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**SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 26-28/96  
NORMAN WELLS, NT LEGION HALL  
MINUTES**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Winter Lennie	Board Member & Interim Chairperson
Isadore Yukon	Board Member
Russell Hall	Board Member
George Barnaby	Board Member
Paul Latour	Board Member
Jimmy Tutcho	Alternate for Board Member Morris Neyelle

**Tuesday, March 26/96-09:15am**

1-Chairperson called meeting to order. Isadore Yukon said opening prayer.

2-Chairperson had members and guests present, introduce themselves.

**3-Agenda review and approval:**

The Chair reviewed the agenda as presented and requested that if there were any additions or deletions required that they should be announced now. The Chair noted that item #12a will be moved from Wednesday 1:00pm to Tuesday 1:00pm. A member had an item for the board which was a concern from the community of FGH. He had a letter from the Chief. It was decided to put this under other business item C. There was some general discussion among the members on other agenda items and time frames involved with the interviews and committee sessions. After discussion a motion was moved.

**SRRB 9-1996: Motion to approve the agenda as amended, moved by George Barnaby, second by Russell Hall. Carried unanimously.**

**4-Review & Approval of the SRRB Meeting minutes from last meeting-Jan.16-18/96**

The members reviewed the draft minutes presented. Members mentioned that the content of the last meeting was there but it was a bit sparse. The Chair explained the reasons for this and added that it has been dealt with and shall improve with this

meeting. Members had some general questions regarding items that were discussed at the last meeting. The Chair clarified some and mentioned that there were items on the agenda that would help further clarify some of the questions. Members questioned if the alternates would be receiving copies of the minutes etc. The Chair stated that once we have our Operating Procedures in place, all lines of communications with alternates and other organizations that deal with the SRRB or are affected, will be addressed and in place. On the interim, alternates will receive copies of minutes etc. After discussion a motion was moved.

**SRRB 10-1996: Motion to approve the minutes of the SRRB meeting held on Jan.16-18/1996 in Norman Wells, NT. as presented moved by Paul Latour, second by Russell Hall. Carried unanimously.**

5-Chairperson's Report to the Board (see hand-out attached)

The Chairperson explained that if there were any questions that members were encouraged to interrupt and that there are some correspondence items that he will be reviewing with the members for discussion.

The Chairperson then reviewed what he had been working on over the last 2 month period. (see hand-out attached)

After review of the items on the hand-out, the Chair asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**Break at 10:10am, resumed at 10:25am**

The Chair then reviewed some of the correspondence that he has received and would like to review with the board.

-ltr. from DFO regarding what they have done this year with the fishing limits etc. This was more or less an information item for this year but the SRRB may be more involved with this type of decisions in the years to come.

-ltr. from Deline Council / John Tetso, Chief regarding the hunting along the winter roads and the concerns of the community. Members questioned what the concerns were and what was being hunted. big game or small game. A member mentioned that he felt that there was allot of traffic along the winter road season and not much for monitoring capabilities in place. This goes for fishing in Bear lake as well. A member mentioned that there needs to be more control over this in the communities. These concerns should be addressed and the rules and regulations should be reviewed. The member also stated that there should be a letter of response from the SRRB regarding this concern. The Chair reviewed what type of role the SRRB can

play in addressing these types of concerns. A member mentioned this item should be kept on the action list for the SRRB

A member suggested that the SRRB should request more info. from the concerned party and work closely with the Sahtu RRC's on these matters of concern.

There was some general discussion regarding the recognition of the need for the SRRB to get more involved soon. All agreed.

-ltr. requesting support for the Documentary Film Production "The Barrens Quest" and the NWT Eskimo Curlew Recovery plan Project. A member addressed the letter for support due to been familiar with the cause but mentioned that this project does not have anything to do with the Sahtu or Sahtu area but a letter of support could be considered.

-ltr. from Gwich'in Geographics Ltd. offering the SRRB the services that they provide and training that they can handle etc. The Chair reviewed the content of the letter and suggested that it be kept on file for information purposes available for the SRRB in the future.

-ltr. from Ducks Unlimited Canada regarding the research work that they have done in the Sahtu and the work that they have applied for a permit to do. The letter was considered as information and will be kept on file.

