



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), Doug Doan, Margaret Begg, Burt Hunt
- GRRB staff: Amy Amos, Sarah Lord, Kaytlin Cooper, Edouard Belanger

1) Call to order

Eugene Pascal called the meeting to order at 1:28 PM. Conflict of interest will be declared as it arises.

2) Agenda

There were three items requested for other business

- ENR's legislative review
- CWS's request for input
- In-camera

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| Motion # GRRB 2017-34 | To approve the October 31, 2017 teleconference agenda, with additions. |
| Moved by: Burt Hunt | Seconded by: Doug Doan |
| All in favour. | Motion carried. |

3) Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from past meetings. This included the February 2017 face-to-face meeting, March 2017 teleconference, June 2017 teleconference and July 2017 teleconference. The fall 2017 workshop reports will be reviewed later as there will be a revised version coming.

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| Motion # GRRB 2017-35 | To approve the following minutes, as presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- February 2017 face-to-face meeting minutes- March 2017 teleconference minutes- June 2017 teleconference minutes- July 2017 teleconference minutes |
| Moved by: Doug Doan | Seconded by: Margaret Begg |
| All in favour. | Motion carried. |

4) Reporting Requirements

The cover letter, work plan and financial variance report were presented. There is a total of \$38,505 showing as a surplus. The Finance Committee recommended to use it towards professional development, board expenses, computer expenses and office expenses. The Board provided a few editorial comments on the work plan and suggested to round the figures in the variance report to the nearest dollar. The Board supports the requested use of surplus as long as the board expenses continue to conform with the rates set by Treasury Board.

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| Motion # GRRB 2017-36 | To approve the GRRB midyear report for 2017-2018, with the edits discussed |
| Moved by: Doug Doan | Seconded by: Burt Hunt |
| All in favour. | Motion carried. |

5) Wildlife

<Edouard Belanger entered>

- a) Advisory Committee for the Cooperation of Wildlife Management (ACCWM): There will be an ACCWM annual harvest meeting held in Yellowknife the week of November 20th. The GRRB delegation includes Eugene Pascal, Doug Doan, Ron Allen and Edouard Belanger. Edouard provided an update on the preparations for this annual ACCWM meeting. There was a community meeting in Inuvik on October 3rd, 2017. Eight people showed up and the meeting went for 1 ½ hours. The meeting participants shared their observations for Cape Bathurst and Bluenose-West caribou herds and their habitat. From this meeting, Edouard filled in an updated monitoring table. Edouard will prepare a briefing note for the GRRB delegation.

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- b) Wildlife Act Working Group (WAWG): There will be a WAWG meeting next week (November 2-3, 2017 in Yellowknife). The GRRB delegation includes Jozef Carnogursky, Ron Allen and Amy Amos. There is information in the meeting binder. Please let Amy know if the Board has any comments for the delegation to bring to this meeting.

6) Fisheries

<Sarah Lord and Kayltin Cooper entered>

There is an annual visit to the DFO office in Winnipeg scheduled for the week of November 27th. The GRRB delegation includes Eugene Pascal, Ron Allen, Amy Amos and Sarah Lord. This goal of this meeting is to strengthen the GRRB's working relationship with DFO and it gives the GRRB an opportunity to discuss projects, concerns and areas of common interest. In the meeting binder, there is the 2016 notes with a progress report. The notes that included action items were shared with DFO in December 2016. The progress report was done internally over the past couple months. There is also a document with proposed agenda items for the upcoming meeting. The Board was asked to provide their input into these documents. The Board is concerned that DFO did not follow-up on the

several of the action items. This needs to be brought to the meeting. In order for the annual meeting to be worthwhile both parties need to make efforts to follow-up on what they agreed to at these meetings. The Board agreed to share the progress report, as written, with DFO and copy the Regional Director General. It was noted that during the 2016 meeting Amy Amos took the notes.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to send the 2016 notes with progress report and proposed agenda items to DFO with their Regional Director General copied on the email.
- Amy Amos to request DFO appoint a minute-taker for the 2017 meeting

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7) Species at Risk

Kaytlin Cooper provided an update on what has been heard from the consultations the proposed listings for grizzly bear (territorial) and barren-ground caribou (federal and territorial). A decision from the GRRB on this listed will be requested at their February 2018 face-to-face meeting. There are materials provided in the meeting binder. In September 2017, there were seven consultation meetings. For Barren-ground caribou, there seemed to be overall support for both listings. The main concerns brought forward were impacts to harvesting, increased harvesting pressure towards the porcupine caribou herd, and what were the legislative implications. She has not received any official replies from the RRC's yet. For grizzly bear, there was varying views on whether it should be listed as special concern or not listed at all. Amy Amos joined Kaytlin in all her consultations except Fort McPherson, due to a rescheduled conflict. The main concern heard was how to deal with problem bears and that there is not enough data. There was interest that the listing could provide additional funding to help with managing the population. So far one RRC replied (Ehdiitat RRC), their recommendation is to not list. Their rationale is that there is not enough data to make a clear decision. For next steps, Kaytlin will continue to engage the RRCs requesting formal responses. She can give an update on what was heard at the Regional RRC meeting in January 2018. She will compile all comments and prepare a presentation that will include her staff advice for the GRRB's February 2018 meeting.

