

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, May 14, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.
SSM REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:32 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of Tom Croswell, new General Manager of Clergue Forest Management Inc.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2007 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Thompson, seconded by Bill Vanderburg. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2007 MEETING

1. MNR staff are carrying out focused consultation for Amendment #53.
2. Jim Miller sent Steve Dale the answers to his questions for amendments #4 and #5.
3. MNR arranged for Northwatch to deliver their presentation "Forest Management Planning - Getting Started" for tonight's meeting.
4. Ron and Deane Greenwood arranged for tonight's meeting to be held at the Conservation Authority office.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Current FMP Update - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff

Tom Croswell stated that currently there is no harvesting taking place and no new FMP amendments to present to the LCC at this time. The compliance report was presented with no changes from the last report. The crop tree release project continues off the Ranger Lake Road. Fifty hectares have been completed to date with 90 hectares

remaining to be treated. Sixteen hectares of yellow birch site preparation (grapple skidder blade) is taking place in MOU 7400 (Hargraft Block). The spring tree plant will start the week of May 28th. There will be a small tree plant (25 ha) south of the Montreal River with the balance of the program being conducted in the Wawa area. The total tree plant is 2.3 million seedlings.

Mike Thompson stated that there are no active Boniferro field operations at the present time. There is a planned mill startup during the week of May 22nd to process some of the existing log inventory. There is still a problem with the residual value portion of the stumpage and Boniferro is waiting for a response from MNR.

Kerry stated that St. Marys has no field operations ongoing at this time. The receiver for St. Marys Paper has received 13 bids. Of those, we are advised that 2 were very competitive. The first one is from a local group of investors to operate the mill. The second one is from a liquidator. They have been told that the company interested in operating the mill has the proposed name of St. Marys Paper Corp. Both bids have a number of conditions attached. Currently the local investment group interested in operating the mill has arranged financing and has reached an agreement with the union which the membership will be voting on May 16th. Their third condition is to receive from the provincial government a "Letter of Comfort" which will address a number of items of support to assist the mill in quickly moving forward. This local group of investors feels that their bid is very competitive and will provide continued employment both directly and indirectly in Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding area. The group is hoping to take ownership of the mill on May 31st with production starting on the largest paper machine (PM5) approximately mid June. Currently approximately 30 people are working in the mill carrying out the wind-down plan.

Gary Raines handed out copies of the FMP Amendment/AWS Revisions lists to all members present.

2. FMP Planning Update - Clergue Staff

Tom Crowell stated that the 2010 FMP Planning Team has been formed and the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is being reviewed and revised. The plan is to have the ToR approved by early June. The next planning team meeting is on May 22nd in Timmins since most of the planning team will be there for the FMP Training Workshop.

3. FMP Training - Northwatch Staff

Staff from Northwatch - Brennain Lloyd, Angela Anderson and Katie Pearson - made a presentation entitled "Forest Management Planning - Getting Started". Handouts were made available and Gary requested a copy of their presentation.

4. Communications - All

There was some general discussion concerning the Research Fire Trial off of Highway 129 north of Thessalon that escaped on the weekend. Members questioned the timing during an RFZ (Restricted Fire Zone) period.

5. All Sector Reports - All

Donna provided members with a handout for the upcoming Sault Naturalists meeting. Brian mentioned that the black flies are now out. Bill Vanderburg stated that the new Hunting Regulations as available as of 4:00pm today.

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. There was some general discussion concerning the recent articles in the newspapers on the Algoma Headwaters Signature Site (AHSS) and plans for MNR (Chris Caldwell - Project Manager) to prepare and "errata insert" to the plan.
ACTION: MNR to keep LCC informed.
2. Members discussed possible location sites for the next LCC meeting and asked if they could meet at the SSMRCA office again.
ACTION: Deane to confirm for next meeting. (DONE)
3. The members enquired if there was any more news on the proposed Regional LCC Workshop for Sept/Oct in the Sault.
ACTION: Gary to check on status.
4. The committee agreed to postpone the election of the LCC chair until a later meeting due to the situation at St. Marys Paper.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 11th at 5:30 pm at the SSM Region Conservation Authority Office at 1100 Fifth Line East.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments