Biologist, was hired September 8, 1998.

Suzie Silastiak, Office Manager, was hired November 24, 1998.

8./9. INTEGRATED RESOURCES SPECIALIST/BIOLOGIST APPLICATIONS - BIOLOGY TECHNICIAN TRAINEE PSOPOSAL

Job advertisement for Executive Director - minimal response for this position; so this was re-advertised. Approximately eighty applications were received for the Integrated Resources Specialist position.

If the Board feels that this position is not necessary, then a position can be created - Biology Technician Trainee; so as to hire a claimant locally. Rosa Etchinelle, has a diploma in Renewable Resources Technology, shows strong interest in working for the Board. If the Integrated Resources Specialist Biologist position is not restaffed, then the Biology Technician Trainee position can be created. In doing so, then the Biologist position will take on more responsibilities with a change in salary.

Suggestions/Comments: Harvest Study Co-ordinator to take over fisheries related matters as the present Biologist does not feel confident in taking over this task. This could be included in the Harvest Study Co-ordinator's job description.

Discussion on Conservation Education, School Projects, Training of the RRC'S, general public information.

Ruby McDonald stated that this where our strategic plan should come into effect; Executive Director managing by plan rather than crisis.

Winter commented on the importance of holding a Strategic Planning Workshop, which in the long run would lessen the problems the SRRB office encounters. He also commended the staff on 'hanging in there' without an Executive Director.

Job descriptions: Matters relating to fisheries to be included with the Harvest Study Co-ordinator's job description; rather than the Biologists's job description.

Celina Stroeder supported the creation of a Biology Technician Trainee and the termination of the Integrated Resources Specialist Biologist position.

Housekeeping duties such as creating job descriptions should be left up to the Executive Director.

SRRB 120-1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD DO NOT RESTAFF THE INTEGRATED RESOURCES SPECIALIST BIOLOGIST POSITION, AND THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD CREATE A BIOLOGIST TRAINEE POSITION WITH A RELATED JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY.

**MOVED BY RUBY MCDONALD, SECONDED BY RUSS HALL.
NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY..**

- BREAK -

10. AGENCY UPDATES

Paul Latour:

- : Snowgoose - population**
 - sport hunting**
 - regulation changes**
 - harvest**
- : Endangered Species (species at risk) - consultation**
- : Migratory Birds**
- : Environmental Monitoring Programs (national)**
- : Total ban on lead shot for water fowl to come into effect September 9, 1999.**

(George Low - DFO - not available for presentation. Russ reported that George called to apologize for not attending the meeting due to other commitments; but would be available to answer any questions by phone. Is presently working on the river survey work.)

Russ reported on the Deline meeting with the Deline Renewable Resources Council dealing with the contaminants issue.

Winter stated that the SRRB was not invited to this meeting, and was notified only at the last minute regarding this meeting.

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Celina Stroeder (GNWT)

: increased road patrols (Tulita - Deline) this past winter by officers to ensure safe hunting practices; and areas closed to non-participants

: Deline RRC - monitoring. May be a plan for next winter road season to set up check stations due to the number of caribou harvested this year.

: Deline RRC does not wish to continue with the fire management contract this year, would like to focus on wildlife and fisheries management. The Call for Proposal will be going out very soon to business individuals and organizations within Deline.

: Meeting with the Deline RRC on April 8 to discuss related issues.

: Meetings to discuss the Sahtu and Gwichin Land Claim regarding amendments to the Wildlife Act.

: Special Harvesting issues. CWS/DFO - arbitration issue.

Winter expressed concerns regarding 'private lands' in our area, hunting rights, trespassing - no ability to enforce.

Ruby suggested distributing a Press Release.

Winter recommended that all the five RRC's meet regarding these issues.

Celina (cont'd)

: Wildlife and Parks Trainee doing well, returning after her first year at the end of June.

: Community hunt - people from Tulita - hunting in the Drum Lake area at the present time. Keith Hickling is out with the group and is collecting caribou lungs and other specimens for Richard and Alasdair. (Participation is by invitation).

Discontinued harvesting assistance and sponsoring community hunts, Community harvester assistance is allocated to local RRC's.

Leonard Kenny questioned the caribou harvesting issue around Deline.

Celina reported that the RRC has done some monitoring and that no data has been submitted by Walter - nothing formal has been done as Deline does not participate in the harvest study.

Leonard also mentioned that the Deline/Financial Corporation and the Deline RRC plan to meet to discuss this issue.