Action(s):

- Kaytlin Cooper will present an update on what was heard at the 2018 Regional RRC meeting
- Kaytlin Cooper will prepare a presentation, which includes a summary of what was heard and her staff advice, for the February 2018 Board meeting.

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8) Administrative

- a) **Fall 2017 workshop reports (draft):** There are two draft reports in the meeting binder. Staff have reviewed these versions and provided comments. Revised versions will come. If you have comments on this first please send them to Amy Amos. Doug Doan noted that his affiliation needs to be changed to Environment Canada.

- b) Finance Committee update:** The Finance Committee met by teleconference on October 30th. The meeting includes a full review of the general operation and wildlife studies fund. In the future, the Finance Committee will be providing an executive summary to the Board with key points from the quarterly financial review. It will be a trial and error process to determine how much information to provide. Comments are welcomed. The Finance Committee supports the mid-year variance report and the requested use of the surplus. The Finance Committee will be talking with the Royal Bank of Canada about the appropriate information the GRRB should receive from them. It will be recommending they provide an executive summary in addition to what they already send. The Finance Committee also wanted Amy Amos to present a rough estimate for purchasing promotional items for the Board to review on this call. Unfortunately, Amy did not have time to prepare this. She will engage the Board through email at a later date. Burt Hunt added an update on the call he had with Royal Bank of Canada to deal with the above. They will be providing executive summaries in the future. They also answered other questions the Finance Committee had in regards to the information they provide.
- c) Policy Subcommittee update:** This subcommittee is waiting for Board input into the three documents that are in the “Board only” folder on sharesync.
- d) Upcoming meetings:** There is a summary document listing all the upcoming meetings. The Board was asked to let Amy know if they see anything they are interested in. This helps in case there are last minute changes to the delegation. Amy also requested the Board let her know if they do not receive expense claims after attending a meeting.

The Board discussed dates for their February 2018 face-to-face meeting. It needs to be prior to the week of Feb 20th. The Board is expected to attend a Conference of Management Authority meeting that week and bring their motion for the species at risk listings.

Decision:

- The Board decided on the dates of February 6-8, 2018 for their winter face-to-face Board meeting in Inuvik.

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to ensure workshop reports have the correct affiliations for Board member nominating agencies.
- Finance Committee to meet with Royal Bank of Canada to discuss appropriate information to share with the GRRB. They will recommend an executive summary. DONE (see update above)
- Amy Amos to prepare a rough estimate for purchasing promotional items and request Board support at a later date

- Reminder for Board members to review the policy subcommittee's recommended changes to the operating procedures manual (located in the Board Only folder on sharesync)

9) Other Business

a) Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) Legislative Review: There is reference material provided in the meeting binder. GNWT is reviewing five pieces of legislation. This includes the *Forest Management and Protection Act* and the *Protected Areas Act*. GNWT has formed a technical working group that does not include the GRRB. There was a stakeholders meeting that the RRB's were invited to with several other stakeholders. The Weekezie RRB has raised concerns about the engagement process requesting that the RRB's be more involved in the process for the two pieces of legislation mentioned above. WRRB is requesting if we want to be included in a joint response. The Board discussed the issue. They are supportive of the message. They want stronger wording to reflect the RRB's mandate for being involved. The GRRB prefers if the three Boards collaborate on a joint message then respond separately to be more powerful. The Board wants to engage the Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) to seek their support on the Board's involvement.

b) Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) Request for Support: There is reference material provided in the meeting binder. CWS is seeking the Board's input by December ##, 2017 on updated hunting regulations for migratory birds. This is just a heads up. Edouard Belanger will engage the RRC's then prepare staff advice and an email decision will be requested prior to the deadline (likely around the end of November).

c) In-camera Discussion

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| Motion # GRRB 2017-37 | To go in-camera at 3:15 PM |
| Moved by: Doug Doan | Seconded by: Burt Hunt |
| All in favour. | Motion carried. |

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| Motion # GRRB 2017-38 | To come out of camera at 3:29 PM |
| Moved by: Margaret Begg | Doug Doan |
| All in favour. | Motion carried. |

Action(s):

- Amy Amos to work with the WRRB and SRRB on wording for a response. Talk with GTC to seek their support then draft a letter to express the Boards concerns (that is in line with the other two RRB's).

10) Adjourn

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| Motion # GRRB 2017-33 | To adjourn the October 31,2017 GRRB teleconference at 3:30 PM |
| Moved by: Doug Doan | |
| All in favour. | Motion carried. |

These minutes were approved at the February 2018 GRRB meeting (motion #GRRB18-09).