



Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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GRRB TELECONFERENCE MINUTES July 27, 2017 1:30 PM MST (NT)

Attendance

- GRRB Board: Eugene Pascal (Chair), Jozef Carnogursky (Member), Doug Doan (Member), Margaret Begg (Member), Burt Hunt (Member), Sarah Jerome (Alternate Member), Ron Allen (Alternate Member), Tracy Davison (Alternate Member)
- GRRB staff: Amy Amos (Staff), Cheryl Greenland (Staff), Sarah Lord (Staff), Janet (Staff)

1) Call to order

Eugene Pascal called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. He welcomed the newest member, Margaret Begg. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

2) Agenda

Motion # GRRB 2017-26	To approve the teleconference agenda, as presented.
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Doug Doan
All in favour.	Motion carried.

3) Minutes

It was agreed to table the review and approval of the minutes until the face-to-face meeting in September 2017.

4) Finance Committee

Motion # GRRB 2017-27	To go in-camera at 1:39PM.
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Sarah Jerome
All in favour.	Motion carried.

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Motion # GRRB 2017-28	To come out of in-camera at 1:53PM.
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Doug Doan
All in favour.	Motion carried.

Motion # GRRB 2017-29	To approve the 2017 salary scale, as presented
Moved by: Jozef Carnogursky	Seconded by: Doug Doan
All in favour.	Motion carried.

a. Activity Report

The annual activity report lists the progress of work plan items for the previous fiscal year. It is a reporting requirement, due by July 29th each year. The Board reviewed and had no comments.

Motion # GRRB 2017-30	To approve annual activity report for 2016-17
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Doug Doan
All in favour.	Motion carried.

b. 10-year Budget & Workplan

Amy Amos walked the Board through her notes (provided in the meeting binder) and how she proposed balancing the budget. The Board asked for clarification on the implications to the budget if we increased the participation of RRC's for the GRRB's fall workshops. It will be worked in and would result in less money in the "other expenses" category on the budget. The Board also asked for clarification on why the staff salary increases stop at some point. The budget is for a 10 year period and the current staff salary scale ends after step 6. The salaries reflect the current salary scale. The Board will continue to have the option of approving annual budgets, as they currently do. The purpose of the 10 year budget is for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to have something on record for the totals each year. The way they are allocated between line items can change annually with the annual work plan and budget process.

Motion # GRRB 2017-31	To increase RRC participation from two to three representatives for the GRRB Fall 2017 workshops.
Moved by: Burt Hunt	Seconded by: Doug Doan
All in favour.	Motion carried.

Motion # GRRB 2017-32	To approve the 10-year GRRB workplan & budget, including the new detailed 2017-18 budget, with the changes to reflect Motion # GRRB 2017-31
Moved by: Doug Doan	Seconded by: Jozef Carnogursky
All in favour.	Motion carried.

<Staff returned @ 2:15PM>

c. Other recommendations

Amy Amos gave an update on the 2017-17 Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF) money the GRRB allocated for staff professional development for GIS training. We were able to get some additional top-up funding from GNWT. This will allow more staff to participate and mean less money from the WSF needed. Amy suggested using the leftover money towards staff participation at the 2017 ArcticNet conference in Quebec City in December 2017. If it all works out as currently planned the GRRB can send a delegation to this conference without using any core funding from general operating. The Board reviewed this request and were supportive.

Amy Amos also informed the Board that we are running low on current promotional items. These items are used when staff go to meetings or into schools to promote the GRRB. They are also used for door prizes sometimes. She reminded the Board that they have their Training Fund that can be used towards this type of expense, but would require a Board motion. The Board considered this then decided to request staff compile a wish list of items, with a budget, for their September 2017 meeting.

Action(s)

- Staff to compile a budget for promotional items, deadline September 2017

<Jozef chair @ 2:30PM>

5) a. Fall DFO Meeting

DFO will cover some costs for the GRRB to meet with their senior management team in Winnipeg the week of November 27th, 2017. The current team will be Eugene Pascal, Amy Amos and Sarah Lord. The new date no longer works for Burt Hunt. The Board supported Ron Allen to attend. The Board reviewed the agenda items. The Board agreed to the following as items to emphasis at this meeting.

- 1) Focus on what they committed to do last year. We need to hold them accountable for the actions they promised to deliver. This means there should be an agenda item to review past action items from the 2016 meeting.
- 2) Push for more representation at GRRB meetings and in the communities (i.e. staffing in Inuvik, compliance/enforcement and science).

b. Fisheries Act Review

<Eugene back to chair @2:40PM>

There was a conference call on July 12, 2017 with the Fisheries Protection Department of DFO. Ron Allen, Sarah Lord and Amy Amos attended this call. The call was to provide an update on the review of the 2012 changes to the *Fisheries Act*. The summary is that the review began last year. They have completed phase I (consultation) and are now into phase II (development of options for the Minister). Legislation has not yet been drafted. The GRRB will be meeting with DFO and other organizations on August 2nd to hear what they heard during the consultation phase and more on next steps. The GRRB continues to pressure for more compliance staffing. The main concern is whether

they have the capacity and resources to implement the enforcement/compliance commitments. We need more staff and time in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA) in order to achieve some of the commitments they are talking about in our discussions and in their review of the 2012 changes to the *Fisheries Act*. Eugene Pascal provided an update on his meeting with the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC). Sarah Lord also attended this meeting. They talked about their relationship and how communication can improve. It was a good start and they are willing to work with the GRRB, and are interested in discussing a joint response to DFO on the *Fisheries Act* concerns. There was discussion about sending a letter to DFO to express the enforcement/compliance concerns but it was decided to bring this concern to the August 2nd meeting and see if a letter is warranted after that meeting.

