

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, March 13, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerry Sinibaldi, Chairman, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:41 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2006 MEETING

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

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2006 MEETING

1. Ron sent a note to the Kapuskasing LCC on behalf of the Algoma LCC supporting their proposal for a training program for present and aspiring LCC members but could not financially contribute at this time.
2. Ron purchased the binders and gave them out to the members present.
3. Ron contacted Nathan Hanes, Water Management Biologist from the Wawa MNR District concerning a presentation. Mr. Hanes is not available until May.
4. Tracey Cooke provided, via email, the instructions on how to access the web hits on the LCC web page. Kerry mentioned the difference between web hits and website visits.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron received a copy of the Minister's response to the LCC letter concerning the LCC funding issue. A copy was sent to each member in tonight's mailout.

2. Ron had mailed out a copy of a more detailed package on the new fisheries zones. If anyone has any questions they should contact Ilsa Schoenijahn, Sault Ste. Marie District Biologist at 949-1231 extension 243.
3. Ron received a reminder for the 2006 Northeast Regional LCC Forum to be held in Cochrane on May 5-7. Mike Thompson, Art Osborne, Brad Jourdin and Allen Prodan will be attending. They have all registered and made their travel and accommodation arrangements. Those members attending are reminded to keep all their receipts for reimbursement.
4. Ron received a letter from David Oraziotti, M.P.P. stating that he received a copy of the Minister's response to their funding letter and offers his assistance. A copy of his letter is attached to these minutes.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Current FMP Update - Jim Miller*

Jim handed out copies of the summaries of the FMP amendments and AWS revisions. Ron mentioned that Amendment #24 concerning the change of road classifications has not been processed since it has not been discussed with the Wawa LCC. Jim will be attending their March 21st meeting. This amendment was discussed at our January meeting.

Amendment #21 concerning changes to residual tree requirements is still being discussed with MNR.

Mike Thompson stated that Dumas has completed operations in the Glendale Block (6502) including hauling. There is only one small stand remaining to be harvested this spring. It is east of Stoney Creek on the OFSC trail. The culverts will be removed in June. Dumas is currently in Leonard Lake Block (6306) and skidding wood to the Leonard Lake Road.

Avery has completed harvesting in the Quemenco Block (6105) and has about 10 loads of tree-length left to haul. Remedial work on culvert removal will be accessed this spring. Avery is currently working in the Jocko North Block (6106) and skidding wood to the Mile 67 Road and the Pipe Lake Road.

Henson has completed harvesting in the Kerwin Block (6115). There are about 20 loads of pulp remaining on winter road waiting for freeze up for road repair and night haul. All the logs have been forwarded to gravel road. Bridges and culverts will be removed once the haul is completed. Henson's operations in the Pancake Block (6108) are on-going. The Carp Road is plowed to kilometer 11.

Kerry Sinibaldi stated that harvesting in the Butcher Block (7212) was completed last week. Delimiting will be completed today and slashing is on-going. Hauling should be completed next week. The winter bridges will be removed once hauling is completed. Any remaining wood will be moved to a gravel road location.

Some hauling occurred last week in the Powerline Block (7201). A short section of road right-of-way was cut and the road bed grubbed in preparation of the 2006 operations. Wood cut is being skidded this week and will be processed next week.

Winter roads identified in the February 9th update are still being plowed. Kerry advised that half loads were applied at midnight of March 10th.

Jim Miller stated that Midway's operators are in the Penelope Lake Block and the Bass Lake Block.

Jim will provide a compliance summary at the April meeting.

2. Communications - All

Ron stated that the ad for the Environment position was in the Sault Star on March 3rd. There has been no response to date. Ron could not place the ad in Sootoday.com since he would have to go through the whole ad process again.

We will wait until the end of March to see what kind of response the ad generates.

3. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out copies of the LCC budget to all members present. After tonight's expenditures the LCC budget balance should be \$200.00.

8. New Business

1. Ron provided the members present with a summary of the requirements for the Eastern White Cedar Northeast Region Wood Supply Competitive Process. A copy of the summary is attached to the minutes.
2. Jim mentioned that the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) audit will take place in late June or early July. This is an annual audit that ensures that the SFL is compliant with the conditions of their certification. Members of the SFC may contact individual LCC members for an interview.
3. Jim also mentioned that there will be an Independent Forest Audit (IFA) this year. This audit takes place every 5 years in order for the SFL to have their license renewed. The LCC may recall a similar audit in 2001. The IFA staff will likely attend one of the LCC meetings and may also call individual LCC members for an interview. They may also be an opportunity for an LCC member to attend the IFA field portion of the audit. Jim also advised the LCC that Clergue recently had the Trust Fund audited.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by all.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 10th at Sartini Restaurant at 5:30 pm.**

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments