

**GWICH'IN RENEWABLE RESOURCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
SITTICHINLI RECREATION COMPLEX, AKLAVIK, NWT,  
23-26 JANUARY 1995

Board Members Present: James Firth, Roger Binne, Paul Latour, Robert Alexie Sr., Freddie Greenland, Jim Hickling.

Alternate Members Present: Grace Blake (24 January), Ed Henderson (23 and 24 January)

Chairperson: Robert Charlie

Executive Director: Peter Clarkson

Observers: Joe Norbert, Neil Greenland, Mary Kendi, Roger Allen, Ron Graf  
Dlok Russell

**Monday, 23 January 1995**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am.
2. Discussion/Approval of the Agenda for the GRRB Meeting with the following additions:
  - a) Lynda Maltby and Simon Nadeau (Canadian Wildlife Service, Endangered Species) - presentation on Endangered Species Policy.

**Motion 95-1 by F. Greenland, Seconded by R. Binne to accept the Agenda with changes, Carried.**
3. There were no Conflicts of Interest Declared.
4. Discussion/Approval of the GRRB Meeting Minutes 12-14 October 1995.
  - a) an insurance policy for GRRB property will be in place by 1 April 1995,

b) clarification was given on the spending of Board funds to support the Porcupine Caribou lobby effort by contributing \$6,000 to send Charlie Snowshoe to assist Lenny Kohm, Bob Simpson felt there would be no problem as the Board has spending categories that this fits into.

**Motion 95-2 by P. Latour, Seconded by F. Greenland to accept the Minutes of the October 1994 GRRB Meeting, Carried.**

5. Financial Statement and Expenditure Report by the Executive Director. (Financial Statement is attached to the minutes).

**Motion 95-3 by J. Firth, Seconded by R. Alexie, to accept the Financial Statement and Expenditure Report, Carried.**

6. Contribution Agreement Amendment Update by the Executive Director.

The revised Contribution Agreement for Board funding was explained and reviewed and is also attached to the minutes.

7. Selection of an Auditor for the Board.

a) Kenneth Wowk, submitted a quote to audit the GRRB expenditures for 1994/95 (attached).

b) Because Mr. Wowk will also be completing other audits for other Gwich'in organizations the Board felt that there was money saved as expenses for travel could be shared.

**Motion 95-4 by J. Hickling, Seconded by J. Firth to have K. Wowk complete the audit for the Board, Carried.**

8. Wildlife Studies Fund (WSF) Report by the Executive Director

- a) the WSF will have a balance of 2.2 million by the 15 June 1995,
- b) options for investment and expenditure of the Fund were discussed.
- c) the Federal Government has stated that they are not intending to pay interest owed on the WSF before they transferred the money to the Board.

**Motion 95-5 by R. Binne, Seconded by P. Latour to invite financial investment companies to make presentations to the Board at the April 1995 GRRB Meeting, Carried.**

9. GRRB Office Update by the Executive Director

- a) The office is presently being set-up with the purchase of work stations and office furniture and supplies. The GRRB office is expected to be fully set-up by 1 April 1995.
- b) The Board staff will also be hired by 1 March 1995 and should be in place by 1 April 1995. The Office is currently working to refill the Executive Secretary position.
- c) The lease agreement for the office has been completed and signed.
- d) The bi-weekly updates were discussed and everyone agreed that they were keeping everyone informed and that we will continue with them with the deletion of the correspondence received and sent section.
- e) The Harvest Study Working Group has met 2 times since the last Board meeting. At the first meeting the group discussed some

particulars about the harvest study and during the second meeting the group screened applications for the Harvest Study Coordinators position. The Working Group would like to have direction from the Board to continue to screen and recommend a Coordinator.

**Motion 95-6 by R. Alexie, Seconded by F. Greenland that the Harvest Study Working Group continue to screen and recommend someone for the Harvest Study Coordinators position, Carried.**

f) On the 6-8 December 1994 I attended some of the Inuvialuit Community Conservation Area Workshop as there are overlap issues with the GSA. The workshop reviewed options for protecting areas important to the communities and will work further on this in the future.

g) Environment Canada invited a representative of the Board to attend the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Network Conference/Workshop on the 16-19 January 1995. The workshop dealt with a nation wide environmental monitoring of bio-diversity, climate, contaminants, and increased ultraviolet UV. During the workshop I had the opportunity to inform the EMAN organizers that the GRRB was now operating in the GSA.

h) As an information item the Board was informed that there will be a Harvest Study Assessment Workshop the 20-22 April 95 and that it would be beneficial for the new Harvest Study Coordinator and the Executive Director to attend the workshop as the Gwich'in Harvest Study will be in the start-up stage and there will be an opportunity to learn from other harvest study programs.

