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## SFMC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017

CKP Woodlands Office, The Pas, Manitoba

Attendance: Ron Spence, Bob Hanson, Angela Enright, Laurel Palosaari, John Como, Brian Roque, Troy Werstroh (SD), Andrew Forward (CKP), Paul Chapman (CKP), Jeanne Besaw (CKP)

9:00 a.m. Field Trip – Paper mill Shutdown Tour

The group convened at Woodlands and travelled to the pulp and paper mill. They were met by Andre Murphy, Manager of Engineering and Operations. A tour of the main components of the shutdown work were provided with excellent explanation of the function and purpose of the components involved.

10:45 a.m. Introductions

All members of the group introduced themselves and their affiliation.

10:50 a.m. Agenda Review and Approve

The agenda was reviewed. No additions were made.

10:55 a.m. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed for errors and omissions. It was noted that John Como's name was identified as Jack Como. As well under the Industry report it was identified that "spruce budworm" was the pest in the interlake – it is actually the "jackpine budworm". Andrew Forward will revise the minutes as identified.

11:05 a.m. Meeting Assessment Review

The meeting assessment summary sheet was reviewed with the group. It was noted there was one check mark in the unsatisfactory field under the heading "access to information and documents". Discussion ensued around why that might have occurred. Andrew Forward and Paul Chapman to review individual sheets to determine if there is an issue to rectify, or if this is a circumstance that doesn't require mitigation. (On investigation, it seemed to be related to lack of handout material resulting from a site wide power failure prior or during the meeting. Not an issue.)



10:30 a.m. Public Concerns Report

The Aboriginal Concerns table and Public Concerns tables for the months of May, June, July, August, and September were reviewed with the group. Primarily the concerns revolved around road decommissioning or closure, and vegetation management (herbicide) activities. One phone call regarding red spruce trees in the Flin Flon area. Troy Wertstroh indicated this was identified as spruce needle rust. Not a major concern. John Como indicated a lot of jackpine on the Sherridon Road is turning red. Troy thought this might be due to heavy traffic, or potentially the lime haul to the mine decommissioning in Sherridon. Jeanne Besaw said she would take a look next time she is headed to the Limestone or Kississing North roads.

11:00 a.m. Industry Report (Paul Chapman – Woodlands Manager)

1. Paper mill report

The mill is shut down for 35 days for maintenance. The last paper production was Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Planned paper startup is Oct. 13. Lots of activities and investment. Total expenditure is in the vicinity of \$20 million. Markets are stable, order file is full to the end of 2017. There is enough paper on hand to allow for no gap in paper sales because of the shutdown.

2. Fibre Supply

Yard inventory is good. Chip pile is the largest it's been in a number of years.

3. Jack Pine Budworm

Contract harvesting operations continue to be focused in the Interlake. Hauling has been maintained through the summer. Likely to continue with operations at least to the end of 2019. The Province supplied information that shows the outbreak to have grown again to upwards of 300,000 hectares in size. It is as far north as Mitchell Lake now. As well we have worked with Sustainable Development and agreed to undertake the renewal responsibility in the budworm salvage for the areas that we are harvesting.

4. Treeplant Operation

Successful completion of 2.1 million seedlings planted. We have a smaller area remaining around Sturgeon Landing for treeplant. The program will be smaller in the upcoming years as a result of the harvest in the Interlake which is area that will be mostly renewed through scarification.

5. Free To Grow Survey Operation

On track to see 5500 plots completed this year with two contractors. Represents around 8000 hectares of harvest area surveyed.

6. Vegetation Management Operation



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Herbicide operations are complete today. Roughly 1900 hectares of area sprayed. This will likely see upwards of 50 harvest blocks reaching Free to Grow status as Softwood leading stands.

## 7. JV Partnership Update

The partnership continues to develop. Right now there are mostly discussions regarding the structure of the partnership and the associated agreements. These are nearing completion.

11:30 a.m. Business Arising from Minutes

### 1. Jackets with SFMC/CKP Logo

Discussion regarding the desire of some members to be able to promote the committee through the use of promotional materials such as a jacket. Discussion regarding CKP's concern that the optics of spending money on jackets is difficult. All employees took a wage roll back and freeze, and so we need to be cognizant of how some people may react to that. Further discussion suggested that maybe people would cover their own costs for jackets, or to have a logo that people could personally undertake for promotional use on clothing as an example. Paul and Andrew to consider this and bring back to next meeting.

### 2. Update of SFM Plan regarding use of the word Consultation

Reviewed the updates to the SFM Plan. The committee is happy with the new language regarding consultation. A discussion ensued regarding the use of the words 'Aboriginal' and 'Indigenous'. At present the CSA standard uses the word 'Aboriginal' and is defined in the standard to include First Nation, Metis, and Inuit people. Ron and Laurel would report back to the committee on preferences from their communities.

### 3. Indicator 3.1.2.1.1 – Coarse Woody Debris – Review and discuss indicator target for update.

Reviewed the history of the Coarse Woody Debris Indicator with respect to the SFM plan so far. Discussed the findings from the report presented in May by Fiona Donald of Oxalis Consulting. One of the concerns of CKP is the lack of significant data for Manitoba with respect to assigning a value per hectare of Coarse Woody Debris to remain on site. Additionally, it would require ground based surveys be conducted, which will add expense to operations, and require additional resources to continue to evaluate and compare data sets. There is a very broad cross section of stand types and operation types on the FML, and CKP would prefer to see harvest prescriptions modified so they speak to Coarse Woody Debris retention strategies, and have that included with Harvesting and renewal operation pre-work, and inspection forms for use by supervisors. The indicator could measure performance against that aspect as opposed to a volume based, physical target. Andrew and Paul to bring forward a proposed CWD indicator for next meeting.



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2:15 p.m.      Update on new CSA standard and relevant changes

The new CSA standard (2016 standard) was released a while back, and we have until the fall of 2018 to comply with the new Standard. The majority of change in the new standard is related to strengthening the Aboriginal participation related components

2:30 p.m.      Upcoming ISO/CSA Audit

The next third party external audit is November 20-24, 2017. It will be conducted by SAI Global out of Calgary. Anyone from the SFMC interested in being an observer on the audit should let Paul and Andrew know. Our next meeting is two weeks prior to the audit, so confirmation at that point is fine. This will be an audit of the ISO and CSA certifications.

2:45 p.m.      Next Meeting date, meeting assessment forms, expense forms

Next meeting date is November 9, 2017.

3:00 p.m.      Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.