

SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD

BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2, 1998

TULITA, NT

MINUTES

Location: Tulita Hamlet Chambers

Present:

Winter Lennie	Chairman	Michelle Wheatley	SRRB
Lucy Jackson	Member	Edward McLean	SRRB
Rus Hall	Member	Celina Stroeder	RWED
Ruby McDonald	Member	Keith Hickling	RWED
Paul Latour	Member	George Low	DFO
Diane Malley	Alternate	Richard Popko	RWED
Robert Nowosad	Executive Director	Stephen Charlie	DFO

Tuesday, September 1, 1998, 9:10am

1. Call to order – Chairman, Winter Lennie called the Board Meeting to order.
2. Introduction of guests and participants – Winter Lennie introduced the visiting guests to the Board, Stephen Charlie, George Low, Richard Popko, as well as Celina Stroeder and Keith Hickling who will be respectively, the new Member and Alternate appointed to the Board by the GNWT.
3. Review and acceptance of the Agenda – item number 18, to include Endangered Spaces report.
SRRB 106-1998: Motion to accept the Agenda as amended – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried
4. Review and acceptance of the Minutes – item number 12, record that there was one abstention vote, Ruby McDonald, on Motion SRRB 99-1998.
SRRB 107-1998: Motion to approve, as revised, the Minutes of the Fort Good Hope, May 5-7, 1998 Board Meeting – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried
5. Business arising from the Minutes – Paul Latour inquired as to the status of the Minutes of the Executive Committee (EC) meeting held May 2-3, 1998 in Norman Wells and the EC conference call held later that month. Winter Lennie advised he had the material prepared and would be circulating it at a later date.

The Executive Director provided a brief review of the status of the Action Items listed in the Fort Good Hope May 5-7, 1998 Minutes.

6. Agency updates – CWS; Paul Latour provided an update as to the status of the Endangered Species legislation, revisions to the Migratory Bird Convention Act, Joint Waterfowl Management Plan and non-toxic shot regulations. Following discussion the Chairman was instructed to send a letter to the Federal contact Steve Curtis, indicating that the SRRB wished to be consulted and have input into draft revisions of the Endangered Species legislation.

DFO; Stephen Charlie outlined staffing changes that were about to take place in the DFO, western region Inuvik office. George Low reviewed the DFO field research activities undertaken during the previous months. He provided the Board with copies of, Preliminary Data Winter Road Stream Survey 1997, as well as a copy of Biological Data from Experimental Fisheries at Special Harvesting Areas in the Sahtu Dene and Metis Settlement Area: Volume 1, The Upper Ramparts and Little Chicago Areas of the Mackenzie River, 1997. Diane Malley indicated that a national contaminants report, prepared by DFO was currently in press and should be available later this fall.

GNWT; Celina Stroeder advised the Board that she had been nominated by the GNWT to replace Gerry LePrieur on the Board and that Keith Hickling had been nominated to be her Alternate. The nominations had been sent to the Federal Government, with approval expected within a few months. Celina also reviewed this past season's fire record and RWED's tree planting program. Outfitters have shot five grizzlies and one black bear this year, all in relation to either nuisance or safety problems. RWED will host a second Special Harvesting Area meeting in Tulita, later this month.

SRRB; Winter Lennie reviewed recent SRRB activity. Though the new Muskox Hunting Quota has received approval from the Minister of RWED, Deline has indicated they are not pleased with the decision making process and have asked for further information on the topic. Winter will respond to the Deline RRC, August 24, 1998, letter of inquiry, dealing with the Muskox tag quota issue.

7. Great Bear Lake Advisory Group – George Low provided some historical background information relating to Great Bear Lake management and reviewed recent activity of the Great Bear Lake Advisory Group. Deline continues to decline participation in planned GBLAG meetings, the most recent meeting having been scheduled for this past weekend. Winter Lennie will attempt to arrange a meeting with Raymond Taniton in Deline to discuss possible courses of action to resolve differences between the Deline RRC and the GBLAG and SRRB.
8. Wildlife Management updates – Richard Popko reviewed RWED's recent field research activity and provided the Board with interim summary reports. Once again the duck-banding project has exceeded expectations with over 1700 ducks being

banded at Willow Lake last month. Several research projects continue or will be initiated later this fall. Celina Stroeder indicated that hunter activity and success data statistics were being collected by RWED during August and September of this year at Mile 222 on the Canol Road.

