



HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 05, 2005
5:00 p.m. @ NAIT College

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

John Thurston, Chair
Mary Klassen
Marilee Toews
Henry Friesen
Colin Hanusz

Walter Sarapuk
Leo MacNamara
Robert Popowich
Gail Tucker
Jordan Johnston

Marcel Lecoure
Mike Alsterlund
Susan McNeil
George Friesen
Barry Gladders

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Thurston, Chair of the High Level Forests PAC called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Moved By Walter Sarapuk

That the agenda be accepted with an addition of;
6.6 Letter to Paul Lemay

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – March 01, 2005

MOTION

Moved By Walter Sarapuk

That the High Level Forests PAC meeting minutes of March 01, 2005 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- A number of issues were brought up by a PAC member to be added to the Issues and Concerns tracking sheet;
- Would like a monthly report on the status of the mixed wood management
 - Concerned about the unburned brush piles
 - Disparity between Oil and Gas having to burn brush piles and companies don't
 - Timber was found burned near PAC member's property, why was it burned?
 - The difference of price that has to be paid by the Oil and Gas and forestry companies to have wood piled.
 - Scarification issues, trees planted on top on mounts are dying
 - Speeding log trucks
 - Private wood sales
 - Is Footner cutting the easy assessable wood and leaving the stuff that is far away?

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Review of Terms of Reference

Tabled until June meeting

5.2 PAC & PEG

Tabled until June meeting

5.3 AGM

The AGM was scheduled for May 06th, but it was brought to the committee's attention that it would over lap with the forestry show in Grande Prairie. It was suggested that Leo discuss with the HLFES and see if May 11th would work. The AGM would replace the regular meeting.

6 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Question of the Month

Kendra Thomas Stopped by Briefly to collect her price and was introduced to all the PAC members.

The question of the month for April will be:

Name two benefits each of horse logging and mechanical logging.

6.2 Clipping Service (handouts)

Colin handed out copies of newspaper clippings

6.3 Salvage

Gail Tucker spoke on the requirements for salvage waivers. She gets 1600-1800 requests for waivers on salvage each year and only approves less than 12 per

year. A few guidelines for a waiver are; if there is less than two loads, if the quality is marginal, must be economical to salvage, within reason, also if the company has done everything they can to sell it but no one is buying. Timber damage assessment tables can be found at www.3.gov.ab.ca/srd/land/fp-managing.html

6.4 Update on Highway Safety

Will and Mike did not have a chance to go out and randomly radar log trucks to see if speeding is in fact a problem.

6.5 Issues and Concerns Tracking Sheet

Sheet will be updated and circulated at each meeting.

6.6 Letter to Paul Lemay

A letter was sent to John Thurston from the Association of Alberta Forestry Public Advisory Committee inviting the committee members to their meeting on June 3-4, 2005.

Mary will do up a letter in response.

7. CORRESPONDANCE

7.1 Northern Lights Forest Education Society

The Northern Light Forest Education Society is having their AGM on May 04th. Frank Oberle will speak on May 06th.

8 AROUND THE TABLE

Marilee– Commented that we need to hear the emotional issues whether they get resolved or not, also feels that sometimes the questions do get asked properly. When there are reoccurring topics there is usually a reason and therefore needs to be brought to the meeting.

Gail – If there are government issues that need answers she ask that you please give her a warning that they will be brought up so that she has some time to investigate so that she can respond with a proper answer. Give her a call or e-mail your question.

Susan – Says there is no such thing as a dumb question

Marcel- Appreciates the passion that people have and just wanted to encourage everyone to keep coming back.

NEXT MEETING – AGM May 11th, 2005 @ 5:00 pm at the Fairview College

9 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned @ 7:45 pm