-ltr. of invitation for a SRRB representative to attend an annual meeting of the "Committee of the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada". The Chair mentioned that there was an agenda attached to the letter of invitation. Members asked if there was any particular item on the agenda that would be of interest to the Sahtu. There was general discussion regarding who is involved with the organization, GNWT, FED's, Gwich'in ?. A member gave a brief overview of the work that the organization does and gave a overview of his knowledge of the organization. The member felt that it may be a good idea if a SRRB rep could attend and have a presence at this annual meeting. The Chair agreed to look into the cost associated with attending and as well who may be interested in going. This item will be discussed further under other business #14d.

-ltr. from the GNWT Renewable Resources department regarding the "National Wildlife Week" Apr.07-14/96. Members stated that it is hard to get really involved with this now until we have our staff in place.

The Chairperson ended his report and asked if there was any further questions . None were asked.

#### 6-SRRB Personnel Committee Report to the Board

The Chair gave a brief overview of what the Personnel Committee members have been working on.

- ads put together for the SRRB Executive Director and Chairperson positions. The SRRB received 6 resumes for the Exec. Dir. and 2 for the Chairperson position.
- the committee members screened out the resumes and set up for 4 interviews this week for the Exec. Dir. position.
- The committee will be meeting this evening and putting together a list of questions for the interviews.
- there is a draft Exec. Dir. job description for the committee's review.
- the 2 applicants for the chairpersons position. One is not willing to locate in the Sahtu and the other is not necessarily considered qualified but will be discussed latter on the agenda.

#### 7-SRRB Financial Committee Report to the Board (2 budgets attached)

The Chairperson asked Andre Buss, the SSI financial comptroller, to sit at the table and explained to the members that Andre has been assisting the SRRB for the past while and is here to give the members an overview of where everything is at to date.

- Andre gave an overview of the budgets and expenditures of the SRRB to date.
- Andre went over the contribution agreements that are in place now and they were discussed.
- Audits were discussed. The SSI will be doing theirs in May/96 and asked if the SRRB would like the SSI to handle the SRRB financial reporting for this fiscal period due to the working relationship that has been in place to date.
- Financial variance reporting requirements for the SRRB discussed.
- Implementation Committee meeting dates discussed.
- Some of the budgets line items were discussed.
- Wildlife Studies Funding discussed regarding the interest accumulated to date and Andre mentioned that it would be included in any financial statements. The Chairperson mentioned that this would be discussed further on the agenda.
- The Chairperson gave the members an overview of how the 96/97 SRRB budget was established and encouraged the members to review and question it.
- There was further discussions on the line items of the 96/97 SRRB budget.

-Andre asked if there was any further questions on the line items and mentioned that there should be a motion in place to accept the budget in principle.

-There was some general discussions on the salary amounts, audit amounts and communication items.

-The Chairperson let the members know that the SRRB is not locked into any particular line item and as the fiscal year progresses the actual expenditures will show where changes are needed.

-Andre suggested that there be some decisions made regarding Chairman fee's and salaries etc. but that general motions to accept the budgets in principle could be done and the details within these figures can be worked on.

**Break for lunch at 12:00noon, resumed at 12:45pm**

Jimmy Tutcho, alternate for Morris Neyelle, came in and was briefly updated on the morning session.

There were some other general discussions regarding the motions that were required from the discussions on the financial matters of the SRRB and the following motions were moved.

**SRRB 11-1996: Motion that the SSI include the 95/96 budget expenditures of the SRRB in their audit for 95/96 and that copies of expenditures and auditors comments be provided to the SRRB moved by Russell Hall, second by Paul Latour. Carried unanimously.**

**SRRB 12-1996: Motion that the SRRB 95/96 budget of \$16,200.00 be approved as presented to the SRRB moved by George Barnaby, second by Paul Latour. Carried unanimously.**

**SRRB 13-1996: Motion that the 1996/97 SRRB budget be approved in principle as presented to the SRRB on March 26/96 moved by Paul Latour, second by Russell Hall. Carried unanimously.**

Agenda item #8 was differed until later today and item #12a was to be dealt with now.

