

Minutes - Forest Genetics Council of BC

10:00 am – 11:00 am, Thurs, Oct 31, 2019

Participants

Forest Genetics Council of BC:

Annette van Niejenhuis, Bevin Wigmore, Bob Johnson, Dan Peterson, Domenico Iannidinaro, Juergen Ehling, Bill Laing, Kori Vernier, Mark Hay, and Pat Martin.

Regrets:

Jeff Mycock, Gernot Zemanek, Shane Ford, Tony Hopkin

Guests:

Brian Barber (FGC Program Mgr), Keith Thomas (FIRM), Shane Berg (OCF).

Proceedings

This extra-ordinary call was convened to discuss the business planning process for 2020/21.

The meeting was chaired by Domenico. There being adequate notice served and a quorum of members present, Domenico called the meeting to order at 10:04, confirmed participants and guests, and reviewed the draft agenda circulated via email in advance.

Summary of Motions:

Motion: FGC to send letter for Chief Forester requesting an additional \$100k be allocated to the LBIS tree improvement program for a total budget of \$2.6M. Annette/Bob. Carried.

Summary of Action Items:

Person(s)	Actions	Date
Brian	Draft budget request letter to CF, assisted by FIRM, and submit in advance of his meeting with the CF.	Nov 25
Keith	Keith to prepare draft budgets in advance of TAC meetings, and review with TAC members at those upcoming meetings.	Jan/Feb
Pat	check on OTIP Call for Proposals status and eligibility criteria with Darrell Wood	ASAP

1. Agenda

The draft agenda provided was reviewed.

Motion: The Agenda for this meeting is hereby approved. Annette/Juergen. Carried.

2. LBIS Budget Planning 2020/21

Pat reviewed the proposed business planning process and its rationale introduced at the Sept 13 FGC meeting and summarized in a document forwarded with the agenda for this meeting.

Pat indicated government funds are tight, and funding will not likely be increased. However, FGC can still forward some high-level budget recommendations to the Chief Forester in advance of the Ministry making preliminary LBIS budget allocations to various programs. This request best be supported with a business case.

FGC identified the following additional pressures for next fiscal: half of Dr. Tongli Wang's salary in support of forest genetics conservation research (\$85k) and funds to support a new FGC communications strategy (\$15k).

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Action: Brian to draft budget request letter to CF, assisted by FIRM, and submit in advance of his meeting with the CF scheduled for Nov. 25.

Action: Keith to prepare draft budgets in advance of TAC meetings, and review with TAC members at those upcoming meetings.

OTIP eligibility and species plans were also discussed. Brian indicated these will be informed by the seed needs forecast project underway. Bill provided Brian with names of the Interior Silv Committee co-chairs to solicit review and input of the forecast model's reforestation assumptions.

Action: Pat to check on OTIP Call for Proposals status and eligibility criteria with Darrell Wood.

3. Announcements

Jeff (Interior Seed Producer Rep) confirmed his interest in serving another 3-yr term.

Pat and Kori continue their search for a new ITAC Chair. Brian is seeking nominations for the Interior small tenures rep to replace Gernot.

Dan (FLNR Operations Rep) reconsidered serving another term with retirement contemplated in the near future. Dan was thanked for his service and contributions during two separate terms.

4. Next meeting

The next FGC quarterly meeting will be held December 11, held in conjunction with a recognition lunch or dinner for Reid Carter, who served on SelectSeed Board of Directors for 20 years.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 am

Motion: The meeting is hereby adjourned. Dan/Domenico. Carried

Minutes drafted by Brian Barber, Dec 8, 2019. Approved Dec 11, 2019.