

# Board Teleconference Minutes



July 10, 2018, 1-4 pm

Minutes by Deborah Simmons

## List of Acronyms/Terms Used

ʔehdzo Got'ine Gots'ę Nákedı	Helpers of the ʔehdzo Got'ine (Saktú Renewable Resources Board)
ʔehdzo Got'ine	Renewable Resources Council
NWT	Northwest Territories
SRRB	Saktú Renewable Resources Board
WSF	Wildlife Studies Fund

## Agenda

- Opening: prayer, introductions/quorum check
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Plan for Executive Director medical leave (staff Briefing Note)
- Finances: Core variance report and Wildlife Studies Fund
- Funding proposals
- On the Land Consultant job description
- Next meetings

## Participants

### Board Members

George Barnaby (Acting Chair), Camilla Rabisca

*Participating after the meeting through review of minutes and approval of motions  
Jeffery Walker, Keith Hickling*

### Special Advisors

Gordon Yakeleya, Leon Andrew (signed off at 2:34 pm), Paul Latour, Rhea McDonald, Harry Harris (arrived at 2:00 pm approximately)

### Staff

Deborah Simmons, Joe Hanlon, Kirsten Jenson

## Regrets

## Opening

*Prayer by George Barnaby*

- Introductions – note that this is our new Community Conservation Planner Kirsten Jensen’s first Board meeting! It is also the first meeting for newly appointed Fort Good Hope ʔehdzo Got’ine President Harry Harris.
- Jimmy Dillon has orally provided his resignation to the Board, so there are now a total of three voting members in addition to the Acting Chair: Camilla, Jeff, and Keith.
- Quorum check: 1/3 voting Board members present; decision to proceed with the meeting with the understanding that Jeff Walker and Keith Hickling will be voting on motions between meetings.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

- Review of key decisions of two part April 19 and 27 meeting.

### Motion 2019-003

M2019-003	Approve minutes of two part April 19 and 27 meeting. Camilla Rabisca/ <i>Jeffery Walker</i> .	Consensus
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## Plan for Executive Director Medical Leave

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons based on Staff Briefing Note*

- Note that Board activities should be done from a community perspective, per the Board’s strategy developed last July.
- Decisions made during this meeting are necessarily made on a tight timeline to ensure that the Board is able to operate during Deb’s medical leave; an in-person meeting should take place as soon as possible so that Board members can revisit these decisions.
- The list of authorities may change, especially if the Board is able to secure more staff assistance.

## Board Mandate Files

File	Contact
ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management)	Kirsten/George
Conference of Management Authorities on Species At Risk, Species At Risk Committee and Federal Species At Risk matters	Leon/Colin
Conservation Planning (K’áhsho Got’ine Ts’ude Nl̓ine and Tuzeyeta Indigenous Protected Area multispecies)	Kirsten/Camilla/ Harry/George
Conservation Planning (Nío Ne P’əné)/Joint Leadership Meeting for plan approval	Kirsten/Leon

<b>File</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Conservation Planning (Tulít'a Barren-Ground Caribou)	Kirsten/Joe/ Gordon
Environmental Assessments	Joe /Colin
NWT Board Forum	Joe/George
NWT Legislative Initiatives: 1. Protected Areas Legislation; 2. Environmental Protection Act; 3. Forest Management and Protection Act; 4. Environmental Rights Act; 5. Waters Act	Joe/Lorraine
Research license and permit referrals	Joe/Colin
Sahtú Guardian Initiative	Kirsten
Sahtú Land Use Plan Review	Paul Latour/ Heidi Wiebe
Sahtú Youth Network website	Kyanna/Jessie Curell
SRRB Board member nominations (priorities: Délı̄nę and Tulít'a District nominees)	Joe
SRRB Staff: On the Land Program Consultant hiring	Joe
SRRB Chair liaison and meeting coordination	Joe/Kirsten
Ṯodzi Range Planning	Kirsten/Jean/ Colin
Wildlife Act Section 15	George /Colin/ Lorraine
Wildlife Act Working Group	George/Colin/ Lorraine

## Project Leads

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Program Lead/Status</b>
2019-001-01	Core Operating Fund	Lori Ann
2019-001-02	Board	Lori Ann
2019-002	Ne K'e Dene Ts'ili Forum	No CA yet (proposals underway – Christine Wenman)
2019-003	SARC/CMA	Joe/Colin
2019-004	Wildlife Act Working Group	Joe/Lorraine
2019-005	Healthy Country Planning Training	Kirsten - COMPLETE
2019-006	Canol Youth Leadership Hike	Joe
2019-007	Pests Pathogens and Invasive Species Conference	Deb - COMPLETE
2019-008	Sahtú Youth Network	Kirsten (Nío Nę P'ęñę Guardian planning)
2019-009	Mountain Caribou Planning	Kirsten
2019-010	North American Caribou Workshop	Janet/Leon Andrew
2019-011	NWT Evaluation Symposium	Audrey Giles (reporting)
2019-012	Wildlife Act Engagement Meeting	Joe - COMPLETE
2019-013	WSF Deline Mapping, Language & Songs	Nicole Beaudry
2019-014.01	CPC Climate Change Workshop	Kirsten