9. Annual financial statements – Winter Lennie advised the Board that as INAC in Ottawa had requested receipt of a signed copy of the 1997-1998 Annual Audit by September 1, 1998 or else further SRRB funding would be delayed, he contacted available SRRB Members and with their support signed and forwarded a copy of the audit to Ottawa. Ruby McDonald indicated displeasure with the financial statement format utilized for the audit, stating it was difficult to understand and suggested a simpler more straightforward presentation style be followed next year. She abstained from voting on the subsequent Motion.
SRRB 108-1998: Motion to accept the auditor's report and the SRRB Financial Statements, March 31, 1998 – moved by Rus Hall, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried (one abstention)
10. Year to date financial status – The Executive Director provided a financial report outlining the current fiscal year funding and expenditures up to and including August 27, 1998. A slight delay in receiving the September funding may occur as a result of delays in submitting a signed copy of the annual financial statement. Ottawa would like to receive a signed copy of the annual audit within 90-120 days of the fiscal year end.
11. TAL report – In addition to receiving copies of the monthly investment TAL reports relating to the Wildlife Studies Fund, the Executive Director circulated copies of a TAL-SRRB Investment Fund Report presented to him by David Ayriss during their July 21, 1998 meeting.
12. SRRB staffing - The Executive Director outlined recent SRRB staffing activity. The Executive Director, Robert Nowosad resigned August 4, the resignation to become effective September 9/98. The SRRB bookkeeper Chalen VanKeith resigned and relocated south effective August 21/98. Karin Denkova was hired on a casual basis, two days a week, to maintain the bookkeeping activity. The new biologist, Bruce MacDonald and his wife Angela, arrive in Norman Wells September 8/98. An advertisement seeking a new Executive Director was drafted by the current incumbent, approved by the Chairman and advertised in various newspapers throughout the north and south. (The competition closes September 22, 1998.)

New and additional staff will be needed once the SRRB office moves to Tulita. A full-time receptionist/office clerk should be hired to assist the staff and a part-time, two day a week bookkeeper will be needed. The Executive Director suggested that all bookkeeping activity could be contracted out, either to a Tulita based person or someone located elsewhere in the north. However, regardless of how the bookkeeping function is dealt with, past experience clearly demonstrated that the

individual responsible for bookkeeping must have an excellent understanding and extensive experience using Simply Accounting (preferable Version 6.0)

13. RRRC. continue or cancel – Michelle Wheatley outlined past experiences attempting to facilitate RRRC meetings. The community based RRCs demonstrate little interest in participating in another organization and while four of the five communities send attendees on a regular basis none of the RRCs contribute to the Agenda or suggest topics suitable for joint discussion. Following Board discussion, it was agreed that while regular quarterly RRRC meetings should be stopped, future meetings could be planned if and when suitable topics arose. Staff should advise the RRCs of the SRRB's willingness to facilitate future RRRC meetings whenever appropriate and necessary.

14. SRRB Operating Procedures –

SRRB 109-1998: Motion to accept the suggested changes to the Operating Procedures, to allow the inclusion of the newly formed Executive Committee – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Lucy Jackson. Carried

In Camera Session: item 15, 16, and 17

SRRB 110-1998: Motion to move in camera – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried

SRRB 111-1998: Motion to come out of in camera session – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried

SRRB 112-1998: Motion, in recognition of his dedication to the position of Executive Director and for services rendered since becoming the Board's first employee in 1996, to approve the continuation of Robert Nowosad's current employment up to December 31, 1998 (other than his responsibilities as Executive Director which will be relinquished September 9, 1998) – moved by Rus Hall, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried

SRRB 113-1998: Motion to approve changes to the current bank (CIBC) signing authority as follows; effective September 10, 1998 remove Gerry LePrieur and Robert Nowosad as signing officers for the SRRB, increase single signature signing authority for Winter Lennie up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 on any one cheque – moved by Paul Latour, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried

SRRB 114-1998: Motion, while functioning in the capacity of Acting Executive Director, reimburse Winter Lennie at the rate of up to \$275.00 per day, during which period the \$1,000.00 per month stipend currently awarded will be withdrawn – moved by Paul Latour, seconded by Ruby McDonald. Carried

Wednesday, September 2, 1998, 9:00am

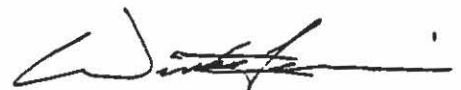
18. Global Forest Watch. Endangered Spaces – Diane Malley provided an overview and reports from various meetings she attended dealing with global forests and endangered spaces. The reports included, Blueprint For A Global Forest Watch, Jan.1998; Global Forest Watch Charter, August 1998; All That Glitters Is Not Gold, 1998 and a copy of the Endangered Spaces Progress Report No. 8, 1997-98.
19. Northern Forestry Conference – As Ruby McDonald, Paul Latour and SRRB staff person Lana Leverington will be in attendance at the October forestry conference in Hay River it was decided that Winter Lennie would only go if time and other responsibilities permitted.
20. SRRB Scholarship and Bursary Program – Three applications were received for scholarships however; as none of them met the selection criteria it was recommended that no awards be granted this term. During discussion it was suggested that the selection criteria be lowered from the required 70 percent course mark average to 60 percent and the dollar award amount be increased from \$750.00 for a second year student to \$1,000.00.
SRRB 115-1998: Motion to award Calvin Kelly a \$1,000.00 scholarship towards his continued education costs even though his marks were below the selection criteria – moved by Ruby McDonald, seconded by Lucy Jackson. Defeated
21. Protected Area Strategy – Michelle Wheatley provided an overview of her involvement with the Protected Area Strategy working group. While it was agreed that it might be more convenient for the SRRB to have a formal link with the Strategy planners it was felt that work should continue as it had been undertaken in the past.
22. Research proposal screening criteria – Following discussion it was agreed that, prior to December 1998, the Executive Committee would establish Research Proposal Screening Criteria. Diane Malley offered to assist Rus Hall in evaluating all aquatic research proposals.
23. SRRB hosting of Co-Chairs Meeting - Following discussion it was decided that Winter Lennie would arrange this fall's Co-Chair Meeting. The meeting to be held in Tulita.
24. SRRB Tulita move – Winter Lennie outlined the current status of the SRRB office relocation to Tulita. While the office itself was almost complete, the staff housing issue had yet to be satisfactorily addressed. Following lengthy discussion on the housing issue, during which Ruby McDonald excused herself from dealing with the issue, it was agreed that the Board would enter into a long term staff-house leasing arrangement for the four house units to be provided by the developer, Tulita Developments. Lucy Jackson abstained from voting on the issue. It was also agreed that the SRRB would be responsible for paying the GST costs and any increase in the

