

Cortes Forestry General Partnership Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2019

Present: Georgina Silby

Aaron Ellingsen

Corry Dow

Bruce Ellingsen

Kevin Peacey

Bill Barnes

Mark Lombard

Agenda:

- Welcome to Kevin Peacey in his return to the CFGP Board
- 2018 Final Log Sales
- Finances / Treasurer
- 2019 Plans
 - o Log Dump
 - Contractors
 - Future access
- Firewood theft
- CFOP Review
- Miscellaneous
 - o Housing Committee
 - o CCFC Website

Discussion:

- Welcome to Kevin Peacey in his return to the CFGP Board
 - Kathy Francis has stepped down from the CFGP Board after decades of work on behalf of the Community Forest. Thanks for all her efforts.
 - o Kevin will be the co-chair for the Klahoose partners.

2018 Final Log Sales

- Total revenues less costs for the GM1 operation = \$99 777.00
- Still need silviculture costs for GM1 estimated
- Operations manager wage has not, and will not be drawn. Thanks to Mark Lombard for donating his time.

Finances / Treasurer

- Up to this point Kathy Francis has acted as the CFGP treasurer.
- o Georgina to take on this role henceforth
- Kevin and Georgina to manage CFGP mail
- Approvals for expenditures may be made through signors (Kevin, Bruce, Corry) via email

2019 Plans

- CAR1 access right of way (ROW) to go ahead this spring
 - Approx. 550m of road to be built
 - Estimated 2-3 days of falling trees along ROW followed by 2 weeks of roadbuilding
 - Logs to go to local mills with access to firewood planned for non-merch wood

Log Dump

- Question of log dump status still outstanding
- First opportunity to discuss with lease holder in April

Contractors

- Update on local contractors' currently in communication with manager
- Request for proposals on ROW contact to be posted ASAP, falling / roadbuilding contracts may be fulfilled by same or separate contractor

Future access

- Discussion of specific access possibilities for Von Donop region of CF
- Haywire Bay next under consideration no road access

• Firewood Theft

- o Report from manager on calls and evidence of trees being cut in CF area
- Problems with branches clogging culverts
- Discussion of measures to reduce firewood theft and clarification that it is illegal to cut trees in the community forest
- Intention to allow provision of firewood from CAR1 ROW clearing

CFOP Review

- Maureen has received the completed questionnaires and made a summary of submissions for the board's review
- Copies of the original submissions will be made available to the board
- Next step board to make CFOP revisions with staff, plan for public meeting at the end of March (date TBD)

- Miscellaneous
 - Housing Committee
 - Aaron has agreed to sit on committee of the Cortes Affordable Housing group
 - Opportunities to liaise re: use of local wood in building projects
 - CCFC Website
 - www.cortescommunityforestcoop.org now up and running. Thanks to Jeremy Peacock for website design and support.

Action Items:

- 1. Mark to bring 2019 budget to next meeting
- 2. Georgina to look into online banking for CFGP account
- 3. Mark to prepare request for proposals for ROW contracts
- 4. Aaron to investigate log-splitter
- 5. Mark to chase up outstanding bill
- 6. Mark to continue to communicate with ministry re: access to Von Donop on road built through marine park
- 7. Georgina and Kevin to draft letter to Von Donop neighbor re: access and current road usage
- 8. Corry to get update on hours from Maureen

Tabled: 2019 Budget
Profit disbursement
Communications budget

Next meeting: Fe. 26, 2019