SRRB (Winter) -

- : Resignation of Robert Nowosad, Bruce MacDonald (Biologist) hired, Relocation of office from Norman Wells to Tulita.**
- : Employees commuting to Tulita from Norman Wells for work due to the housing issue. Still more work to be done setting up the office - e.g. library. Strategic planning to be done with the new Executive Director and the Board.**
- : Project Funding applications.**
- : Screening criteria.**
- : Discussion on Acting Executive Director - Michelle and Winter.**
- : Review and approval of project funding applications - to include/exclude staff.**

Russ spoke on the issue of a Regional RRC. Encourage the RRC's to get more involved, to participate with our Board.

- LUNCH BREAK -

11. PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- : Review, allocate funding for only some of the proposed projects and table some, - leave some funding aside for future use.**
- : Deline's application for funding for the Grizzly Bear Study - no proposal, notified only after the deadline.**
- : Can table some of the applications for the Strategic Planning Meeting.**
- : Have to make a decision on the amount of funds to be spent on wildlife studies this year. (interest monies invested with TAL).**

Ducks Unlimited - .

SRRB 121 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE DUCKS UNLIMITED PROJECT (#4) FOR 1999/2000 IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000). MOVED BY: RUSS HALL, SECONDED BY: PAUL LATOUR. MOTION CARRIED.

Bathurst Caribou Herd - RWED

***SRRB 122 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE BATHURST CARIBOU WINTER MOVEMENTS PROJECT (#6) FOR 1999/2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$19,000).
MOVED BY: PAUL LATOUR, SECONDED BY: LEONARD KENNY. MOTION CARRIED.***

Juvenile Marten Dispersal - RWED

***SRRB 123 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE JUVENILE MARTEN DISPERSAL PROJECT (#13) FOR 1999/2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$9,900).
MOVED BY: RUSS HALL, SECONDED BY: PAUL LATOUR. MOTION CARRIED.***

Woodland Caribou in the Mackenzie Mountains - RWED

***SRRB 124 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE WOODLAND CARIBOU PROJECT (#12) FOR 1999/2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$33,000).
MOVED BY: PAUL LATOUR, SECONDED BY: RUSS HALL. MOTION CARRIED.***

(Discussion on boundaries, population, gender, traditional knowledge).

Aspen Seedling Production - Produce North

Discussion. Does not fall under our criteria. Research project. Tabled until additional information is submitted.

New or non-multi year funding approved projects:

Sahtu GIS Project - RWED

***SRRB 125 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE SAHTU GIS PROJECT (#1) FOR 1999/2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$25,312).
MOVED BY: LEONARD KENNY, SECONDED BY: RUSS HALL. MOTION CARRIED.***

Lucy Jackson stressed the importance of all the RRC's involvement in these projects.

Winter recommended that the RRC's meet prior to Board meetings, so as to submit recommendations, concerns, etc.

Ruby, again, stressed the idea of a strategic plan, so that organizations involved would know what everyone else is doing, and their respective responsibilities.

Discussion on the wildlife study fund; investment funds are used for studies and research.

*#5 Dall Sheep Monitoring Program/Norman Wells Dall Sheep Project
Discussion: inventory. Camping gear/inventory to be signed over to the Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council so as to reduce the lending of the Board's equipment.*

*Dall Sheep Monitoring Program - SRRB/RWED
SRRB 126 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE DALL SHEEP MONITORING PROGRAM (#5) FOR 1999/2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$18,860).
MOVED BY: RUSS HALL, SECONDED BY: PAUL LATOUR.
MOTION CARRIED.*

*Norman Wells Dall Sheep Project - Norman Wells RRC
SRRB 127 - 1999 MOTION: THAT THE SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD APPROVE THE NORMAN WELLS DALL SHEEP PROJECT FOR 1999/2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000).
MOVED BY: RUSS HALL, SECONDED BY: LUCY JACKSON.
MOTION CARRIED.*

*Sahtu Vegetation Classification Project - RWED/SRRB
-Tabled -*

*Traditional Knowledge - Woodland Caribou - Aurora Research Inst.
Discussion: some of the work can be done by the Harvest Study Worker or the proposed trainee..
- Tabled -*

*Sahtu Natural and Cultural History Program - Aurora Research Inst.
(Does not fit the Board's criteria)*

*Grizzly Bear Project - Norman Wells RRC
Traditional knowledge element.
- Tabled -*

Great Bear Lake Trout Movements/Stock Assessment - DFO

Ruby suggested that an approval from Deline be given first before going ahead with the project.

Clarification required in regards to approval, budget, transportation.

Leonard Kenny briefed the Board members on Deline's position, in relation to the RRC - lack of meetings, consultation. Feels that all the monies are going to Norman Wells and Deline is not involved (invited) with all these studies and researches happening within the Sahtu area. Winter reminded the Board that the Deline RRC refused to participate in the Board's activities such as the Harvest Study. No representation from them at regional RRC meetings.

Russ Hall relayed problem George Low had with the Deline RRC: not returning calls. George is willing to go to Deline to talk with RRC and the Chief or anyone else involved.