- i) The Board has been invited to send a representative to the Alaska Wild - 1002 Lands Conference on the 25-28 Feb 1995. Joe Charlie has offered to represent the Board if the Board payes travel and other expenses, however R. Charlie mentioned that Joe may have his expenses paid by Ren. Res. GNWT. (since the meeting Joe has confirmed that his expenses will be paid by the GNWT and Board Member J. Firth will be attending the Conference to represent the Board.
- j) GRRB library - the Board discussed options for establishment of a library or coordinating with the SINT/Arctic College library and the possibility of working together to contribute to a larger, better library. J. Firth mentioned that the Gwich'in may be looking at setting up a library. The Board concluded that they would look at specific library options at a later meeting.
- k) There were no further changes to the Executive Director Job Description.
- l) The Porcupine Caribou Management Board will be holding their meeting and a workshop on caribou and the Dempster highway in Fort McPherson on the 3-6 April 1995.
- m) A telephone calling card for the Board and Board staff was discussed and agreed that it would be useful when people are travelling.

**Motion 95-7 by J. Firth, Seconded by J. Hickling that the Office get a telephone calling card for Board and staff use, Carried.**

n) As an information item CWS (Ottawa) sent a copy of Bill C-275 a private members Bill on an Endangered and Threatened Species Act. The Bill will probably not be passed and CWS is currently working on a more comprehensive Bill that involves consultation.

10. GRRB Operating Procedures were reviewed and changes were made to the draft. The Executive Director will make all necessary changes to the Operating Procedures and then circulate the next draft to all Board members.

11. GRRB Research Funding Application review was rescheduled for 26 January 1995.

~~Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm~~

### **Tuesday, 24 January 1995**

12. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

13. Lynda Maltby and Simon Nadeau from the Canadian Wildlife Service (Endangered Species Conservation Section) presented a discussion paper on Endangered Species Legislation in Canada. CWS will be making several presentations to various groups and will be inviting a representative from the Board to participate in a workshop in March 1995 in Yellowknife. The Board can make a formal response to the Minister of Environment, Sheila Copps. This was the first presentation Lynda and Simon made and they welcomed comments on the presentation and material in the presentation.

14. John Bailey WMAC (NWT) and Larry Carpenter (IGC) were introduced to the Board and presented an overview of the Inuvialuit wildlife management system. John, Larry and the Board discussed the need to have

an open communications policy where the different boards would exchange meeting agendas and minutes to keep everyone informed and identify any concerns and issues that may involve both settlement areas. They also concluded that contact between Peter Clarkson and Norm Snow and Bruce Hanbidge would also help keep everyone informed.

15. Bart Kreps and Don Boyes from Gwich'in Geographics made a presentation on the Basemap Project and were requesting funding from the Board to contribute to the project. Gwich'in Geographics proposes to purchase TM Satellite data in Phase 1 of the Basemap Project. The project would be a cooperative project with several groups contributing and using the data and maps. The funding requested from the Board is \$10,000 and in return the Board would get a complete copy of the digital data and a hard copy of a 1:500,000 scale map of the GSA. The total cost of the entire project is approximately \$100,000. The Board expressed concern that the TM Satellite data and maps were not required for the harvest study, but would be useful for other research in the GSA. Areas adjacent to the GSA would also be important to include in the purchase of data as many wildlife species may use areas outside the GSA. The data and maps should be compatible with other satellite mapping programs that the agencies may have.

**Motion 95-8 by J. Firth, Seconded by F. Greenland that the GRRB participate in the Basemap Project and contribute \$10,000 funding to the project, Carried.**

## Agency Presentations

### 16. Fisheries and Oceans

Lois Harwood (A/Mgr., Inuvik)

- a) Lois informed the Board that DFO was presently restructuring and that the head office for the NWT will be in Yellowknife or Inuvik.
- b) DFO currently has a contract out to summarize what is known about the fisheries resources in the GSA and Sahtu.
- c) There will be a Mesh Size Workshop in Inuvik the 15-16 February 1995 sponsored by DFO. This workshop will involve the HTC's and RRC's.
- d) Brad Parker, DFO, was introduced and the Board was informed that Brad was seconded from Winnipeg to work on fisheries management from the Inuvik Office to fill in for Lois who is acting District Manager.