12a-Delegation from Tulita (discussions regarding SRRB office space requirements)



The Chair asked the Tulita Delegation to sit at the table and there were introductions made. There were general discussions regarding the development of a complex in Tulita which would include a hotel/restaurant and as well the office space that the SRRB required. The Tulita rep's stated that they would first need a letter of intent from the SRRB before they could go ahead with the designs and financial commitments. They would also need an idea of how much office space was required. The Tulita rep's let the SRRB know that they are also considering the housing needs that would be required once the SRRB staff was in place. The Tulita rep's stated that there is some office space available to the SRRB as of Apr.01/96 but there may be some concern regarding available housing.

The Chair suggested that the long term needs be discussed first. There were general discussions on the long term needs of the SRRB. It was agreed that a letter of intent would be issued regarding the needs of the SRRB office space requirements. The Chairperson, after a brief discussion with the members, delegated Paul Latour and Russell Hall the responsibility of putting together a package that would contain the SRRB needs for office space which will be reviewed and forwarded to the Tulita rep's.

The Chair then asked the Tulita rep's what was available for the interim facilities. The Tulita rep's stated that there would be an office building available Apr.01/96 which contained 3 offices inside and a large common area. There was running water and a bathroom as well. Housing at this time was a concern, but the Tulita reps stated that they were going to look at accessing 3 government units that are not been used and may be available.

There was some more general discussion on who was going to do what and who was going to contact who for further information and the presentation concluded at 1350hrs.

**Break at 1350 and resumed at 1410hrs.**

9-Report on wildlife management events in the Sahtu Region presented by Alasdair Veitch and Richard Popko of the Department of Renewable Resources. GNWT.

-There was a hand out kit presented to the board members for their review. After the general presentation of what has been happening and what was planned in the near future, there was a question and answer period. This presentation concluded at 1500hrs.

10-Bluenose Caribou Herd Management Committee Update presented by Alasdair Veitch and Richard Popko of the Dept. of Renewable Resources, GNWT.

-There was a slide show presentation and an overview of the past proceedings of the committee's work that has been done and as well what needs to be done in the future. After the presentation was done there was a question and answer period. The presentation concluded at 1550hrs.

**Break at 1550 and resumed at 1600hrs.**

11-Proposed Dodo Canyon Canol Trail park master plan presentation by the Canol Committee.

The Canol Committee gave the SRRB an overview of what has been done to date and showed the members a map of the areas been discussed. There were several issues talked about such as current use of the area and future use. Wildlife conservation issues and future monitoring aspects of the proposed park were discussed. The presentation concluded at 1655hrs.

8-Wildlife Studies Fund (differed from earlier today)

The Chair gave the board an up date on what has been done with the 2,100,000,00 and what can be done with the fund regarding investment etc.

There were general discussions regarding meeting with some bankers to consider investment of the fund and as well the board discussed what the Gwich'in have done with their fund. There were many options for the SRRB to review and it was decided that the SRRB finance committee review the options and report back to the board.

At this point the Chairperson reviewed what had to be done this evening with the personnel committee and for the next morning session of interviews.

**SRRB 14-1996: Motion to adjourn for the day moved by George Barnaby, second by Paul Latour. Carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1710hrs. for the day and was to resume at 1300hrs tomorrow.**

Wednesday, March 27/96

**The SRRB personnel committee held 2 interviews for the Executive Directors**

position from 0900 to 1230hrs.

### **Lunch break**

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1315hrs. and went over briefly where the board was on the agenda.

#### **12b-Location of SRRB headquarters (interim/permanent)**

The Chair reviewed the discussions that the board had with the Tulita Rep's. It was recognized that the long term needs for office space in Tulita will be in place eventually and it is the interim that has to be dealt with now. The Chair reviewed the options that the board had to consider for office space on the interim. There may be office space available in Tulita very soon as discussed earlier and housing was being looked into. The other option the board can consider is office space that is available here in Norman Wells and housing is not a problem. There were general discussions on the available options in Norman Wells such as the Jim Ulch's Building and Shihta Regional office. The Board decided to wait until they heard back from the Tulita group and then could make a decision. It was recognized that the board had some time between now and then before the requirement of office space is a necessity.

#### **12c-SRRB Operating Procedures Draft Document**

The Chair explained the development of this draft document to the members and that it was based on the Gwich'in RRB Operating procedures but changed to be in line with the SDMCLCA. The members decided that they would not go through the document now, but would keep it for further review and it could be turned over to SRRB staff once in place for further development.

#### **12d-Remuneration for other members(GNWT or other participants for evening sessions etc).**

Gerry LePrieur, Renewable Resources Regional Superintendent addressed the board. There was general discussions on the fact that government employees that are members of the board or others, may be required to attend SRRB business or meetings that take place in the evenings after having worked all day. The board discussed certain scenarios and were informed that this was an issue with other claimant organizations. The Chair decided that this could be incorporated into the



SRRB operating procedures once finalized and the board could consider an interim option for each case that may arise between then and now. The board agreed.

12e-Chairperson's stipend/fee's/honorariums

The Chair explained to the members that there was nothing in place for stipends or Chairperson fee's and that DIAND was concerned about this. He also explained that the Implementation Committee will be reviewing this at their next meeting. Other organizations have stipends in place. The Chair suggested that he leave the discussions so that there would be no conflict of interest. The members agreed and asked the Chair to leave the room. There was general discussion among the members regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Chair. The Chair was asked to return to the table and the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 15-1996: Motion that the SRRB Interim Chairperson be paid a stipend of \$1000.00 per month which will be reviewed in one year from Mar./96. Payment of this stipend is to be retroactive from Jan.15/96 moved by Paul Latour, second by George Barnaby. Carried unanimously.**

12f-Meal per diem etc. for SRRB

There were general discussions on the current GNWT meal, incidental and mileage rates and then the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 16-1996: Motion to have the SRRB meals, incidentals and mileage rates to be in line with the current GNWT rates and the accommodation rate for the SRRB be the same as the SSI rate for accommodations moved by George Barnaby, second by Paul Latour. Carried unanimously.**

12g-Sahtu Settlement Area Harvest Study Working Group

The board reviewed the hand out pertaining to this item and as well reviewed the land claim agreement. There were general discussions on the time frame involved with this and the budgets that were in the implementation plan. There was some discussion regarding the appointment to the working group of the Sahtu members and who was to recommend the individuals for appointment, was it the SSI or the SRRB. The Chair would look into this item and report back to the board. There was consensus that this study should be initiated as soon as possible. There was also a lot of discussion on how the board felt the Sahtu Renewable Resource Councils should be involved.

#### 12h-Sahtu Renewable Resource Council Funding

There was clarification on who now receives the funding on behalf of the SRRC's and that some of the SRRC's need assistance in administering the funds that they receive. It was also known that there was a possibility that the SRRB could receive the funding for the SRRC's and that some of the SRRC's have plans in place for these funds for the next few years and that no decisions should be made unless the SRRC's are consulted with. This was agreed to and the Chair was directed to consult with the SSI and the SRRC's on this issue.

#### 12l-Chap and Administration funding for the SRRC'/HTA's

Gerry LePrieur, GNWT, addressed the board on the issue of the SRRB potentially assisting the SRRC's by taking over the responsibility of administering the Chap and Admin funds that the GNWT currently handles. There was discussions on the fact that some of the Sahtu RRC's/HTA's have difficulties accounting for the use of the funds and as well spend unnecessary amounts of money on the administering of the funds. The idea of consulting with the SRRC's/HTA's before making any final decisions was stressed. Some of the SRRC's/HTA's have other plans that the SRRB may not be aware of and the consultation with them would be very important. There was general discussions on the matter and the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 17-1996: Motion to direct the SRRB Chairperson to make a letter of intent or application to the Department of Renewable Resources, GNWT to receive and administer the CHAP and ADMIN funds on behalf of the SRRC's/HTA's moved by George Barnaby, second by Isadore Yukon. Carried unanimously.**

The board reviewed what was left to do for the day and on the agenda. The personnel committee had an interview scheduled for 1630hrs.

