



Minutes

December 7 - 8, 2011

Yellowknife

Present:

Ted Blondin Floyd Adlem , Secretary Treasurer, Canada

Hugh McSwain, North Slave Metis Alliance

Napolean Mackenzie, Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Steve Ellis, Government of the Northwest Territories

Colleen English, Diavik

Call-in:

Doug Crossley, Chair

Staff:

Mark Fenwick, Executive Director

Michele LeTourneau, Communications (and minutes)

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Meeting started at 9:18.

Opening prayer: Napoleon Mackenzie

Item 1: Approval of agenda and minutes.

- Agenda – Chair reviews agenda

Additional items (see Mark's binder)

Motion:

Approve agenda.

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Second: Ted Blondin

Carried



- Minutes

Motion:

Approve minutes of October 20-21, 2012.

Moved: Ted Blondin

Second: Steve Ellis

Carried

Item 2: Business rules

- Version 1.0 (Diavik)
- Version 2.0 (EMAB)

These are intended to smooth the budget process between EMAB and Diavik.

The executive met with our auditor to review Diavik's draft. EMAB now has its own draft to present to the Board.

Draft business rules in binder.

Floyd reviews the differences between the Diavik version and the EMAB version. Original version weighed most heavily on EMAB's responsibilities, while in fact Diavik also has responsibilities and the EMAB version reflects this.

Time will be given for Diavik and all EMAB members to review these and a decision will be taken at the next meeting, with everyone's input.

Questions for Diavik:

- #2: Is there a time-line for EMAB to identify projects that will not be completed in a budget period?
- Also: if for some reason a project can't take place (like this weather situation) can those funds just be pushed back instead of being rolled into the next budget.
- Also, table... Capital expenditures. Is it to be included in one of these budget items? Or was it an oversight?



At the end of this meeting, during the financial report after members have had the opportunity, the go-ahead to pass this along to Diavik and the other Parties. Will be sent as an official letter.

A co-signed letter of agreement and in our procedures manual.

#6 should be revised.

Item 3: Liezl Van Wyk with Diavik

- Windmill turbines

Information in binder. Liezl presents.

Item 4: Strategic Plan

- Mine Site visit has been approved
- When

ACTION: member to get criminal check and fill out forms for Diavik for meeting 21-23... Also alert Charlie. EMAIL board with all details.

Strategic planning in-house. Members are to come with ideas.

Item 7: Board member honoraria

EMAB now must match CPP and deduct income tax applicable. Some members are considered employees. They will be going back a couple of years. We need to look at the financial implication and the impact on Martha.

ACTION: When we get the letter related to taxable and CPP members. We must calculate what we owe.

Martha can take a course for training to bring payroll into the office.

Lunch at 11:45

Back at 1:32



Item 5: Visit by new Diavik President and Chief Operating Officer

- a. Niels Kristenson introduces himself
- b. EMAB Introductions

Neils Kristenson arrives and everyone introduces themselves.

Neils speaks. He's been with Rio Tinto since 1979, at the head office, in Australia, South Africa, at a diamond mine Zimbabwe, where he spent the last four years.

At every operation, health and safety were always the top priority. This was not lip service, but internal to Rio Tinto, something they actually do. Protection of the environment, is also a priority, and is external in terms of working with communities. That's been the case with every operation he's worked with. There is always with room to improve. These are what matter to him. The operational side of things is important: fact, and numbers and technical issues. The external is a bit harder -- its people. Rio Tinto is not there yet. Nobody has it right yet.

Looking forward to continuing the good work. We can work together to continue the work.

Not all of Rio Tinto's operations have EAs.

In Zimbabwe – economically the people have suffered. Rio Tinto has had involvement with community projects through the last decade in tough times. Community projects are just part of the business. It's not an afterthought or optional.

He is a Chemical engineer but his passion is the above.

He plans to meet all the chiefs, to start by saying hello. These meetings are currently being set up. It's about talking, understanding, listening – we're in it together. The mine cannot exist in isolation and communities cannot exist in isolation.

