

DFACC MINUTES – January 26, 2011

The regular meeting of the Divide Forest Advisory Council was held on January 26, 2011 at Dexter Hall. Larry Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

There were nine members present: Lisa Guenther, Harold Kivimaa, Ted Peterson, Paul Hamm, Al Smith, Don Gristwood, Alden Halseth, Anne Bernesky and Larry Anderson

Mistik Management: Cliff McLaughlin, Robert Follett, Roger Nesdoly

M.O.E.: Michelle Laliberte, Marc Painchaud

Visitors: Wilfred Hamm, Barry Frisk

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Lisa. Moved by Harold, and seconded by Al that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Reports

Ministry of Environment (M.O.E.)

Michelle Laliberte, Forestry Officer

- .Doing amendments and setting up third-party operators. Continuing to inspect them.

Marc Painchaud

- Regarding the theft of L&M's lumber, the person has been dealt with. He has returned the wood, and paid the dues and fees on the wood.
 - The Forestry Division is looking at developing a pamphlet regarding permission and access issues around firewood. L&M is also making sure the message regarding access issues is consistent – Brent Delaney is dealing with all public communications.
- Regarding ATVs – Field Services is dealing with complaints about quad use. They are looking at education for quad rally organizers and industry, to let them know that they are responsible for environmental impacts.

MISTIK

Robert Follett, Operations Supervisor

Harvesting

- Almar moved to Four Mile/Mikinak the first week of January. Will cut up to 100,000 m³ in these areas. Hope to finish early in March.
- Keith Fehr is still in Lavallee. Will move to Horseneck around the first week of March. Decided not to move him to the farmer wood. Fehr had a fire in the processor yesterday – the machine is down for four weeks.

Log Haul

- Should be in Mikinak by Saturday or Sunday.
- We have been hauling the occasional weekend from Lavallee.

Roads

- Bladed Sundance last week.
- Currently freezing in the Mikinak Road.

Slash

- Just have a few piles left to burn in Four Mile Creek. Cliff has been picking away at Four Mile Creek.

Mills

- MLMP still going strong. Owners of mill still looking at Prince Albert pulp mill.

- NorSask is shut down but expected to reopen in April. NorSask's owners (MLTC) are looking at the development of a power plant that uses wood waste to generate power.

Audits

- Currently auditing all contractors for safety and environmental performance on the FMA.

Cliff McLaughlin

- Will bring maps to next meeting.
- Alden asked Cliff if he could resurvey the area being harvested next to the fireguard road, near the berm. The moose have been heavily hunted in the area, as harvest has left it quite open. Alden thinks a bigger buffer is needed – 75 yards or so. Alden also says this could be an issue in the Horseneck area near the logging road.
 - Some talk of putting in a hunting corridor in – wildlife biologists would have to look into it, and consultations would have to be held.
 - Roger noted that off Highway 903, there is more standing structure left to break up the line of site. This is due to different harvesting methods.
 - Cliff said he would talk to Kathleen about it and see if she can report on it at the next meeting

Correspondence

There was a letter from Husky Oil. They have applied to Sask Environment to drill three sweet gas wells in the Divide this February. They will be using roads and seismic lines already in place to access the wells. One will be near Chum Road, approximately 2 KM south. The other two are near Sundance Road, near the old Sundance Tower. Maps were included with the letter.

Don moved that the correspondence be noted and filed. Lisa seconded the motion. Carried.

New Business

It was decided that Lisa would be reimbursed for postage, paper, printer ink, and envelopes.

Larry asked Wilfred Hamm and Barry Frisk if they would like to be members of DFACC. They indicated that they would. The membership voted, and Barry and Wilfred were ratified as members.

Financial

Monthly Balance Forward	November 23, 2010	86.71
Accounts Payable		
Bank Charges for Nov and Dec	4.00	
Information Services Corp.	20.00	
Alden Halseth (supplies)	15.07	
Dexter Hall	25.00	
Balance as of January 26, 2011		22.64
High Interest Savings Account:		
Balance	November 23, 2010	2007.18
Interest for Nov and Dec	3.36	
Balance as of January 26, 2011		2010.54

Alden noted that we need to transfer some money into the chequing account. He suggested \$500.

Paul moved that we accept the financial report and transfer the \$500 into chequing. Wilfred seconded the motion. Carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at Dexter Hall, on February 22nd, at 7:30 pm. Ted moved that we adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion. Adjourned.