

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, June 11, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.
SSM REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. A quorum was attained at 6:10 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Deane Greenwood. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2007 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Allen Prodan, seconded by Lester Hopkins. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2007 MEETING

1. The Algoma Headwaters Signature Site "errata insert" is not yet available.
2. Deane arranged the location for tonight's meeting.
3. The LCC Regional Workshop will be discussed later tonight.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Current FMP Update - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff

Kerry stated that the mill purchase for St. Marys Paper has gone through and some of the employees have started back to work today. St. Marys Paper Corp plans to start moving wood from their satellite holding yards to the mill next week. Production on PM5 should start on the 21st. The push is on to get up and going with their customers. The new owners are a group of local investors. The new owners will focus on increasing their sales in the Canadian market. Previously 98-99% of the sales were in the US. They will maintain their sales department in Chicago.

St. Marys have not started any field operations as yet. They still have 15 to 20 days of wood in the yard plus wood in satellite locations.

Mike Thompson sent a note stating that harvest operations are not scheduled to commence until mid-July due to the high yard inventory (32 days) and extremely poor lumber markets. Henson is hauling winter cut slashed wood from the Hargraft Block (7400). Slashing of tree length inventory will commence by June 25th. Avery is delivering the Heyden Yard inventory to the Huron Central rail siding. Tree marking and line running have commenced in the Christina North Block (6303).

Tom Croswell stated that Midway Lumber will be thinning red pine plantations in Rose Township in the next few weeks.

The tree plant started on May 28th and to date approximately one million of the total of 2.3 million seedlings have been planted.

The FSC audit was carried out on May 28-29. No major corrective action requests are expected to result from this audit.

Clergue has completed its review of the regional MNR comments on the IFA Action Plan. Tim Reece is preparing a response to these comments.

Clergue has no new amendment requests at this time.

2. FMP Planning Update - Clergue Staff

Tom Croswell stated that the 2010 FMP Terms of Reference (ToR) are being finalized and are required to be completed by June 26th. The planning team met on May 22nd in Timmins since most of the planning team was there for the FMP Training Workshop. There is a lot of work to be done before the Invitation to Participate is sent out. There is still a potential issue with the new Landscape Guide as the planning team has not yet received official direction on the use of this guide.

The next planning team meeting is scheduled for June 26th.

3. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Jeff provided members present with a copy of his report to the LCC on the Algoma Forest Planning Team activities. He had previously sent this to the LCC members electronically. Jeff had also sent the members an electronic copy of the Planning Team draft Terms of Reference.

Members discussed the Socio Economic issue brought forward by Paul Foisy by email back on June 5th. Unfortunately Paul was not available to attend tonight's meeting so members present reviewed Paul's note and supported his position.

Ron explained that the FMP does not make land use decisions. These are made at the higher level planning exercise and the results are found in the Crown Land Use Planning Atlas (CLUPA). The FMP is a resource plan and takes land use direction from CLUPA. It is clear that the Socio Economic section is confusing and requires some more explanation to the LCC.

The draft Terms of Reference for the FMP includes ten task teams that deal with specific tasks or issues such as Information, Roads, Aboriginals and AOCs. The members present discussed the option of recommending that there should be a task team on Socio Economics or that this topic could be added to an existing task team or teams.

Ron stated that, although there appears to be only 10 teams in the draft, the planning team can also add teams during the plan preparation period to deal with new issues as they arise. These teams can be added even after the Terms of Reference has been signed off.

ACTION: Ron to draft a recommendation from the LCC to the Planning Team to deal with the Socio Economic issue. This draft is to be circulated to members present for their review and comments and the final recommendation is to be submitted to the Planning Team Project Manager prior to the next Planning Team meeting.

ACTION: Ron to send the LCC members the Socio Economic section from the current 2005 plan.

4. Communications - All

There was nothing to report.

5. All Sector Reports - All

There was nothing to report.

6. LCC Budget

A copy of the LCC expenditure report will be included with the mailout of tonight's meeting minutes.

8. New Business

1. Kerry Sinibaldi announced his resignation from the LCC due to the change in his status at St. Marys Paper. Kerry stated that his alternate, Don Iacovino, will take on the role as primary member representing the softwood users. Allen Prodan, on behalf of the LCC, thanked Kerry for his many years of contributions to the committee.
2. The members present requested that they fill the vacant position of General Public over the summer. Ron suggested that the members should also solicit interest from possible candidates that they could support.
ACTION: Ron to advertise for the General Public vacancy over the summer.
3. The committee agreed to postpone the election of the LCC chair until the fall.
4. Ron reported that funding has been approved for the Regional LCC Workshop. The members discussed when to hold the workshop. Some thought that it was too late to hold it this September and that the spring might be a better time with more people available.

ACTION: Ron to contact the reps from the Blind River LCC (RMAC) and the Algoma LCC reps to discuss the details.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th at 5:30 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments