

SFMC MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 12, 2019
CKP Woodlands – Admin. Office, The Pas, MB

A. Welcome

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions
9:10 a.m. Agenda Review and Approve **PASSED**

Comments:

- Ron opening remarks to give an overview of the SFMC Committee.
- Kevin distinguishes between CKPI and NFMC (Niso) for the new members as well. It is a partnership between the seven (7) First Nations and the primary objectives is to create employment, opportunity to the First Nations, local community success, improving opportunities and supporting other communities.

B. General Business

- 9:15 a.m. Industry Report – General Business Update
- Kevin reads out the announcement from Mill General Manager regarding affects to the business and change in the current market conditions.
 - How do we diversify the site? The staff are working on it and will proceed with two (2) Capital Projects.
 - mill production will move from 600 tons/day to 400 tons/day
 - there has been a hiring freeze, only for the positions needed upon review
 - the US Tariffs are a significant effect
 - Ron asked if sales have been cancelled. Kevin, we are keeping clients, lost and gained some. Our product is the strongest in the world and clients are being cost effective. Discussion.

OYEP – CKP/NISO

- Kevin reports on the Outland Youth Employment Program, an eight (8) week program out at Egg Lake, strictly for First Nations members under Nekoté. Kevin provided details on the entire program and the goal was to steer the students interests into the Forestry field, providing an education connection with UCN. The program was a success and hoping to carry on with this program next summer. Discussion.

- 9:30 a.m. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes - **PASSED**

- 9:45 a.m. Meeting Assessment Review **PASSED**

- Ron explains the Meeting Assessment Report, which is completed voluntarily, a self-analysis to help identify anything for improvement or any errors occurring at the meetings.

Break at 10:24 a.m. (10 minutes)

- 10:44 a.m. Community Reporting
10:55 a.m. Public Concerns / Indigenous Concerns Report **PASSED**

- Kevin reports the January to December 2019 Table actions. There was a concern regarding spraying over blueberry fields and we've reassured the concerns from all areas. First Nations concerns,

reaching out to the communities. How can we get the word out to the communities to present our objectives, but at the same time reassure that we respect their traditional lands/beliefs. The turnout is poor. Discussion.

C. Business Arising from the Minutes

11:15 a.m. Business Arising from Minutes **PASSED**

- 2019 ISO Audit findings (table) **PASSED**
- 2019 CSA Audit findings (table) **PASSED**

-Pam Marsden asks if anyone has done any Indigenous Awareness? Kevin responds there are mandatory sessions every three (3) years, now it is every year.

-Ron, we should do the training/video **PASSED**

Metis Federation Letter – invite to the meeting? **PASSED**

-An informal invitation to the Metis Federation will be issued. Any one and everyone are always welcomed.

Noon(ish) Lunch (provided by NFMC)

1:05 p.m. Review of Official SFMC Ground Rule **PASSED**

-Kevin reports an award from CSA, Standard for Excellence giving National Recognition, receiving \$1000.00 which was donated to Envirothon and anything related to forestry.

Proper Term “Indigenous” **PASSED**

-Kevin reached out to John Dunford and confirmed the appropriate term.

D. New Business

1:15 p.m. Indigenous Training

-Ron, the training to be in the afternoon of November 13/19, mandatory to all committee members and separate from the regular meeting **PASSED**

-Next meeting the next day, November 14/19 at 9:00am **PASSED**

1:30 p.m. Discussion on Field tour to Interlake **PASSED**

1:35 p.m. NISO Engagement into Firesmart project/funding available **PASSED**

-Kevin reviews a handout (diagram) of Forest Carbon Cycle and explains the funding dollars available. Discussion.

2:30 p.m. Meeting assessment form completion & expense forms

2:35 p.m. Adjournment

ATTENDANCE:

Ron Black

Sheldon Bourassa

Carla Buck

John Como

Jocelyn Dorion

Kevin Dudka

Robert Hanson

Robert Huck

Joel Kayer

Shaun Kopeechuk

Pam Marsden

Floyd North

Ron D. Spence

Elizabeth Walsh

Kent Whaley

Ken Woitowicz