Leonard reported that, on occasion, there is no one in the RRC office. Some of the issues can be dealt with internally.

Winter stated that Deline participated in the Muskox Project. Further that, Deline's priorities are in the tourism industry.

-Tabled -

Angler Diary Program - DFO

Discussion. Not approved.

**Inconnu Index Monitoring Program - Lower Mackenzie River - DFO
Fort Good Hope area.**

- Tabled -

Bluenose Caribou - RWED/SRRB

Plan not finalized. Discussion on collars.

- Tabled -

Winter advised to meet at 6:30 p.m.

Interviews for Executive Director to be held tomorrow morning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**SRRB _____: MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR \$12,200.00 FOR SAHTU VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION PROJECT.
MOVED BY: RUBY McDONALD
SECONDED BY: RUSS HALL CARRIED.**

Passing over Traditional Knowledge Woodland Caribou and next item.
Norman Wells Grizzly Bear project needs to be rewritten along with the Deline project.

Norman Wells Dall Sheep Study approved.

Great Bear Lake was defer until they have meeting with DFO.
Angler Diary Program deferred.
Cony Program approved.

**SRRB _____: MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR INCONNU INDEX PROJECT FOR THREE YEARS AT \$2, 200.00 A YEAR.
MOVED BY: LUCY JACKSON
SECONDED BY: RUBY McDONALD CARRIED.**

Bluenose Caribou deferred.

**SRRB _____: MOTION TO FUND AGING TEETH OF HARVESTED MOOSE AND CARIBOU FOR \$893.00.
MOVED BY: RUBY McDONALD
SECONDED BY: LUCY JACKSON CARRIED.**

Ruby McDonald- After variance how much money do we have left?
Winter Lennie-We might have some surplus.
Leonard Kenny-what is happening to the Grizzly Bear Project.
Winter Lennie-The Grizzly Bear Project has been defer and has to be rewritten.

Incoming Correspondence

-Norman Wells RRC, October 8, 1998, concern about destroying of Grizzly Bears in the MacKenzie Mountains is itself defence or not. Suggest a study to been done to determine why is this happening. What are the Grizzly Bear populations? Result of this, money was set aside for studying their population but is it necessary to do the study, who is it benefiting.
-Deline RRC, January 18, 1998, would like to set aside and discuss Grizzly Bear studies around Deline area.
-Gordon, resident of N.W.T., dated November 18, 1998 address his concerns about managing harvested moose and caribou in E-1 zone by native groups from British Columbia and Yukon. Concerned dall sheep, moose and caribou are

interviews and hopefully the successful candidate will start early April or before the start of data collection of next month by the middle of the month.

Good response from advertisement a lot of applications.

Data management contract been rough past month getting details worked out and have this system. Continue to work with contractor and spend about \$5000.00 more for this project for a total of \$17000.00.

-Ball hats good promotion item.

-Alfred Lennie and I are starting a call up radio show in English and slavey.

-Package of certain Guidelines to release of information of statistics and analysis and got some input from Nunavut and other organizations. Some things are published will other information are confidential. How we could develop a policy on this.

Bruce- Are the Board is supplying room and meals for staff.

Winter-SRRB is just paying for room not meals.

Alasdair Veitch- Lana will continue to work out of Norman Wells with the GIS system. There is a new system that has been introduced ARC-Info. SRRB will no longer sign Lana Robinson's cheques as of April 1st, she will be paid by GNWT.

One major project with Deline of Traditional places along with Fort Good Hope. A lot of the work is being done by GIS Technician Trainee which is funded by Forest Management to pay for Tanya Townsend's salary. Tanya was trained by Lana using the system for Deline and Colville Lake. We will be creating a position for Tanya as a GIS Technician Trainee and our goal is that Tanya will take over the position.

A new plotter was ordered to create larger maps that are requested by the organizations.

-New arrangement is that three Co-management Boards of RWED will be equally funding the GIS projects.

Ruby-Where does the Board fit in with all the contribution it has made.

Aladstar-Vegetation Classification Project subproject of the GIS and we had a good summer. Worked on different Land Sat Images we have up here, we got four images ready and going to purchase more. We applied to the Board to purchase one Land Sat. Great Slave Lake Helicopters contracted to RWED for fire contracts, if not doing anything else. We will use it for ground truthing and we used 127 hours of 200 hours contracted by RWED last summer. We are hoping to have all the work done by 1999. Next meeting I will bring an example of images. Will be useful for Moose surveys, etc. in different areas. Most of the money is funded by Forest Management in Fort Smith to classify all vegetation from the MacKenzie Valley to the Boarder. Fort Smith supports all region for this study using the same techniques, classes and methodology.

Winter- Approved funding for Dall Sheep Study in the MacKenzie Mountains for \$134,000.00 and discuss funding for aging harvested moose and caribou.

