



## HIGH LEVEL FORESTS PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

*Tuesday, April 7, 2009*  
5:00 p.m. – Four Winds Banquet Room  
High Level, Alberta

#### ATTENDANCE:

Jeremy Beal (CSA Coordinator)	John Thurston (Chairman)
Marilee Toews (HBSWS)	Dave Sadowsky (ASRD)
Ed Anderson (Tolko)	George Friesen (Member)
Henry Friesen (Guest)	Les House (PPMS)
Marty O'Byrne (ASRD)	

Recording Secretary: Brenda St. Arnault

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm

Everyone made introductions in attendance.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopt Agenda as presented.

**MOVED by:** George Friesen

**CARRIED**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – February 3, 2009

Adopt Minutes as presented.

**MOVED by:** Marilee Toews

**CARRIED**

### 3.1 Review of action items (old action items in italics)

Under section 5.3 of February 3, 2009, meeting John T. was to contact Mike Maximchuk from ASRD and invite him to do a presentation on invasive plants. John T. will contact Mike Maximchuk before the next PAC meeting.

Under section 8, change wording made by Dave S. from OSB book to Forestry Acronyms booklet by Daryl Kentner.

## 4. ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Aspen decked logs

No issues or concerns at this time regarding Aspen decked logs. Dave S. from ASRD commented there are on-going attempts to deal with the issue of the Aspen decked logs.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jeremy B. commented that he will review the PAC minutes for the past year and update the Issues and Concerns document and will review at the next meeting.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Presentation by Alberta-SRD on Reforestation in Alberta (past, present, future)

Jeremy B. invited Marty O'Byrne from the Peace River office (ASRD) to provide information on Reforestation in the province of Alberta. During recent PAC meetings there were some discussions about the effectiveness of reforestation in the High Level area, and whether industry had free reign to monitor their own efforts ... SRD are not seen in the process of monitoring.

Marty's presentation covered a wide spectrum of information related to past, present and future aspects of reforestation in the province. Hardcopies of the presentation will be made available at the next PAC meeting and will be posted on the [www.highlevelwoodlands.com](http://www.highlevelwoodlands.com) website.

The following are comments/questions during the presentation:

Marilee T. commented there is concern of the high turnover of SRD staffing in High Level that depletes local expertise. General discussions about the obligations of companies to report meeting their reforestation efforts and SRD is more focused on monitoring the results.

Marilee commented that she has seen examples where harvesting has taken place in areas where timber quality was low and reforestation may be difficult, but may be better suited for maintaining current habitats. What efforts do the companies make with regards to conducting PHAs? Jeremy and Marty replied that not all blocks receive a PHA however information can be inferred from plots taken in adjacent proposed openings. The company tries to avoid areas that may prove difficult to reforest to reduce their overall future reforestation

liability and to maintain landbase that is more conducive to meeting other objectives (wildlife, etc.).

John T. asked if Herbicide could be applied more than one application in an area. Yes, however this would need to be identified in the herbicide plan submitted to Alberta and to state why the second treatment is required.

Les House made a comment about the Beaver kill areas preventing future growth. Jeremy said that the areas that are affected are documented in the Net Landbase every 10 years.

Question asked about what is the target age of regenerating block is herbicide applied.

Jeremy B. said that around 10 or 11 years to allow 2 growing seasons before performance survey is completed by 14 years. Best time to spray is around 4 to 5 years of age when the seedlings are being overtopped by competing vegetation.

Marilee T. asked if under the FSC; they use herbicide.

Jeremy B. was not sure but he will look into it and report at the next PAC meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jeremy B. to look into FSC and if they use herbicide.

Marilee T. asked when the government would require Oil & Gas Industry to reclaim ground they have used for well sites, as the forest Industry is required.

Marty O. replied that it has been in effect already but not in depth as forest companies.

John T. asked Jeremy if we have already gone into old well sites to reclaim. Jeremy commented that some areas have been released to Tolko to reclaim but it is difficult because the soil is so packed.

## 5.2 Proposed meetings for remainder of 2009

Jeremy B. commented that with Footner Forest Products not in operation and Tolko Industries at a standstill right now we do not have very much to report on, so we would like to change the meeting schedule for the rest of the year.

May 2009 – Propose Annual General meeting and regular meeting. Jamie Bruha from SRD to do presentation. We are looking at starting around 3-4 pm and finish at the regular time – 8:00 pm.

June – Aug – No meetings

Sept 2009 – Meeting to plan for Get To Know You Night & Trade Shows for the surrounding areas.

Oct 2009 – No meeting

Nov – Dec –Meeting to review indicators

Marilee T. asked what happens to the whole planning process.

Jeremy B. will be speaking with the Government and we will need an interim plan, with Footner Forest Products not operating Tolko needs to have a plan in place.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Clipping Service (15)**

Jeremy B. distributed the latest news clippings to the PAC members.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS**

Jeremy B. provided copies of the QMI Forest Certification Update to PAC members.

## **8. AROUND THE TABLE**

Ed Anderson said his goodbyes to the PAC committee members and it has been good working with everyone on the PAC committee.

Jeremy B. handed out graph of Random Lengths showing 79-month history up until April 3, 2009.

Marilee T. asked if the Burner project was placed on hold because of the shutdown of the mill.

Jeremy B. suggested contacting Marcel LeCoure if there are any questions regarding the Burner Project.

George F. wished Ed good luck with his move and new job.

Dave S. notified PAC members that he had been covering off for Caleen Warren for the last few months while she was on leave and she has returned to work for the last month but she will be transferring to the High Prairie office. Dave did not know who will be taking her place on the PAC committee as of yet.

## **9. NEXT MEETING – May TBA, 2009, 5:00 pm, Four Winds Banquet Room**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 pm**