

**Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
EMAB Boardroom October 17, 2002**

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, NSMA
Floyd Adlem, Vice Chair, Canada
Doug Doan, Secretary Treasurer, GNWT
Erik Madsen, DDMI
Florence Catholique, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut (alternate)

Resource Person:

Eric Yaxley, INAC

Absent:

Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Dogrib Treaty 11 Council

Minutes:

1. Introduction

Bob Turner called the meeting to order introductions were made and the draft Agenda Approved with modifications. These included the addition of a discussion item on the scheduled December 11th Inland Lake Fish Compensation Workshop, the EMAB recommendations to DFO on compensation and any other business.

Motion #1-02-10-17

To accept the agenda as modified.

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimously

2. Communications Plan Request for Proposals

Four Proposals were received and evaluated by the Executive based on a combination of experience, methodology and cost. Outcrop was ranked first.

Discussion was held and a recommendation made to to accept the Outcrop proposal. Further discussion to accept GeoNorth's earlier unsolicited proposal to assist with administrative/Executive Director type services, specifically to act as EMAB's project manager for the Communications Plan contract for a set maximum fee. Two motions were made.

Motion #2-02-10-17

EMAB to award the contract to Outcrop to develop the Communications Plan as described in their Proposal

Moved: Floyd Adlem

Seconded: Doug Doan

Carried: Unanimously

and

Motion#3-02-10-17

GeoNorth's Hal Mills to be retained as Project Manager for EMAB on the Communications Plan project at his quoted fee of \$750.00/day with the total not to exceed \$5,000.00

Moved: Erik Madsen

Seconded: Lawrence Goulet

Carried: Unanimously

Action Items:

The Executive will need to meet with Hal Mills to finalize a Terms of Reference that can be attached to GeoNorth's contract. Outcrop would then be notified of the acceptance of their proposal and a contract finalized.

3. Capacity Funding Update

Bob Turner noted that the closing date was tomorrow and that no proposals had been received to date.

There was general discussion and agreement that the Board would wait to see if any proposals are received. The Executive will then meet to decide on an appropriate course of action. Action pending.

4. Cumulative Effects Training

The Board reviewed the unsolicited proposal by Kavik-Axys to provide Canadian Environmental Effects (CEAA) type Cumulative Effects training to the Board and others. The total cost of the proposed training for up to 25 people was \$15,804 and could be held in the New Year. This firm was retained by INAC to provide this training to government employees and MVRMA Boards.

The Board members supported the need for cumulative effects training and proposed the course be held sometime in February, dates are to be confirmed at the November meeting.

Motion#4-02-10-17

Conditional on INAC funding support, Kavik-Axys to be retained to deliver Cumulative Effects training to the Board.

Moved: Florence Catholique

Seconded: Doug Doan

Carried: Unanimously

Action Item:

EMAB will need to submit a proposal to INAC for funding.

5. Diavik Traditional Knowledge Camp Update and Fish Palatability

a) Traditional Knowledge:

Erik Madsen presented an update on the proposed location of the TK camp and his intent to submit an application for a Land Use Permit in November. He hopes that the LUP will be approved in time to ship building materials etc to the site on this year's winter road. Further discussion will occur on the need for an electric fence to deter grizzly bears.

There was general agreement with the proposed course of action.

Action Item:

Erik Madsen to proceed with Land Use Application.

b) Fish Palatability:

EMAB has just received correspondence from DFO in response to earlier recommendations by EMAB on "Fish Palatability".

Action Item:

Bob Turner to initiate review and follow up and provide any recommendations to DDMI in order to enhance future Fish Palatability working studies. DDMI would like to include these recommendations in the report they are writing. Bob will touch base with two other EMAB reps that participated –Florence Catholique and Johnny Weyallon.

6. EMAB Participation on Regional Monitoring Workshop Nov. 13/14, 2002

Discussion and agreement by Board members that Floyd Adlem and another Board member should represent EMAB at the upcoming workshop. Board members agreed in principle that EMAB's representatives would concentrate on providing the audience at the workshop with EMAB's experiences to dates on what works and what does not work in respect to project specific monitoring. It was noted that Parties to the Environmental Agreement should take the lead in providing input and their position on a regional monitoring agency.

Action Item:

Floyd Adlem to provide a brief overview of points that can be discussed/advanced at the workshop for comment by other Board members and then attend the workshop.

7. Budget Update

Doug Doan gave an update on budget status for the 2nd quarter. In summary, out of a budget of \$800,000 EMAB has a free balance of \$506,000. Budget sheets will be faxed to Board members for their information.

Action Item:

EMAB office to fax out 2nd quarter budget sheets to Board members.

8. Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Information Item

Board members were reminded that the November 18th Board meeting will be addressing the above topic. Francois Messier has been asked to attend and provide advice. Anne Gunn and Ray Case are also invited from RWED. Board members are welcome to submit agenda topics.

9. Inland Lake Fish Habitat Compensation & DFO Response

Board members were notified of a December 11, 2002 meeting/workshop that is scheduled to discuss physical fish habitat compensation. Gord Macdonald and DFO to attend. Board members to invite two resource people from each of their communities to the workshop. Board members were also notified that DFO has responded to EMAB's recommendations on fish compensation issues.

Action items:

The EMAB office is to fax the draft Agenda for the December 11th Workshop that was e-mailed out to Bob by Gord MacDonald and DFO letter to Board members.

10. Any other business

No other business was raised. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 16 & 18th. The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Mr. Lawrence Goulet.

Changes completed/Erik Madsen