Set a side aspen seeding project.

GIS-Sahtu Vegetation Classification Project made motion.

Ed-We want Leroy as a harvest study participant too. If Leroy and his group do not want any part of this study that's bad too so want everyone is reasonable with this.

Leonard Kenny-It's not up to him alone, it's got to go through his Board, through the proper channels. Again we are concern they are to report to us but they are not, so Raymond is going to call a meeting, joint with the RRC, and to see what is going on not only with this issue but other issues as well. From day one I thought they should be participating, they have their own agenda and they haven't had one meeting with the community to say why they are not participating. Leroy thinks that Deline is loosing out on jobs that is his main concern loosing out on money.

Ed McLean-We've reach a point were we both have our opinions and how its been going. There is not a lot of flexibility and leeway, we need some one as a mediator who is impartial or away from this issue and reach some solution because when Leroy and I sit down we can't reach a consensus and that's not going to work.

Ruby McDonald-Is it just you and Leroy is there anyone else.

Ed McLean-We went to community meetings and AGM in 1998 there was general support we had some elders with concerns but other elders saying that it is good for future generations. Had some concerns about confidentiality and what's in it for us and how will this benefit us. I attended a meeting in October explaining harvest study. Winter and I met with the RRC in June 1998 and everything looked good and seem to be positive. RRC will get back to you regarding this matter. Leroy responded in June saying they require funding to do their own study, etc.

-Community interviewers lost jobs for two years.

Ed-Lost \$15 – \$18,000.00.

Leonard Kenny-Hire local to help with duck banding or surveys in the mountains, etc.

Winter-What happened with Musk-ox survey.

Leonard-they just had Jo-Jo.

Ed-He is member from working group, he designed this and he left me swinging there. Joe hasn't been communicating as a working group member to community members and has not been are representative and bad blood not being included in projects.

Winter-All projects in certain area. Ie. Sheep study in the MacKenzie Mountains are done in the three communities which we hire the local people from that particular area. If Deline starts participating and supporting projects, SRRB will start using their local people for different studies that require help. SRRB wants more studies done in the Deline area in the future. Meeting with RRC is getting us no where, Raymond will set up a joint meeting with community and RRC.

Ed-revise letter and send it to RRC.

Ed-advise the Board about Harvest Study Trainee competition, we have short listed to 6 people and will be interviewing them on Monday and Tuesday next week. Alfred Lennie, Winter Lennie and myself (Ed McLean) will be doing the

Discussion: Deline Situation

Ed McLean wanted to get Deline alongside with the Board for Harvest Study before Christmas. Leroy Andre wanted to talk with the Board again before Christmas again and basically dashed the all of that and wanted their own study and own funding to do the study. Ed and Leroy were to talk after Christmas and meet and work stuff out. After several attempts to set things up, I haven't heard back from him. Next approach we wanted to try was a direct mail campaign on page 3, Winter and I drafted up a letter here we want to send out in a package to every mail box in Deline. It would have Winter's letter, pocket calendar, one of the 4 harvest poster so every person in Deline would get some information about what this study is about, it would give an explanation letter saying that this study is important part of the claim and your Resource Council doesn't think this study is right for the community of Deline. Asking the people to go to their leaders and find out more, this could be a good lead into the meeting that Leonard mention is taking place in April and visit to get this information out to find out if the people really know what's going on with this.

I like your comments before we send this letter out to the resident of Deline and do you think anything should be added.

Bruce McDonald-I was wondering one thing seeing if possible sort of build in the recent caribou information and the situation this winter was a pretty high harvest some how build that into the pitch.

Winter Lennie-I think that it should be built into the discussion we've had that would benefit an argument if favour of them participating and for this package I think what we were thinking here we had many meetings with the Renewable Resources Council. The last meeting we thought is was very positive and had them on the side and the next thing they wanted to have their own study and we haven't seen nothing on paper, nothing is being done. We were wondering if the message was getting out to the community if you dealing with the Renewable Resource Council and there not getting the information to the community and they got their own agenda or views on things maybe it's just their view. Trying to get basic information to individuals in the community and try not to be pushy, get the community better informed.

Ruby McDonald-I liked to hear from Leonard continuing on this. Secondly, living in Deline you might be offending people by doing this.

Leonard Kenny-I think this would be ok just add the fact explain some of the stuff we missing out on and the migration that went through, we don't have any information on it. Deline, a lot of people, not completely informed on what is going and what Harvest Study is and again maybe Leroy and his group is not giving out the information to the public.

-Leonard do you think this should be ran pass Raymond first of all.

Leonard Kenny- No I think you should just go a head with it. How soon do you want this out, Raymond is gone for a month.

Ed McLean-It would be nice to do it in April.

Leonard Kenny-But you know you might upset Leroy too.