

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, March 12, 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 5:34 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2007 MEETING

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE February 12, 2007 MEETING

1. Kerry has sent in the RSVP for the Sault College Awards night and will be attending.
2. MNR has contacted Brookfield Power for the list of names for gate passes and included them on the mailout for Amendment #44.
3. Kerry sent a note to the District Manager with the LCC recommendation for Amendment #44.
4. Kerry sent a note to the MNR concerning the Regional LCC Workshop and Ron responded (see note in the Feb.12/07 LCC minutes).
5. Kerry sent a note to the District Manager with the LCC recommendation for LCC representative on the planning team.
6. Kerry contacted MITIG concerning the omissions on the recent version of the Great Outdoors Map. A copy of the response is attached to these minutes.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Allen Prodan received notice that he has been appointed the Fisheries Management Zone 10 Advisory Council.
2. Ron received a note from Sault College announcing the names of the LCC Award. A copy of the letter is included in the mailout for tonight's meeting.

3. Members received a note concerning Jim Miller's retirement party. Jim stated that his replacement is Tom Crowell who is currently working for Tembec in Kapuskasing. Tom will be starting on April 23/07.
4. Art received an electronic copy of Draft #2 of the Nipissing LCC Handbook. No one else on the LCC has received this draft. Kerry advised members that it is quite lengthy and you may not want to print the entire package.
ACTION: Ron to send members an electronic copy.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff*

Jim Miller stated that Midway's operations include Jim Lecuyer working in the Penelope Lake Block (7516). 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 stated that Avery's operations in the Joco North Block (6106) are suspended. All wood has been hauled and the Mile 67 Road is no longer being plowed. Henson's operation in the Hargraft Block (7400) is suspended. Skidding will be complete by March 16th. Slashing and hauling will continue until load restrictions are placed on the Ranger Lake/Lewis Road. This normally occurs in the third week of March. Dumas is in the Leonard Block (6306) at Km 2 until March 16th.

Kerry Sinibaldi reports that Lagace's operations in the St. Marys portion of the Christina North Block (6303A) were suspended as of January 23rd. In the Huff Creek Block (6104A) they are in the process of opening approximately 400 metres of old trail to provide access to an area for harvesting during breakup. Moving operations to this area will be dependent on the weather conditions over the next few weeks. If harvesting does not proceed they will follow-up in a future winter.

2. *Annual Work Schedule 07/08 - Clergue/Forest Industry Staff*

Jim stated that all remaining harvest blocks from the FMP are included in the 07/08 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) due to the uncertainties of the current forest industry situation and to provide maximum flexibility for the partner companies. Mike Thompson stated that putting in all the blocks does not work for his company. Kerry stated that it works for SMP. Jim gave a brief outline of some of the silvicultural treatments in the AWS.

ACTION: Jim to provide members with a complete list of silvicultural operations.

Jeff Hinich stated that it appears that there is very little expected from the LCC for the review of the AWS. Ron stated that he was correct and it is intentional since all the work is now being done up front in the planning stage of the FMP. All the allocations have been reviewed in the past and are in an approved FMP.

There was a discussion on the 2006 Red Tape exercise that MNR and the forest industry went through which made many recommendations on streamlining the process for approvals and planning. Reducing the amount of work required preparing and reviewing an AWS was included in that report.

There was some discussion on climate change and how it might affect the FMP modeling. Currently the model projects out 500 years. Jim mentioned that the Sault Naturalists have a meeting scheduled for April 10/07 and Dr. Dan McKenny from CFS is the guest speaker. His topic is "Making Sense of the Global Warming Debate".

ACTION: Jim to send Ron the information on the Naturalists meeting.

ACTION: Ron to arrange for Dr. McKenny to attend an LCC meeting as a guest speaker.

3. Communications Plan - All

Nothing to report.

4. All Sector Reports - All

Brian Anstess mentioned the city and a Nordic group is preparing a ski survey which should be ready to go by the fall. Brian suggested that new and emerging technologies need a closer look by our committee.

Lester Hopkins attended Sault College and gave a talk to the second year outdoor recreation class on fur management.

5. LCC Budget -Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the budget report to the members present. The budget to year end is expected to be about \$200.00 over spent. Ron stated that MNR would cover off the over expenditure.

8. New Business

1. Ron sent out copies of the MNR DVD on FMP to Donna, Deane, Brian, Jeff, Allen and Lise. Ron asked that when they are finished with the DVD if they could pass it on to other members.
2. The members present advised that the compliance report should only indicate non-compliance issues on the south part of the Algoma Forest.
ACTION: Kerry to send a note to Tim Reese.
3. Brian Anstess asked if the LCC should have a rep for the biomass/cogeneration sector. After some discussion it was recommended that we have a guest speaker in to talk about the future of the forest industry.

ACTION: Ron to arrange for a guest speaker.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deane Greenwood, seconded by all members. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 16th at 5:30 pm. A location will be announced prior to the 16th.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments