

Northwest Species at Risk Committee: Minutes

Online Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 19th 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lisa Wardley Chair, Councillor, Mackenzie County
Crystal McAteer Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level
Terry Ungarian Reeve, County of Northern Lights
Jessica Juneau Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
Peter Frixel Councillor, Clear Hills County
Amber Bean Deputy Reeve, Clear Hills County
Tanya Lindley Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake
Cameron Cardinal Councillor, Mackenzie County
Linda Halabisky Councillor, County of Northern Lights
Eric Jorgensen Councillor, Mackenzie County (joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.)

REGRETS: Mike Morgan Councillor, Town of High Level

ADMINISTRATION: Hayley Gavin Land Use & Planning Manager/ Recording Secretary, Town of High Level

ALSO PRESENT: John Moen Councillor, Saddle Hills County

MOTION

1. Call to Order

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

20-05-001 **MOVED** by Jessica Juneau

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

20-05-002 **MOVED** by Amber Bean

THAT the minutes from the March 3rd 2020 NWSAR Committee meeting be adopted as amended (attendance name revisions).

CARRIED

a. **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

None.

b. **Action Item List**

Eric Jorgensen joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

20-05-003

MOVED by Terry Ungarian

THAT NWSAR accepts the Action Item List for information.

CARRIED

4. **State of the Region Report (Project #001)**

a. **Project Update**

See agenda package – administration provided project update, with NWSAR discussion.

20-05-004

MOVED by Crystal McAteer

THAT NWSAR sends a letter to Mackenzie County asking them to contact Municipal Affairs regarding obtaining written confirmation for the ACP Project grant funding timeline extension approval.

CARRIED

b. **Project Budget Update**

See agenda package – Administration provided project update, with NWSAR discussion.

c. **Action Items**

See agenda package – Administration presented planned Action Items, and NWSAR added additional Action Items.

20-05-005

MOVED by Peter Frixel

THAT NWSAR receives the State of the Region Report Project Update for information, and proceed with the Action Items.

CARRIED

5. Caribou Ranges Research (Project #002)

a. Project Update

See agenda package – Administration provided project update, with NWSAR discussion.

b. Alberta Trappers Association Update

A verbal update was provided at the meeting.

c. Action Items

See agenda package – Administration presented planned Action Items, and NWSAR added additional Action Items.

20-05-006

MOVED by Linda Halabisky

THAT NWSAR receives the Caribou Ranges Research Project and Alberta Trappers Association Updates for information, and proceed with the Action Items.

CARRIED

6. NWSAR 2020 Budget Overview

Received for information purposes.

a. Schedule of Expenses

20-05-007

MOVED by Crystal McAteer

THAT NWSAR receives the budget for information, and accepts the schedule of expenses paid from February 1st until March 31st 2020; totalling \$11,348.81 as presented.

CARRIED

7. Bistcho Lake Sub-Regional Task Force (SRTF) – Meeting #5 Update

20-05-008

MOVED by Tanya Lindley

THAT NWSAR receive the Bistcho Lake Sub-Regional Task Force Meeting #5 Update for information.

CARRIED

8. Letters Sent and Received

Letter to Federal Environment and Climate Change Minister sent on May 1st regarding municipal involvement in ongoing implementation of the WBNP Acton Plan.

9. Committee Member Updates: For Discussion

NWSAR Committee members discussed several items.

Of note, the Amended 2019 Federal Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou has confirmed that all caribou ranges require a minimum of 65% undisturbed habitat. However, after 3 years of new data collection the SK1 caribou range in Saskatchewan has been updated to require a minimum of 40% undisturbed habitat – this threshold still gives the herd a 71% probability measure of becoming self-sustaining over time. This should emphasize how important the NWSAR collaborative caribou ranges research project is in updating datasets for the NW Alberta caribou ranges – with a view to informing GOA and Federal policy.

10. Terms of Reference: For Information

Received for information purposes.

11. Acronyms Reference Page

Received for information purposes.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

20-05-009

MOVED by Lisa Wardley

- ❖ As called by the Chair – anticipated during July 2020.

CARRIED

13. Meeting Adjournment

20-05-010

MOVED by Cameron Cardinal

THAT the Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes were adopted this ___ day of _____ 2020.

Lisa Wardley, Chair

APPROVED