**SRRB 18-1996: Motion to adjourn for the day moved by George Barnaby, second by Paul Latour. Carried unanimously.**

**The meeting was adjourned for the day at 1600hrs.**

**Thursday, March 28/96-0900hrs.**

13-SRRB discussions regarding the interviews for an Executive Director

The interview group reviewed the information they had gathered from the interviews held for the Executive Directors position of hire. The board reviewed the job description that was put together for this position. There was a lot of discussion regarding the thought out requirements that the board felt would best suit this position. The board considered the option of re-advertising for the position. The board also discussed the salary range that would or could be offered and as well the requirement of reference checks being done. After a considerable lengthy debate, the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 19-1996: Motion that the Chairperson be directed to do reference checks on Robert Nowasad, clarify the situation surrounding his last employment situation, confer with the board members by conference call so the board can give the chairperson further direction moved by Russell Hall, second by Paul Latour. Carried unanimously.**

The board then reviewed the process that took place regarding the advertising for a permanent Chairperson. The board was informed of the 2 interested people that applied for the chairperson's position. One of the interested people was not willing to relocate to the Sahtu Region and the other was considered not qualified for the position. The members discussed the option of keeping Winter Lennie as interim Chair and re-advertising. The board then asked Winter Lennie if he was interested in being appointed the full time Chair of the SRRB. Winter expressed to the board that he would be interested in being appointed as full time Chairperson. After further discussions the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 20-1996: Motion that Winter Lennie be appointed as the Chairperson for the SRRB effective March 28/1996 moved by Paul Latour, second by George Barnaby. Winter Lennie abstains. Carried.**

**Other Business:**

14a-Appointments of SRRB members and alternate members

The chair gave the members an update and stated that after consulting with the government, it was found out that they apparently were not informed of the 2 alternates chosen by the SSI and that now that they new who they were, they could begin to do the appropriate checks that are required. The Chair stated that he would

follow up on the issue further with the 2 individuals and the government and then report back to the board.

The board had discussions regarding the second round of inappropriate behaviour and misconduct of a particular alternate member and the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 21-1996: Motion to direct the SRRB chairperson to issue a letter to the SSI regarding the misconduct and requesting that Jimmy Tutcho be removed as an alternate and that the SSI begin the process to appoint a replacement moved by George Barnaby, second by Russel Hall. Carried unanimously.**

14b-Next meeting date and location

After general discussions on the members availability the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 21-1996: Motion that the next SRRB meeting be held in Tulita on the 3,4,&5 of July/96 and that Ft. Good Hope be noted as the preferred alternate location moved by George Barnaby, second by Isadore Yukon. Carried unanimously.**

14c-Letter from the Chief of Ft. Good Hope

The board had general discussions regarding the letter and request. It was decided that this would be and is being handled by the Department of Renewable Resources and ECE.

14d-Attendance of the COSEWIC AGM by a SRRB representative

There was general discussions on the invitation and the information being relative to the Sahtu Area. The board discussed the advantages, if any, of having a representative attend this AGM and as well the availability of any representatives of the SRRB being available at the specified dates. After further discussions the following motion was moved.

**SRRB 22-1996: Motion to have the SRRB Chairperson attend the COSEWIC AGM as a representative of the SRRB moved by George Barnaby, second by Paul Latour. Carried.**

This was the end of the agenda and all other business of the SRRB:

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**SRRB 23-1996: Motion to adjourn the SRRB March/96 meeting moved by Russell Hall, second by George Barnaby. Carried unanimously.**



## CHAIRMANS REPORT

01. Calling card for board was applied for by Andre at SS1.
02. Finance Committee members met in Yellowknife on the 05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup> of February with Don Vincent the Land Claim Coordinator for the GNWT Department of Renewable Resources and Kevin Campbell Land Claims Implementation Coordinator for the Sahtu Region For the Ministry Of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. We also met over lunch Peter Clarkson , Executive of the Gwitchen Renewable Resources Board.
03. Appointment of Wilburt Kochon to Bluenose Management Committee.
04. Post Office Box was rented on February the 14<sup>th</sup>.
05. Bank Account was set up for SRRB with CIBC in Norman Wells.
06. Office Rental price quote received from Northern Cartols.
07. Budgets for 95/96 and 96/97 have been submitted.
08. Press Release faxed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February to CBC in Inuvik and to News North in Yellowknife.  
Notice put on Norman Wells community channel re. meetings.
09. Loan of \$10000.00 from SS1 deposited in account on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
10. Charge Account set up with Northwright Air.
11. Charge Account set up with Mack Travel.