

Present:

Doug Crossley, Chair, KIA  
Florence Catholique, Vice Chair, LKDFN  
Tom Beaulieu, ENR - GNWT  
Floyd Adlem, Canada  
Keith Hamilton, NSMA  
Eddie Erasmus, TG  
John Morrison, Government of Nunavut  
Erik Madsen, Diavik

Staff:

John McCullum, ED

Guest:

Charlotte Henry

Minutes:

Michele LeTourneau

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Meeting started at 9:10.

Opening prayer: Eddie Erasmus

Comments from the Chair:

Chair reviews year. The executive worked together extensively. It was a good year, an active year. EMAB was involved in the water licence renewal process; we hired technical expertise to help us develop our position. We held a workshop in Behchoko on the related issues and we had good participation. We worked on long-term issues, especially clause 7.6 from the EA, a clause we strive to implement. We have a workshop planned on Aboriginal Involvement in monitoring. We've had some success in working with ENR and DIAND. We will have a meeting with DCAB later this week and we hope to work with them for mutual awareness and look for links, places where we could work together for community benefit.

EMAB is financially stable. It is an important responsibility to maintain our reputation as an effective user of funding we get. We have shown good accountability.

The Chair acknowledges Florence and Erik's support, involvement, and commitment on the executive.

EMAB will be at least as busy as it has been over the next year.

Comments from the rest of the Board:

ENR/Tom: Has been on the Board a little less than a year. This first year was very educational. He was surprised and pleased to go to Diavik at least once and he was amazed at how clean the mine site was. He recognizes that standards have improved. EMAB has a good role. Companies that work in the diamond industry are responsible companies. GNWT needs to work with the whole diamond industry, especially as related to cumulative effects on the animals.

Canada/Floyd: Floyd clarifies that he's still on the MVLWB – the reason that he couldn't be on EMAB for the year was the conflict on the Diavik file. Since the formation of the Tlicho Government and the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board, that conflict is gone and so he returns to EMAB as the Canada appointee. He'll need time to catch up. A lot happened while he was away. Water issues have moved ahead quite a bit. He adds that the executive has done a good job this year.

NSMA/Keith: Sheryl keeps us well briefed in the office on EMAB. The NSMA has an environment committee. It's a good way of keeping in touch with the community. Most of the comments related to Diavik are favourable, in that it is well managed. Diavik and EMAB seem to work well together.

LKDFN/Florence: EMAB's role is to make sure the land, water, air, fish, and animals are protected for future generations. This board exists to make sure the will of the people in relation to the EA is carried out. There is still a weakness in communicating with communities. There is a direct link between what's happening with caribou and the mines. EMAB needs to work more on communication. More work needs to be done on Aboriginal involvement in monitoring. It's important to link with DCAB, to work together to involve Aboriginal people. This board works well together; members have different perspectives. Sometimes members have opposite views, but we work together.

TG/Eddie: Eddie enjoyed the year. The board is there to monitor. The Tlicho people still feel that the caribou is important to them – the decline is a problem. The cause is unknown. TG is feeling sceptical of the territorial government counting methods for caribou. The visit to the mine site was good, especially to actually see the mining activities and the update from the people that work there. He was pleased to see the aboriginal people that work there.

GN/John: John notes that he is mostly on the Board as an observer. The Government of Nunavut is concerned about caribou and all the potential effect of mines on caribou, not just Diavik's effect. The Coppermine River is also of concern.

Diavik/Erik: Erik notes that he has been involved with EMAB since the beginning. The board has made great strides this year. There have definitely been important issues this year, especially the water licence renewal. EMAB has been involved with that, as it should be, by providing input. People around the world use this board as an example. Rio Tinto asks about the board and the environmental agreement. It is a model to the rest of the world. Here we have the privilege of having the three largest corporations in the world in our backyard. The people around this table should be proud of what we're doing. Thanks to Doug and Florence for their hard work on the executive. Thanks also to Michele and John, and Dar as well, for their hard work.

### **ITEM 3: Financial Audit Report**

Presentation by Chuck Jeffery.

Auditors Report in AGM binder.

Chuck refers to page 4, balance sheet. This is a snapshot of the financial situation as of March 31: asset and liability. This organisation has the good fortune of having its 2007 money in place.

Page 5 statement of operations: No particular difficulties this year. Some CBM funds to be refunded to DDMI. In the last fiscal year, we investigated and reported a special audit on misappropriation of funds. Some of amounts were taken in April 05. That will be the last year this will be reflected in financial reports. Noted that EMAB has adopted all the auditor's recommendations regarding additional financial controls.

This is an unqualified audit.

#### ***Motion AGM01-06-20-09***

***Approve 2005-2006 audit as presented by Charles Jeffery***

***Moved: Floyd Adlem***

***Seconded: Eddie Erasmus***

***Carried: Unanimous***

Item 4: Appointment of Auditor.

#### ***Motion AGM02-06-20-09***

***Appoint Charles Jeffery as auditor for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.***

***Moved: Florence Catholique***

***Seconded: Floyd Adlem***

Discussion on tendering: It's not unusual to put it out to market, not every year, but every three years. So it's a multi-year tender.

Issues of appointment policy for auditor can be discussed during policy section of a regular meeting.

***Carried: Unanimous***

**ITEM 1: Agenda and Minutes**

***Motion AGM03-06-20-09***

***Approve agenda, as amended.***

***Moved: Keith Hamilton***

***Seconded: Erik Madsen***

***Carried: Unanimous***

***Motion AGM03-06-20-09***

***Approve minutes of 2005 AGM.***

***Moved: Erik Madsen***

***Seconded: Tom Beaulieu***

***Carried: Unanimous***

**Item 2: Annual Report 2005-2006**

The annual report is passed out to members.

Also passed out, relating to dealing with the press:

- statement and fact sheet on misappropriation of fund
- press process for annual report

Restitution is in place for the misappropriation of funds. Diavik is satisfied.

**Item 5: Election of Officers**

ED chairs.

***Motion AGM04-05-20-09***

***Motion to open nominations for Chair of EMAB.***

***Moved: Tom Beaulieu***

***Seconded: Doug Crossley***

***Carried: Unanimous***

Eddie nominates Doug, Doug accepts.

***Motion AGM05-05-20-09***  
***Motion to close nominations for Chair of EMAB.***  
***Moved: Florence Catholique***  
***Seconded: Floyd Adlem***  
***Carried: Unanimous***

***Motion AGM06-05-20-09***  
***Motion to open nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.***  
***Moved: Tom Beaulieu***  
***Seconded: Eddie Erasmus***  
***Carried: Unanimous***

John Morrison nominates Florence – Florence accepts.

***Motion AGM07-05-20-09***  
***Motion to close nominations for Vice-Chair of EMAB.***  
***Moved: Floyd Adlem***  
***Seconded: Keith Hamilton***  
***Carried: Unanimous***

***Motion AGM8-05-20-09***  
***Motion to open nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.***  
***Moved: Tom Beaulieu***  
***Seconded: Doug Crossley***  
***Carried: Unanimous***

Florence nominates Sheryl, Keith indicates that Sheryl was prepared to accept a nomination to the executive.

Doug nominates Erik – Erik declines.  
Erik nominates Floyd – Floyd declines.

***Motion AGM9-05-20-09***  
***Motion to close nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of EMAB.***  
***Moved: Florence Catholique***  
***Seconded: Keith Hamilton***  
***Carried: Unanimous***

***Motion AGM10-05-20-09***  
***To adjourn the Annual General Meeting***  
***Moved: Erik Madsen***  
***Seconded: Keith Hamilton***  
***Carried: Unanimous***