Action:

- GRRB delegation that attends the August 2, 2017 meeting with DFO to bring forward concerns that DFO needs more capacity, resources and time in order to implement better enforcement/compliance work in the GSA.

6) Wildlife

a. Wildlife Act

The Board discussed who will participate at upcoming meetings. The following was decided.

- For the Wildlife Act Working Group teleconference on August 30th, 2017, Eugene Pascal, Jozef Carnogursky and Ron Allen will attend. This is to review penalties under the regulations. It was noted that this information will be very complex and take time to review.
- For the Wildlife Act (Section 15) meeting on October 24-25, 2017 in Yellowknife, Eugene Pascal and Jozef Carnogursky will attend.
- For the Wildlife Act Working Group meeting on November 2-3 in Yellowknife, Eugene Pascal and Jozef Carnogursky will attend.

b. Advisory Committee for the Cooperation for Wildlife Management (ACCWM)

The Board discussed the upcoming annual ACCWM meeting on the week of November 20th in Fort Good Hope and decided it will be Eugene Pascal, Doug Doan and Edouard Belanger to attend. Ron Allen expressed interest if others cannot attend. There were questions that the working group would like input from in order to prepare for this meeting. The Board decided to have the representatives that attended last year's meeting reply directly to those questions.

Action(s)

- Amy Amos to send the questions from the ACCWM Working Group to Eugene Pascal and Ron Allen in regards to the upcoming ACCWM annual meeting.

c. Dall sheep

The population of Dall's sheep in the northern Richardson mountains decreased in 2014. When this happened the GRRB adopted the management action table in the Draft management plan for Dall's sheep and implemented a voluntary closure on the population. The recent survey done in June 2017 shows an increase in the population above the threshold in the action table. The Board

discussed the situation to determine its next steps. There are currently no tags on this population and only voluntary management actions in place. This population is mostly harvested by subsistence users. There are still some resident tags issued by the Yukon government but the rest of the harvest is by aboriginal harvesters. There are not many people that harvest the population. The next survey will be in three years, unless otherwise requested. It was noted that there are more nursing sheep. The threshold in the management action table is based on total number of sheep.

Decision: Lift the voluntary closure

Action(s):

- Staff to create a poster and advertise the GRRB's decision to the RRC's and public.

d. Grizzly bear update

There were three quick updates:

- The posters with bear observation forms are out in all the communities and along the Dempster highway.
- There is a defence against life and property kill report in the meeting binder.
- There are discussions happening between ENR, the Town of Inuvik and ITI on installing a fence around the Inuvik dump. It is part of the recommendations in the land use permits for the solid waste site renewal. This will likely take a year or more to plan and implement. It was noted that there have been increased bear sightings and concerns raised about problem bears around Inuvik.

7. Administrative

a. Fall 2017 GRRB workshops

This fall the GRRB will be holding two workshops instead of its regular Board Meeting. The First workshop on September 20th will focus on research priority setting and the second workshop on September 21st will be on strategic planning. Both will be for the period of 2018-2023. A facilitator is hired to help plan the two workshops. They will be in Aklavik. There is a grad student helping prepare for the research priority workshop. He is hired through the University of Alberta and GRRB only has to help with some travel expenses, which will come out of the workshop budget. The Board agreed to the approach for the current approach to the workshops the reconfirmed its support for the criteria for research priority setting.

b. Upcoming meeting

Amy went through a table with all the upcoming meetings listed. The Board expressed interest in which meetings they wanted to participate in. Amy Amos will keep in touch with members who expressed interest as the meeting dates approach.

c. Policy Subcommittee

The Policy Subcommittee consist of Doug Doan, Ron Allen and Amy Amos. It was created to review the Board's operating procedures manual and determine areas that require updating. It has been inactive for awhile. There is a draft of the recommended changes to date on the shared folder in sharesync. The Subcommittee requests the Board review and provide input.

Action(s)

- Board members to review and provide comments to Amy Amos on the draft operating procedures manual documents on the ShareSync drive.

8. Other Business.

There was no other business discussed.

9. Adjournment

Eugene Pascal thanked the board members and staff for their hard work. He also re-welcomed Margaret Begg as a new board member and Edouard Belanger as a new staff member.

Motion # GRRB 2017-33	To adjourn the July 27, 2017 GRRB teleconference at 3:58PM
Moved by: Burt Hunt	
All in favour.	Motion carried.