Project #	Project Name	Program Lead/Status
2019-014.02	ENR Climate Change Framework Meeting	Kirsten
2019-015	CIMP ALCES Decision Support Tool	Kirsten
2019-016	CWS Barren-Ground Caribou Community Tour	Deb - COMPLETE
2019-017	Special Projects	Lori Ann (apply to WSF budget)
2019-018	WSF - Conveying Caribou	Jean Polfus - DEFERRED
2019-019	WSF - Fish eDNA & Arctic Salmon	Joe/Karen Dunmall
2019-021	CORE/WSF - Harvest Study Completion	Janet Winbourne
2019-022	WSF - Great Bear Lake Fisheries	Kimberly Howland
2019-023	WSF - Sahtú Library	Alana Fletcher
2019-024	WSF – Dene Knowledge Synthesis	Deb - DEFERRED

#### Motion 2019-004

M2019-004	Approve Executive Director Deborah Simmons medical leave starting July 11, with the understanding that she will be working as she can during the leave period, and costs associated with SRRB tasks will be covered by the Board. Camilla Rabisca/ <i>Jeffery Walker</i> .	Consensus
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#### Motion 2019-005

M2019-005	Designation of authorities for SRRB mandate-related files and project administration during the Executive Director medical leave is approved as presented. Camilla Rabisca/ <i>Jeffery Walker</i> .	Consensus
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#### Motion 2019-006

M2019-006	During the Executive Director medical leave, the Board Member-only caucus will serve as Executive Committee with more frequent meetings between full regular teleconferences and in-person meeting, and Special Advisors asked to share their particular knowledge where needed. Camilla Rabisca/ <i>Jeffery Walker</i> .	Consensus
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#### Motion 2019-007

M2019-007	During the Executive Director medical leave, Lori Ann Lennie is delegated as the authority for Core administration and Board expenditures per the approved budget. Camilla Rabisca/ <i>Jeffery Walker</i> .	Consensus
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#### Motion 2019-008

M2019-008	Kirsten Jensen is delegated as a signing authority for SRRB expenditures. Camilla Rabisca/ <i>Jeffery Walker</i> .	Consensus
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## Wildlife Studies Fund Update

*Presentation by Deborah Simmons*

- The auditor has advised that the Board adopt a method of calculating the amount available to spend by reference to the Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF) total book value threshold of \$3.1 million.
- We have slipped below this threshold. In order to maintain ongoing projects, a reduced budget is proposed totalling \$100,000, with half (\$50,000) contributed by the Special Projects Fund, and half contributed by the WSF. Some projects may need to be deferred, unless the Fund increases over the coming months.

### Motion 2019-009

M2019-009	The reduced Wildlife Studies budget of \$100,000 in principle as presented, with \$50,000 from the Wildlife Studies Fund and \$50,000 from Special Projects, to be revisited at the next in-person Board meeting. <i>Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.</i>	Consensus
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## Next Meetings

- Over the next two weeks, a teleconference will be convened to discuss items related to the Board's mandate, and another will be held to review and approve the annual financial audit.
- An in-person meeting will be held as soon as possible in the fall, since summer is very a very busy time for Sahtú Board Members and Special Advisors.

*Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm approximately.*

## Approval of Minutes

Approved by Board decision, August 21, 2018.



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George Barnaby, Acting Chair

## Summary of Motions

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Result</b>
M2019-003	Approve minutes of two part April 19 and 27 meeting. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2019-004	Approve Executive Director Deborah Simmons medical leave starting July 11, with the understanding that she will be working as she can during the leave period, and costs associated with SRRB tasks will be covered by the Board. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2019-005	Designation of authorities for SRRB mandate-related files and project administration during the Executive Director medical leave is approved as presented. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2019-006	During the Executive Director medical leave, the Board Member-only caucus will serve as Executive Committee with more frequent meetings between full regular teleconferences and in-person meeting, and Special Advisors asked to share their particular knowledge where needed. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2019-007	During the Executive Director medical leave, Lori Ann Lennie is delegated as the authority for Core administration and Board expenditures per the approved budget. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2019-008	Kirsten Jensen is delegated as a signing authority for SRRB expenditures. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus
M2019-009	The reduced Wildlife Studies budget of \$100,000 in principle as presented, with \$50,000 from the Wildlife Studies Fund and \$50,000 from Special Projects, to be revisited at the next in-person Board meeting. Camilla Rabisca/Jeffery Walker.	Consensus