

Present:

Doug Crossley, Chair, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Florence Catholique, Vice-Chair, Lutsel K'e
Erik Madsen, Secretary-Treasurer, Diavik
Eddie Erasmus, Tlicho Government
Jane McMullen, Government of the Northwest Territories
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut
David Livingstone, Canada
Sheryl Grieve, North Slave Metis Alliance
John McCullum, Executive Director, EMAB

Guests:

Zabey Nevitt
Eric Yaxley
Monica Krieger

Minutes:

Michele LeTourneau, EMAB

Meeting started: 9:15

Opening prayer: Lawrence Goulet

Opening comments from Chair: There has been progress since EMAB's beginnings. Issues we need to look to in the coming year: No Net Loss, water licence renewal application. The community-based monitoring camps were successful – they are an EMAB highlight. EMAB also saw success with partners on the fencing issue.

Thanks to all Board members and the Executive members, Erik and Florence.

All members have an opportunity to speak.

GNWT/Jane: Jane remains an alternate. The GNWT is working on finding a replacement regular member for Doug Doan. The GNWT does think EMAB is a worthwhile effort. It views community engagement as a good way to reach a community-based strategic plan. It is supportive of the Board and what it is doing. Information passed on through the Board to the GNWT is extremely useful, and part of that success is due to good staff.

NSMA/Sheryl: The member is getting up to speed and happy to participate.

GN/John: The member enjoyed extra activities, such as the winter road trip and the visit to the community-based monitoring camp. These are very helpful and allow members to understand the footprint of the mine and the operations and situation at the mine site.

YKDFN/Lawrence: Community members both young and old would also like to see the mine and camp. Most have never seen these. The Board member would like to include even one community member on some of these trips to see how big the mine has grown. It's a good experience.

LKDFN/Florence: There needs to be a better understanding of the Environmental Agreement and more Aboriginal involvement. There needs to be more work in the area of training and seeing the EA clauses related to Aboriginal involvement implemented. There's a need to move forward on the m-lakes. The opportunity to see them first-hand was worthwhile-they were much smaller than expected.

Diavik/Erik: It's been another really good year of accomplishment. There have been changes within Diavik, such as a new president. He sends his apologies for not being here today. There have also been changes in EMAB, and even with those changes we continue to work together.

Canada/David: The alternate member has watched the Board evolve over the past 5 years. He's also seen the evolution from board to board as new mines came into being. That's all part of the process – we move from one situation to another and improve. He is glad to see this board has increased its technical activities. The water licence renewal process will be a real challenge from a science and traditional knowledge perspective. Floyd Adlem may be re-appointed to MVLWB, if so a new regular member will be appointed to EMAB.

Tlichon/Eddie: The member reminds everyone that all references to Dogrib Treaty 11 need to be changed to Tlichon Government.

ITEM 1 - Agenda and Minutes

Motion AGM01-05-20-09

To approve agenda as presented.

Moved: Eddie Erasmus

Seconded: John Morrison

Carried: Unanimous

Motion AGM02-05-20-09

To approve minutes of EMAB's Annual General Meeting held September 21, 2004.

Moved: Erik Madsen

Seconded: David Livingstone

Carried: Unanimous

ITEM 2: - Annual Report

Chair notes that the annual report represents the Board activities and that the process ensured each member had the chance to comment. The annual report is a good way to get EMAB information out to the public.

Motion AGM03-05-20-09

Approve the addition to the media strategy, as amended.

Moved: Sheryl Grieve

Seconded: Florence Catholique

Carried: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM: CC to change the press release regarding the annual report and issue it.

Thanks to the communications coordinator and the executive director.

ITEM 3 – Financial Audit Report

Chuck Jeffery

Mr. Jeffery refers to page 4 of the audit and notes that it is a major indicator of the stability of an organization. EMAB has resources in the bank before starting new fiscal year. EMAB is in good shape.

Mr. Jeffery did make recommendations on the misappropriated funds and notes that they have been acted on. The size of the misappropriation is small relative to the total budget. That's partially why it wasn't caught.

This is still a clean audit because all funds have been accounted for.

Motion AGM04-05-20-09

Approve 2004-2005 audit as presented by Charles Jeffery.

Moved: David Livingstone

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimous

ITEM 4 – Appointment of the Auditor

Motion AGM05-05-20-09

To reappoint auditor Chuck Jeffery for the fiscal year of 2005-2006

Moved: David Livingstone

Seconded: Erik Madsen

Carried: Unanimous

Note that Operations Manual should allow for appointment of auditor for 2 years, then an RFP to ensure competitive costs.

ITEM 5 – Election of Officers

Motion AGM06-05-20-09

Motion to open nominations for Chair of EMAB.

Moved: David Livingstone

Seconded: Jane McMullen

Carried: Unanimous

Nominations:

Florence nominates Doug, Doug accepts.

Motion AGM07-05-20-09

Motion to close nominations for Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Erik Madsen

Seconded: John Morrison

Carried: Unanimous

Motion AGM08-05-20-09

Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: David Livingstone

Seconded: Doug Crossley

Carried: Unanimous

Jane McMullen nominates Florence – Florence accepts.

Motion AGM09-05-20-09

Motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.

Moved: Erik Madsen

Seconded: Eddie Erasmus

Carried: Unanimous

Motion AGM10-05-20-09

Motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: David Livingstone

Seconded: John Morrison

Carried: Unanimous

David Livingstone nominates Erik, Erik accepts.

Motion AGM11-05-20-09

Motion to close nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.

Moved: Doug Crossley

Seconded: David Livingstone

Carried: Unanimous

ITEM 6 – Discussion of responses from parties to reminder about five-year review clause in Environmental Agreement.

Lutsel K'e's wildlife, land and environment committee was in favour of a five-year review of the Environmental Agreement but felt a letter stating this position should come from the chief and council.

The GNWT, like DIAND, are leaving it to Aboriginal Parties to take the lead on the decision on whether or not there is a review

DIAND sees value in holding five-year review but does not consider it necessary.

What does board want to accomplish.

Tlicho position is that their focus is on multi-project agency. They don't have the time to review The EA. EMAB should be supporting the multi-project process whenever they are asked to.

The Executive Director reminds the Board that the letter was simply a reminder that the EA itself has a clause that allows for a five-year review of the document.

Zabey Nevitt offers to do a presentation on the Tlicho Agreement and the new Tlicho Government. The Wek'eezhii board will be a panel of the MVLWB and they will start on February 4 to take over existing licences and process permits and licences.

Mr. Nevitt will present on September 21 at 2:30.

Motion AGM12-05-20-09

To adjourn the Annual General Meeting.

Moved: David Livingstone

Seconded: Eddie Erasmus