Neil Robinson (Fisheries Officer, Inuvik) made a presentation on the enforcement unit information that will be presented to the RRC's and HTC's over the next couple of months. Neil reviewed fishing regulations that applied to everyone that may be fishing.

### 17. Renewable Resources, GNWT

John Nagy (Supervisor, Wildlife Management, Inuvik)

- a) An update on the Bluenose caribou herd harvest and management plan was presented. By April 1995 John will have made a presentation to all of the RRC's and HTC's on the status of the

Bluenose caribou herd and will identify management concerns and issues at each meeting. During April and May 1995 a committee of reps from all of co-management boards and Renewable Resources, GNWT, managers will travel to the communities to discuss management issues and research needs.

b) John also gave a summary of the research and census planned for the Bluenose caribou herd in March 1995 and July 1995.

c) John encouraged the GRRB to address the grizzly bear management and harvest issue before the hunting season this spring as the resolution passed by the RRC's in 1994 to prohibit grizzly hunting cannot be enforced under the NWT Wildlife Act.

d) Nothing further has been done on the Dall's sheep management plan since the late 1980's. It will be up to the Board to determine if they want to participate in completion of a joint Inuvialuit-Gwich'in Management Plan.

f) John mentioned that WMAC (NWT) was working on a research funding application and that it would be helpful if the GRRB had a similar form.

Ron Graf (Assistant Director, Yellowknife)

a) Gave a brief summary on the 4 COSEWIC Status Reports on Snowy Owl, Northern Goshawk, Boreal Owl, and Red-Tailed Hawk.

Comments on the reports can be sent to RR, GNWT, Yellowknife .

b) Ron discussed the Renewable Resources Habitat Conservation Program and distributed a handout to inform the Board what the program was about and what direction the program would like from

the Board. Leslie Wakelyn is coordinating the program and would like to attend the next GRRB meeting.

Gord Norrie (District Protection Officer, Inuvik) presented an update and summary of the 1994 fire season in the Inuvik District outlining the number of fires, money spent, size of fires, and cause of fires. Gord also distributed a copy of the Forest Fire Management Policy for RR, GNWT.

Roger Binne gave an update on the NWT Wildlife Act Revisions and informed the Board that there has been a delay with the Dept. of Justice and that someone in Justice will be devoting time to the revisions this month.

18. Class A Outfitting Review by Mark Hoppe. Mark has travelled to all 4 communities in the GSA and discussed Class A outfitting with interested people and the RRC's. A report on the review should be available by the end of March 1995.

19. GRRB, RRC's and RR, GNWT Officers in the communities the Board had a brief discussion on ways to increase communications and work together for better resource management. Ed Henderson reported that Officers in the communities were trying to work closer with the RRC's and were asking for input on what programs the RRC's would like to receive in the communities.

16. CWS - Paul Latour

a) Migratory Bird Convention Treaty Amendment Update - Canada's negotiating team will be meeting on the 6-7 February 1995 and then meeting in Washington on the 9-10 February 1995 to determine the

technical language for the official negotiating meeting with the US on the 13-17 March 1995. Paul will provide another update at the April GRRB meeting.

b) Northern Contaminants - Paul provided an update on the status of information and research on contaminants in the GSA. Paul sits on a contaminants committee in Yellowknife that attempts to get information on contaminants out to the people in the communities.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

### **Wednesday 25 January 1995**

17. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

18. GRRB Research Funding Application - Peter Clarkson gave an overview of the funding application and identified how it would be helpful for the Board and RRC to have a standard format for request for funding. The draft application has been distributed to Board members, RRC's, government agencies, and others for review. Comments on the draft were received and a final draft will be completed and presented for approval at the GRRB in April 1995.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am for the Rat River Charr Workshop

### **Thursday 26 January 1995**

19. The meeting was called to Order at 9:15 am.

20. The Rat River Charr Workshop recommendations were reviewed and the Board felt that considerable progress had been made at the workshop and there were action items that should begin to address some of the management concerns. The Board also thought there was the need to have

more information on the Rat River Charr fishery and harvest so that people in the communities could be more informed.

