

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, January 8, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.
St. Marys Paper Boardroom

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:43 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made for the benefit of the guest speaker, Mike Barker.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Ryckman-Rooney, seconded by Mike Thompson. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2006 MEETING

Mike Thompson noted two corrections on Page 2, Item 7.1. - change Huff Creek to Christina West and change Quemnico to Christina South. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Paul Foisy, seconded by Brian Anstess. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2006 MEETING

1. LCC members were to recommend an LCC representation to the Algoma Forest Planning Team. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Kerry received a reply from KBM in response to the LCC letter with comments on the Independent Forest Audit.
2. Kerry received a letter from Trevor Woods, District Manager, requesting a nominee from the LCC for the FMZ 10 council. Allen Prodan had indicated that he was interested. Kerry needs to respond by Jan. 26th.
ACTION: Kerry will contact LCC members not present to seek interest.
ACTION: Members present to contact Kerry if interested.
3. Ron received the invitation to the Sault College Awards Night scheduled for March 20th. Kerry is planning to attend.
ACTION: Kerry to RSVP Sault College prior to March 9th.
4. Ron handed out a copy of the Amendment to EMA to Policies that Marjorie Hall had discussed at a previous LCC meeting. The comment period expires on February 14th.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker - Mike Barker - Forestry Futures Trust Fund

Mike outlined the Forestry Futures Fund organization, purpose, funding programs and current status by use of an overhead presentation (copy attached to the minutes). Clergue has participated in this funding opportunity primarily in stand improvement. Mike provided members present with a copy of the 2005 Report - Forestry Futures Committee (Tenth Anniversary Addition). This report provides details on Forestry Futures projects, revenue and expenditures. This report can also be found on their website at www.forestryfutures.ca.

2. Current FMP Update - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff

Tim Reece mentioned that Clergue will cover off the compliance report at the next meeting which will be up to the end of December inspection. In the future quarterly compliance summaries will be one month later to ensure delayed approval of inspections can be part of the summary.

Jim Miller wrote that Midway's operations include Jim Lecuyer working in the Penelope Lake Block (7516) for the next four weeks. He will then move into the McGrath Lake Block (7517) for the balance of the winter. He will be moving back to the Penelope Lake block for a small area of spring wood and by the end of June he should be moving over to the Northshore Forest. This should complete the allocations assigned to him for the 2005-2010 FMP on the Algoma Forest.

Dave Zeppa is in the Bass Lake Block (7513) until late summer and then he will be moving into the Roddy Lake block (7510) once operations in the Bass Lake Block are completed. Ken Mcleod is currently cutting a small patch in the northeast corner of the Bass Lake Block south of Patten Lake. This will be completed this winter.

Mike Thompson wrote that Avery will be in the Bow Block (6102) for a 25 ha of winter wood once the ground freezes. Operations in the Joco North Block (6106) are on-going and will continue until break-up. Henson has completed hauling in the Pancake Block (6108) and operations in that block are now suspended for the winter. The Carp Road will no longer be plowed. Henson is currently in the Hargraft Block (7400) on the Lewis Lake Road and will continue in that area until break-up. Dumas is in the Leonard Block (6306) until break-up.

All of the above Boniferro operators had been either shut down or on modified operations since December 1st in order to minimize the risk of site damage. Operations have been going at full production levels since freeze up in the new year. Boniferro Mill Works is taking a maintenance shutdown the week of January 15th. This is due the high log inventory and poor lumber markets. Crown deliveries and operations will not be impacted.

Kerry Sinibaldi wrote that Lagace is operating in the St. Marys portion of the Christina North Block (6303A). Due to the weather they have not been able to move to winter ground as planned. They continue to harvest in the Christina Mine Road area.

Harvesting and hauling have been completed on the north side of Icewater Creek. A joint inspection (SMP/MNR) was completed on December 20th. The harvesting of a

small area on the east side of Brook Lake will be completed this week and hauling should be completed by the end of next week. An additional road is being built into an area on the south side of Icewater Creek with harvesting starting at the end of this week. Kerry continues to monitor winter conditions and work with the snowmobile club regarding planned use of the road. At this time their plans are to move to winter ground when conditions permit. Actual plans are controlled by the weather and St. Marys remains flexible to make adjustments should conditions not cooperate.

3. Amendment Proposal - Clergue Staff

Tim Reece led the committee through a powerpoint presentation outlining the proposal to amend the FMP (Amendment #44). The members had received a copy of this proposal prior to the meeting. The committee discussed the two road corridor alternatives that would provide access to the Mile 92 Road and surrounding area and the Clergue's selection of the preferred alternative from Mile 67 Road.. Gary Raines provided the members present with an outline of amendment classifications and the criteria for selection of the type of amendment.

ACTION: Clergue to contact Brookfield Power for their input prior to the February LCC meeting.

ACTION: MNR to identify any additional stakeholders in the area based on the classification of the amendment prior to the February LCC meeting.

ACTION: LCC members should be prepared to make a recommendation to the District Manager at the next LCC meeting.

4. Communications Plan - All

There was nothing to report at this time.

5. All Sector Reports - All

Donna mentioned that the Sault Naturalists are holding their annual dinner on Feb. 13th. Information is provided on their web page.

6. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

The report will be included in the mailout with these minutes.

8. New Business

1. Kerry stated that the LCC needs to nominate an LCC representative for the Algoma Forest 2010 Planning Team. Jeff Hinich has expressed an interest. The representative will selected at the next meeting. Jeff suggested that the committee should consider recommending an alternate.

ACTION: Members to select an LCC rep and discuss alternate rep for the FMP 2010 Planning Team at the next meeting.

2. Ron handed out some FMP information specifically dealing with common acronyms and a glossary of common terms. Ron also handed out a copy of the specific pages in the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) dealing with the LCC and outlined some items that the LCC needs to deal with prior to the start of the next planning cycle. These items include the review of the membership, Terms of Reference and training material. This will be discussed at the next meeting. There was some general discussion on training for members and the committee agreed that the focus of the next meeting would be FMP training. Jim Miller agreed to provide an "FMP 101" course.

ACTION: Clergue to provide an introduction to FMP 101 training at the next meeting.

ACTION: MNR to provide an outline of the LCC/FMP training at the next meeting.

3. Jeff Hinich noted that there is a fund-raiser dinner for local athletes at the Water Tower on Feb. 5th. Jeff has tickets for this event.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 12th at the St. Marys Paper boardroom at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments