

**Northwest Species at Risk Committee: Minutes**

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Lisa Wardley Chair, Councillor, Mackenzie County  
Terry Ungarian Reeve, County of Northern Lights  
Amber Bean Reeve, Clear Hills County  
Peter Frixel Councillor, Clear Hills County  
Chris Mitchell Deputy Mayor, Town of Rainbow Lake  
Eric Jorgensen Councillor, Mackenzie County  
Cameron Cardinal Councillor, Mackenzie County  
Linda Halabisky Councillor, County of Northern Lights

**REGRETS:** Crystal McAteer Vice Chair, Mayor, Town of High Level  
Jessica Juneau Councillor, Town of Rainbow Lake  
Mike Morgan Councillor, Town of High Level

**ADMINISTRATION:** Hayley Gavin Land Use and Planning Manager/Recording  
Secretary, Town of High Level  
Byron Peters Deputy CAO, Mackenzie County

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Moen Councillor, Saddle Hills County  
Terry Batt Director North Zone, Alberta Trappers  
Association  
Monica Kohler Co-Director Application Centre, ABMI  
Melanie Dickie Coordinator CMU, ABMI  
Jahan Kariyeva Director of Geo-Spatial Centre, ABMI  
Emily Herdman Director Science Centre, ABMI  
Branko Hricko Geo-Spatial Centre, ABMI

**MOTION**

**1. Call to Order**

Lisa Wardley called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**21-05-001**

**MOVED** by Terry Ungarian

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

21-05-002

**MOVED** by John Moen

THAT minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 NWSAR Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

None.

b. **Action Item List**

21-05-003

**MOVED** by Amber Bean

THAT NWSAR accepts the Action Item List for information.

**CARRIED**

4. **Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute**

a. **Presentation: Habitat Ground-Truthing Key Findings**

Slides provided an overview of key project findings – Monica Kohler.

b. **Discussion on Potential Next Steps**

ABMI will return with a more detailed analysis on the field data collected for this project at a future meeting.

Forestry companies invited to the next meeting to further discuss.

All ABMI representatives left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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

a. **Project Update**

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

b. **Project Budget Update**

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

Add committed project funds.

**21-05-004**

**MOVED** by Linda Halabisky

THAT NWSAR approves up-to \$6,000.00 for completion of the final State of the Region Report.

**CARRIED**

**c. Action Items**

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

**d. Review Final Draft State of the Region Report**

**21-05-005**

**MOVED** by Amber Bean

THAT NWSAR approves the Final Draft State of the Region Report in principal, with Committee member comments being summarized by the Chair by May 20<sup>th</sup> 2021, and will be sent to Administration by May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.

**CARRIED**

Data gaps should be sent to all parties affected by the identified data gaps in the report.

**6. Caribou Ranges Research (Project #002)**

**a. Project Update**

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

**b. Alberta Trappers Association Update**

Verbal update provided at the meeting.

**c. Project Budget Update**

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

Add committed project funds.

**d. Action Items**

See agenda package.

Invite forestry companies to next meeting.

**21-05-006**

**MOVED** by Linda Halabisky

THAT NWSAR receives the Caribou Ranges Research Project, ATA and Budget Updates for information, and proceeds with the Action Items.

**CARRIED**

**7. NWSAR 2021 Budget Overview**

**21-05-007**

**MOVED** by Eric Jorgensen

THAT NWSAR accepts the 2021 Budget Overview for information.

**CARRIED**

**a. Schedule of Expenses**

**21-05-008**

**MOVED** by Terry Ungarian

THAT NWSAR accepts Schedule of Expenses paid from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 up until May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021; totalling \$61,325.91 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8. Bistcho Lake Sub-Regional Draft Plan**

**a. Review Bistcho Sub-regional Draft Plan**

Round table discussion occurred identifying several concerns with the Draft Bistcho Sub-regional Plan.

**b. Discussion on Formal Written Response to GOA**

- Send comments to Chair and Administration – will develop a draft response and circulate to the Committee for review.
- Submit to Government of Alberta by May 29<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**9. Letters Sent and Received**

None.

**10. Committee Member Updates: For Discussion**

NWSAR Committee members discussed several items.

**11. Terms of Reference: For Information**

Received for information purposes.

**12. Acronyms Reference Page**

Received for information purposes.

**13. Next Meeting Date(s)**

21-05-009

**MOVED** by Lisa Wardley

- ❖ Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 1:00 p.m. at Town of High Level Office and via Zoom.

**CARRIED**

**14. Meeting Adjournment**

21-05-010

**MOVED** by Linda Halabisky

THAT Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes were adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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Lisa Wardley, Chair