**Motion 95-9 by J. Hickling, Seconded by F. Greenland for the Board to produce a poster and brochure for the Rat River Charr, Carried.**

21. Biologist and Policy/Management Analyst Job Descriptions

a) There was some discussion on the need for both positions and would the Board be committed to the positions if after 3 years there was a reduced work load or other priorities were identified. Peter Clarkson assured the Board that there was more than enough for all of the positions to do at this time. Completing all of the tasks in the Implementation Plan and implementing other aspects of the Claim will keep all positions more than busy. It would be possible to incorporate a clause in the hiring agreement of both positions that says the position and job description of the position will be reviewed after 3 years. This would allow the Board the flexibility to make any changes to the positions as the implementation of the Claim progresses.

b) The job descriptions were reviewed and it was decided that there should be more detail and specific tasks for each position.

22. Policy/Management Analyst Application Screening for Interviews

a) The Board reviewed 16 of the more qualified applications that had been selected from approximately 50 applications submitted for the position.

b) From the 16 applications the Board selected 6 people that were

possible candidates for further screening and interviews.

23. Biologist Application Screening for Interviews.

a) 15 applications were reviewed by Board Members and 7 applicants were selected for further screening and interviews.

b) The Board selected James Firth, Paul Latour, Robert Charlie, and Peter Clarkson to conduct further screening and interviewing of position candidates and recommend a successful candidate for each position.

24. Renewable Resource Research Funding Requests

a) Fisheries and Oceans - Lois Harwood and Earl Jessop presented information on 9 research projects proposed for the summer of 1995 by DFO in Inuvik and Winnipeg (list of projects attached).

b) John Nagy, RR, GNWT, submitted 2 proposals for funding for Bluenose caribou research. The first request for funding was for March 1995 to radio-collar Bluenose Caribou for a July 1995 census. The second request for funding was for conducting the July 1995 Bluenose census.

c) Peter Clarkson gave a brief presentation on the Gwich'in local knowledge project that is being proposed as a joint project between the Board and the Gwich'in Social and Culture Institute.

**Motion 95-10 by J. Firth, Seconded by R. Alexie to fund RR, GNWT \$56,000 to radio-collar caribou in March 1995 in preparation for the July 1995 Bluenose caribou census, Carried.**

Motion 95-11 by J. Hickling , Seconded by R. Alexie to fund RR, GNWT \$47,000 to conduct the Bluenose caribou census in July 1995, Carried.

Motion 95-12 by R. Binne, Seconded by J. Hickling to fund DFO to conduct research on the Rat River Charr fishery projects 6 and 7 for \$28,000, Carried.

Motion 95-13 by J. Firth, Seconded by R. Alexie to have Peter Clarkson continue to work with the Gwich'in Social and Culture Institute to develop a proposal for a Gwich'in Local Knowledge Project, Carried.

Peter Clarkson provided the Board with information on where money for research could come from for this fiscal year and 1995/96. The Wildlife Studies Fund and GRRB Independent Board Research and Consulting were the areas identified as a possible funding source.

25. GRRB Office correspondence was discussed and a list of the ingoing and outgoing correspondence will be included in each Board meeting package to keep Board members informed of office activity.

26. GRRB training positions for the summer of 1995, Peter Clarkson discussed with the Board the possibility of having 1-2 Gwich'in students work at the office this summer to provide them with exposure and experience in the area of renewable resource management. More information will be provided on this at the April Board meeting.

27. A draft budget for the GRRB for fiscal year 1995/96 was reviewed and additions were made to include funds for insurance, an annual audit, and Board member time expenses. The revised budget will be completed and sent to all Board members.

28. The Washington DC 1002 lands Conference/Workshop was discussed and the Board decided to wait and see if Joe Charlie received his funding from RR, GNWT and if GTC was planning to send anyone. If a Gwich'in Board member was available to go the Board would have funding available especially if Joe Charlie receives funding from other sources.

29. The Board discussed purchasing a lap-top computer for Board and staff use for meetings and other travel and decided that it would be useful to have 1 for the office.

30. Grizzly bear harvest and management was briefly discussed and will be put on the agenda for the April 1995 meeting.

31. Next GRRB meeting will be on the 4-6 April 1995 in Fort Mcpherson.  
**Motion 95-14 by R. Alexie, Seconded by J. Hickling to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm, 26 January 1995, Carried.**

Minutes Approved Date APRIL 3/95  
Robert Charlie  
Chairperson, GRRB

**List of Motions**

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