utility costs between commercial and residential rates associated with the four housing units.

SRRB 116-1998: Motion, to approve the SRRB entering into a long term, staff-housing, leasing arrangement for the four house units being provided by Tulita Developments – moved by Paul Latour, seconded by Rus Hall. Carried (one abstention)

25. Upcoming conferences and meetings – It was agreed that Winter Lennie should represent the Board while attending the September 15, 1998 Special Harvesting Area meeting to be held in Tulita. Winter was also approved to attend the September 4-5, 1998 meeting with Ross River representatives, the meeting to be held at Old Squaw Lodge, NT.
 26. Harvest Study updates – Edward McLean presented an update and overview dealing with the status of the Harvest Study. Deline continues to decline the opportunity to participate in the study. Edward received support from the Board to proceed with his proposed awarding of a data-handling contract to Kirk Computers System Ltd..
 27. Special Harvesting Area meeting – Ruby McDonald provided handouts dealing with the Special Harvesting Area (SHA) meeting held in Deline August 11, 1998. Unfortunately the SRRB did not have an official representative at the meeting. RWED has drafted amendments to the Wildlife Act designed to recognize the Gwich'in and Sahtu land claims agreements. A second SHA meeting, hosted by RWED, will be held in Tulita September 15, 1998. Winter Lennie will attend the Tulita meeting on behalf of the SRRB.
 28. SRRB long term planning – Winter Lennie will prepare and circulate a Call for Proposals to consultants capable of assisting the SRRB in developing a long range planning and operational strategy.
 29. Additional business – Ruby McDonald advised the Board that SSI would be circulating Terms of Reference to the SRRB dealing with the mandatory, Five Year Review, that all Boards must undergo as part of the requirements outlined in the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.
- Rus Hall, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Executive Director, Robert Nowosad for his efforts directing daily SRRB operations. A round of applause followed his statement.
30. Next meeting – The next meeting will be held in Tulita, November 30-December 2, 1998.
 31. Adjournment –
SRRB 117-1998: Motion to adjourn the Tulita Board Meeting – moved by Rus Hall, seconded by Paul Latour. Carried

June 30/99



Chairman

ACTION ITEMS

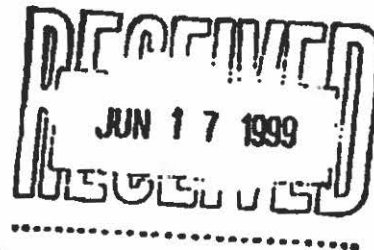
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PARTY</u>
1. Letter to Federal Gov., Steve Curtis, indicating that the SRRB wished to be consulted and have input on matters dealing with drafting new legislation pertaining to Endangered Species.	Winter Lennie
2. Circulate copies of the, Sea Duck Joint Venture Prospectus.	Winter Lennie
3. Respond to the Deline RRC letter, Aug.24/98 relating to the new Muskox tag quota issue.	Winter Lennie
4. Arrange a meeting with Raymond Taniton in Deline to address SRRB concerns.	Winter Lennie
5. Incorporate approved changes into the SRRB Operating Procedures	Winter Lennie
6. Revise SRRB approved signing authority at CIBC	Winter Lennie
7. Arrange a fall, Co-Chair's Meeting, in Tulita	Winter Lennie
8. Establish screening criteria pertaining to research funding proposals submitted annually to the SRRB.	Executive Committee
9 Draft and circulate a Call for Proposals to consultants capable of assisting the SRRB develop a long range planning and operational strategy.	Winter Lennie
10. Provide Terms of Reference to the SRRB pertaining to the Five Year Review.	Ruby McDonald

RESULTS - MAY/98, ACTION ITEMS

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1.	Winter Lennie	not required
2.	Executive Committee	not attempted
3.	Executive Committee	not attempted
4.	Executive Director	completed
5.	Winter Lennie	completed
6.	Executive Director	completed
7.	Winter Lennie/Executive Director	completed
8.	Executive Director	completed



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June 9, 1999

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The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
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Dear Mr. Moore:

RE: MONTHLY STATEMENT - A/C #75910

Please find enclosed your monthly statement for the period ended May 31, 1999.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 689-8688.

Yours truly,

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