



Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Location: Muskoseepi Park Pavillion

WCPS Board Attendees	Absent	Support Staff Attendees
Dominic Michaud	Bernie Krahn	Jim Hammond
Tom Turner	Leanne Beaupre	
Bill Smith	John Simpson	
Dan Wong	Glen Bielech	
Jerry Bauer	Lesley Vandemark	
Lauraine Howatt	Bob Scott	
Ray Marcy		
Rory Tarant		
Duane Stevenson		
Tim Wilmot		
Wayne Roznowsky		
Brenda Finch		
Christine Schlieff		
Dan Wong		
Neil Dobson		

1. Soup and sandwiches were served from 6 PM till 6:20.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:20. The meeting agenda was reviewed. Jerry requested that the order of items on the agenda be altered to concentrate on discussing the MD of Greenview, and that if that subject took more time than planned such that some items were not covered, that would be acceptable. It was moved by Neil Dobson and seconded by Dan Wong that the revised agenda be adopted. Motion Carried.
3. The July 15 minutes were reviewed and it was moved by Wayne Roznowsky and seconded by Dan Wong that the July 15 minutes be adopted. Motion Carried.
4. Plan Items:
 - A) Update on the MD of Greenview:

In response to issues identified by the planning department and residents of the MD of Greenview, Jerry had invited a number of MD residents to consider joining the WCPS Board. Introduction of board members present, and the organizations they represented occurred. The MD residents introduced themselves. They were Troy Smith, Curtis Ritchie, Colin Barber, Judy Laboucan, and Robin McCullough. Dale Gervais, the Reeve of the MD, and alternate MD Board member, also attended the meeting, as did Gwen Charlton from the MD Planning Department.



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1. Jerry asked if any of the MD residents wished to join the WCPS Board. All but Troy Smith said they wished to decide at the end of the meeting. It was moved by Tim Wilmot and seconded by Wayne Roznowsky to add Troy Smith as a Board member. Motion carried.
2. Jerry identified 4 options moving forward . They were:
 - a. Do nothing different, and leave the plan as it is.
 - b. Do a minor alteration of the plan.
 - c. Do a total re write of the plan
 - d. Drop the MD area from the plan
3. It was reviewed that within the next week, administration of the MD of Greenview will send the WCPS documentation of concerns about the plan that represent the views of both MD Administration and the input of some of the residents of the area. Gwen Charlton will send the list to Jim Hammond who will distribute it.
4. Reeve Dale Gervais reviewed the reasons that his preference would be that the MD remain in the plan.
5. Troy Smith reviewed the reasons that he would prefer the MD be taken out of the plan.
6. Neil Dobson reviewed a WCPS norm that decisions made at Board meetings be supported by Board members outside the meetings when they are dealing with the public. There was no support for this WCPS norm by some of the MD residents attending.
7. Troy Smith is not supportive of providing new recreational opportunities in the Wapiti Corridor on the south side of the river, and also was critical of the process used by AESRD to change the uses permitted by AESRD at Nitehawk Recreation Area (the process used to allow camping at this recreation lease).
8. Judy Laboucan does not want anything referenced in the plan for the area near range road 82.
9. Ray Marcy indicated that a grazing lease holder was having issues with off highway vehicles, and believed it was as a result of the map on page 9 of the plan showing the Wapiti Corridor Boundary as including lands east of Bear Creek. The day after the meeting, Jim examined page 9 of the plan and found that Ray was incorrect – the boundary on the map on page 9 is correct, and contains no land east of Bear Creek.
10. Gwen Charlton indicated that the Wapiti River water management plan was progressing and that that organization would be creating a plan for



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management of the Wapiti River, and that a \$250,000 grant for studying socio economic considerations was being sought from the Provincial government.

11. Ray Marcy expressed a concern about the plan recommending restrictions on the activities on all private lands within 2 miles of the Wapiti Corridor boundary. Troy Smith informed Ray that the plan contained no such recommendation, and that suggestions of such restrictions had originated from statements MD administration had made to residents.
12. Lauraine Howatt articulated that going forward, she preferred that the WCPS choose an option that would allow for the fastest possible implementation of the plan on the North side of the river. She suggested that this should be the criteria used to decide on what option the Board chooses moving forward. In response to Lauraine's thoughts, and what appeared to be broad agreement for these thoughts amongst the Board members who reside in the City and the County, a fifth option moving forward was suggested by Neil Dobson and Rory Tarant. This was "to request that AESRD adopt and implement the plan soonest for the north side of the river, while the MD administration work with their residents and council to provide direction on what if any of the Wapiti Corridor plan they wish to implement on the south side of the river".

B) Next steps for the WCPS:

Jerry updated the group that he was not surprised in view of cabinet changes that AESRD did not follow through as they said they would with a letter outlining that Department's views on the Wapiti Corridor Multi Use plan. Robin McCullough information shared that she had received a letter from the Honourable Robin Campbell informing her that the plan would not be adopted by AESRD if it was not supported by the MD.

The Board decided to not meet again until the following occurs:

1. The document outlining the concerns of MD administration and some local residents is received by the Board.
2. A letter is received from AESRD which outlines their response to the plan.

It is believed that both of these documents are needed before the Board can decide on the best course of action moving forward. Once the above two documents are received, the next meeting of the Board will be called. At that meeting, it was requested that by some form of secret vote (ie. a vote where Board members have the opportunity to

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provide their direction without needing to disclose their individual vote to the group) current Board members would vote on which of the 5 options (the 4 identified by Jerry and the one added by Neil and Rory) mentioned above would be followed.

5. Society Business:

A) Communication:

Jim was requested to commence putting WCPS minutes on the WCPS website, and also to create access on the web site to all 2014 minutes. It was moved by Wayne Roznowsky and seconded by Dan Wong that all minutes for previous 2014 meetings, and all future Board meetings be made available on the Wapiti Corridor web site. Motion carried.

A discussion occurred and it was agreed that if Board minutes are to go on the WCPS web site, board members needed the freedom to identify some items as being “in camera”.

A direct link to the County and City web sites was also requested, verses needing to google Wapiti Corridor to find a link.

B) Addition of Board Members:

It was moved by Neil Dobson and seconded by Dan Wong that as well as Troy Smith added earlier in the meeting, Colin Barber, Judy Laboucan, Robin McCullough, and Curtis Ritchie be added to the Board. Motion Carried.

C) Budget for 2015:

The previously Board approved budget for 2015 for the WCPS was handed out to Dale Gervais and Rory Tarant, and they were requested to work with their respective organizations to obtain the requested funding.

6. Adjournment:

It was moved by Tom Turner and seconded by Duane Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55, and informal 1:1 discussions continued until 8: 25.