

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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GRRB Teleconference

July 25, 2013, 12:00 PM MST & August 1, 2013, 7:00 PM MST

Dial-in details: 1-800-511-7983; access code: 767 6652; Pin: 7275 (*Amy to enter Pin*)

Attendance:

July 25, 2013

Eugene Pascal, Jozef Carnogursky, Charlie Snowshoe (call), Cindy Allen (call), Paul Teoh, Cheryl Greenland

Regrets: Johnny Charlie, Amy Thompson (Bereavement leave)

August 1, 2013

Jozef Carnogursky, Charlie Snowshoe (call), Cindy Allen (call), Amy Thompson

Regrets: Eugene Pascal, Johnny Charlie

1. Call to order (July 25, 2013 and August 1, 2013)

The meeting on July 25, 2013 was called to order at approximately 12:15 PM with Eugene Pascal as the meeting Chairperson. The meeting on August 1, 2013 was called to order at 7:51 PM with Jozef Carnogursky as the meeting chairperson.

2. Agenda (July 25, 2013 and August 1, 2013)

The Board members reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the meeting. No motion was made. The minutes will be reviewed and approved at the face to face meeting in September 2013.

3. Conflict of Interest (July 25, 2013 and August 1, 2013)

Declare it as it arises

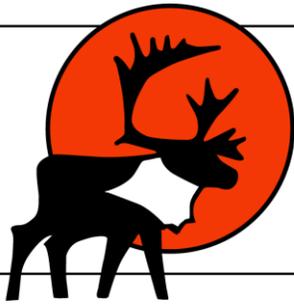
4. Operational (July 25, 2013 and August 1, 2013)

July 25, 2013

- a. Paul Teoh presented the 2012-13 audited financial statements for the General Operating and Wildlife Studies Fund accounts.

Action items and decisions

- Decision – move the Gwich'in Environmental Knowledge Fund into the General Operating Fund
- Decision – Roll the balance in the Richardson's Mountain project into the Wildlife Studies Fund (\$7616)
- Action – look into the conditions of the contribution agreement for the project "ENR contributions" and "Technician Trainee" to see if we are required to pay back this amount.



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Motion # 2013-21

To approve the GRRB's audited financial statements for the general operating and wildlife studies fund accounts as presented, subject to change

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

Seconded by: Cindy Allen
Motion carried.

- b. The Board reviewed the annual activity report that is due on July 29, 2013.

Action items and decisions

- Add the NWT Board Forum under education

Motion # 2013-22

To approve the GRRB's annual activity report with addition

Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.

Seconded by: Cindy Allen
Motion carried.

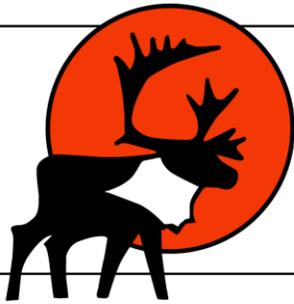
- c. postponed
- d. The board members reviewed a form that would provide them with optional directors coverage under the Workers Safety Compensation Commission (WSCC). Members agreed to fill out the form, with the exception of one that requested more information first.
- e. postponed

August 1, 2013

- c. The Board members were provided a copy of the variance report for the first quarter of the fiscal year for their reference. There were no comments.
- d. Additional information was provided on the optional director's coverage under the Workers Safety Compensation Commission. There was support to proceed with the forms.
- e. The auditors have recommended that the board members and staff enter into some type of agreement for the laptops. Option 1 would be to have them pay a percentage of the cost back so they can keep the laptop. Option 2 would be to keep the ownership of the laptop with the GRRB so when the board member/staff leave the Board the laptop must be returned. **Action:** Amy will draft two agreements. One for purchasing the laptop and one for keeping the ownership with the GRRB. This will be reviewed at the September GRRB meeting.