The reason EMAB exists is direct community involvement.



Doug speaks to the difference between IEMA and EMAB and the composition of the board. EMAB is moving forward, in a spirit of collaboration

Item 9: Report on site visit by ED.

Verbal report.

Item 6: Capacity Funding

- How to carry on? Steps in looking for additional funds

ACTION: Staff to write a discussion paper on this topic.

Item 8: AEMP

Motion:

Support the review of the AEMP and participation at the WLWB workshop on Jan 12.

Motion: Floyd Adlem

Second: Colleen

Carried

Meeting ends for the day at 3:45

4:30 p.m. EMAB, IEMA, SLEMA Open House

Day 2 – Thursday December 8, 2012

Present:

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Hugh McSwain, North Slave Metis Alliance

Napolean Mackenzie, Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Steve Ellis, Government of the Northwest Territories

Colleen English, Diavik



Call-in:

Doug Crossley, Chair

Guests:

David Wells (Diavik)

Brad Carlson (DCAB)

Staff:

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Meeting started at 9:30

Item 10: Brief report on visit to DCAB by Director and Floyd Adlem

- Visit and introduction to Brad Carlson – Director of DCAB
- Welcome Brad to EMAB.

Mark and Floyd go over their visit to DCAB. They talked about space and dollars, what they have, and what we have.

Brad – spoke with his Chair: Talked about the possibility of sharing an office as he is a one-man show. Possibility of sharing a receptionist.

We would need to work out operational guidelines.

Mark and Floyd will think of some proposals (re: efficiencies) and bring them to the board at the next meeting.

Item 11: AQMP update and introduction of David Wells, the new Director of Environment for Diavik

David Wells introduces himself and members and staff of EMAB introduce themselves.

Diavik is still working on putting together a program. Will keep Board updated



Item 12: Wildlife

- Lichen

Info in binder

- Caribou Behaviour and TK Workshop
 - Draft TOR
 - Draft letter of invitation
- Grizzly Bear Monitoring

Regarding the 10 km Zone of influence (ZOI) – is that still the right question? Can we let go of the environmental assessment prediction, and focus on abundance and distribution?

Diavik is looking at re-working the grid...

10 km is arbitrary – considering the range of the animals.

ACTION: Letter to ENR requesting their input on dropping the ZOI.

Alternate members

Lack of alternate members is an issue and we also need a GN member.

Julian Kannigan is working on being the new Canada alternate.

ACTION: Letters to Parties re: filling positions.

Christmas holidays.

Motion:

Meeting in camera

Moved: Ted Blondin

Second: Floyd Adlem

Carried

Motion:



Meeting ex camera

Moved: Ted Blondin

Second: Colleen second

Carried.

Motion:

EMAB office will be closed for the Christmas season on Dec 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30. Staff will return to work Jan 3.

Motion: Floyd Adlem

Second: Ted Blondin

Carried

Lunch at 12:00

Back @ 1:30

Item 13: Inspectors Report – Tracey Covey AANDC

In binder.

Item 14: Update on TK and TK Protocols – Colleen English

Item 15: Community Updates – Where and when?

KIA early March.

LKDFN: Follow-up directly with Charlie.

TG: Send an email to TED. February might be a good time. Also, school visits would be great..

NSMA – NSMA is planning something for the new year.

YKDFN – Paul will speak with chief and council next Wednesday.

Item 16: Reports



Item 13: Inspector's report

In binder

Item 16: Reports

Financial statement

ACTION: Take out capacity funding section

Outstanding Action Items and Correspondence – FYI

TK recommendations – loose threads...

ACTION: need the rationale... for the no to rec 1 and 3. Diavik will respond.

Finance committee – The executive is sort of acting as a finance committee. Would shelve that for now, as it doesn't seem to be required.

Members' reports

TG: Ted reports that the Kwebeh working group is busy and gathering info. It's very active.

Adjourn: Ted Blondin

Closing prayer – Ted Blondin.