5. Management plan files (August 1, 2013)

- a. The Board discussed their role in receiving and distributing grizzly bear hides for defence against life kills according to the Grizzly Bear Management Agreement. There is a concern with how long it takes to receive the hides after the kill as it can impact the condition of the hide. The delay is due to the legal process required under the NWT



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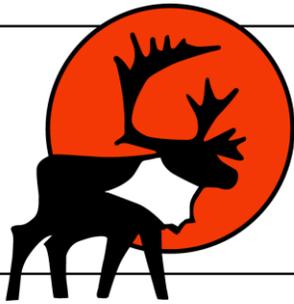
- Wildlife Act. There is also a concern that the GRRB does not have a budget line for tanning the hides, which would also be ideal for distributing them once received. **Action:** Staff to engage the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (GSCI) and Aurora College to see if there is interest in using the hides for a cultural workshop or other educational purposes. Staff should share Cindy's email with the GSCI and school.
- b. The Board members were updated on the recent ACCWM call and the request for the Wildlife Biologist to help with the consultation document for the three herds plan. In the interim, the Executive Director provided direction to the Wildlife Biologist to keep her focus on the Dempster grizzly bear project and offer only her spare time aside from that project on this component of the three herds plan. The Board members supported this direction.
 - c. The Board members were updated on a letter received from the Yukon Territorial Government on completing the Dall's Sheep Management Plan. They have made some recommended changes and request the parties sign off on the plan. The Board decided to defer this item to the September board meeting agenda.
 - d. The Board members were updated on the Ehdiitat RRC's request for collaring data. This was initially requested verbally to GRRB staff and later by letter to the PCMB. No need for a response from the GRRB at this time as the request is now directed to PCMB.
 - e. The Board members were updated on a letter from the TRRC that included a request for an update on the result of a discussion at the February 2013 GRRB meeting during the RRC session. The TRRC is interested in more information on the Traditional Knowledge Workshop that was discussed during the RRC session. There was a tape that was referred to in the discussion. Staff looked for this and cannot locate the tape.
 - f. The Board members were provided with a table that lists all the actions relating to outfitting the staff have been working on since the last GRRB meeting.
 - g. The Board members reviewed and supported a draft letter to the GTC requesting ongoing financial assistance with the harvest study project. **Action:** Staff to send the letter to GTC.
 - h. The Board members reviewed and provided general support for the draft letter to GTC regarding the Fisheries Act. It was noted that staff are still waiting for some letters from the RRCs that support this letter. **Action:** Staff to send the letter after the RRC letters are received but make sure it reflects the current letter received by the Minister.

6. Preparations for Fall Board Meeting (August 1, 2013)

The Board members reviewed the draft agenda and notes provided by the Executive Director.

Actions

- Agenda item #5 (Executive Director update) – Focus on operational activities such as staff changes, new tenants, outfitting actions. Do not include financials
- Agenda item #6 (Staff updates) – Staff to provide a written progress report and give a short presentation that focusing on the key points. This will replace specific



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project updates by staff later on the agenda (eg. Fisheries update, Gwich'in harvest study update, research priority update).

- Agenda item #11(Dall's Sheep management) – Board members will review the draft plan and letter from YTG prior to the Sept board meeting. The Wildlife Biologist will give a staff recommendation on next steps but is not required to give an update on what is in the plan.
- Agenda item #13 (Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations) – Cindy requested to be informed if treaty rights are affected.

7. Upcoming Dates (August 1, 2013)

The Board members reviewed the upcoming dates and deadlines. No comments were provided.

- a. July 29 – deadline to submit audit
- b. July 29 – deadline to submit annual report
- c. Aug 5-30 – Amy on annual (plan in place)
- d. Sep 19-20 – GRRB Fall Meeting, Tsiigehtchic
- e. Oct 4 – deadline for comments on federal species at risk listings

8. Other business (August 1, 2013)

No other business was identified.

9. Adjourn (July 25, 2013 & August 1, 2013)

The meeting on July 25, 2013 was adjourned at 1:10 PM. The meeting on August 1, 2013 was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Motion # 2013-23

To adjourn the GRRB Teleconference held on August 1, 2013

Moved by: Charlie Snowshoe

Approved: September 20, 2013 (**Motion #13-31**)