



CCFC Board of Directors

Minutes of CCFC Board Meeting September 12, 2022

Board Members Present: Maureen, Aaron, Sadhu, Bruce, David, Carrie, Nick

Meeting Called to Order @ 7 pm via ZOOM

Agenda Items

1. Island Community Economic Trust Grant

- a. Time frame stated in letter of August 29, 2022:
- b. ICET will send a contribution agreement for signature on receipt of written confirmation of matching funding. Sadhu will confirm private donor of \$15K in matching funds this week and send written confirmation
 - i. ICET contributes \$20K, CCFC finds matching funds of \$20K.
 - ii. \$8K to local project manager, \$30K to consultant
 - iii. Coastal Credit Union didn't fund \$5K grant request
 - iv. CCFC has committed \$15K
 - v. Sadhu has private anonymous donor willing to match \$10K
- c. The project must begin by February 28, 2023 and be completed by August 25, 2023.
- d. Any changes to the project scope or activities of proposal submitted 4-28-22 (including budget changes) must be approved by ICET.
- e. A final project report must be submitted no later than two months after the conclusion of the project.
- f. Project manager: Kate Madigan worked on the grant application. This familiarity puts her in the best position to be project manager. Create RPF with board input, recommend consultant to board, serve as liaison to consultant, issue final report.
- g. Discussion re advertising island wide, conclusion that it doesn't make sense when we know who is best qualified for specific reasons.
- h. Sadhu will speak with Kate re contract. Board prefers a \$6K or \$7K contract so contingency remains. Prefer not hourly. Clear contract needed to prevent going over this portion of the budget.
- i. Kate will issue Request For Proposals listing the Scope of Work and forward it to board to be put out to persons we know who may have interest/be able to

- recommend (eg Forestwatch, personal contacts)
- j. Ideally, the contract goes out in October or November.
 - k. Financial matters:
 - i. Maureen will get a routing number to Sadhu to receive grants in our account.
 - ii. Seal the donor deal within a week, Kate gets on it immediately, contract out October or November.

2. Anvil Lake Update

- a. Falling initiated sooner than expected because Richard Butler and Laurier had a break in their schedules and it needed to be done before rains began. The short notice was disruptive for residents. The proposed road was shortened by half to meet their concerns while accessing 80% of planned cuts. Two community members were arrested on the first day of falling and then released. Several other community members showed up to protest. Klahoose Chief Stephen Brown responded to racist comments in the tideline news.
- b. Reported presence of Spotted Owl: CFGP consulted with Lone Brown RPF who spoke with a biologist. Spotted Owls are not present in this area. Barred Owls are. Species at risk – lone consulted about this, definitely no spotted owl.
- c. Social Media: Mark Braatan and Sadhu Johnston posted supportive letters in Tideline. Aaron has responded to false information on Facebook. Discussion of whether CFGP can avoid opposition based on misinformation by more forthcoming approach to public information, e.g. post in tideline when an update is posted on CFGP website because people do not regularly check that website.
- d. Future: consultation with direct neighbors could have put off surprise aspect
- e. Thanks to the CFGP board and forest manager for responding to public concerns.
- f. Forest planning: Community opposition to specific harvest areas seems likely to continue in the absence of more consultation during planning. Address concerns re notice and meaningful consultation with process for new 5 year plan (see item below).

3. Recreational Trails

- a. Wayne Roberts made specific suggestions re a trail in the area. Board discussion of whether CCFC supports trails.
- b. Pro: current parks are overcrowded and people need more places to go in the summer.
- c. Con: Low human impact increases the value of areas to wildlife and residents.
- d. Policy decision: CCFC board supports recreational trails in concept. One board member advocates two tier publicity so tourists are not invited to impact fragile locations.
- e. Next step: CFGP reps will bring suggestions to the board. If approved, a CCFC subcommittee will be formed. Maureen will respond to Wayne re this discussion.

4. Profit Disbursement

- a. Per CCFC Policy
 - i. 20% retained for operations as needed
 - ii. 10% retained for share buyback
 - iii. 70% for (but not limited to):
 - 1. Mapping and detailed inventory of the tenure,
 - 2. verifying data in the field (ground truthing)
 - 3. watershed/ecosystem analysis alternative harvesting methods, silviculture, wild-fire management
 - 4. site rehabilitation, biodiversity enhancement
 - 5. educational media releases, community education such as hosting guest speakers,
 - 6. start-up funding for value added projects.
- b. 70% = \$105K. Minus liabilities: \$13K taxes, \$10K matching contribution to ICET grant means \$83K remaining.
- c. Board discussion favors slow walk re disbursement of funds so we have funds to implement “VA road map” recommendations in 2023 if needed.
 - i. Maureen will research implications of placing CCFC funds with Cortes Foundation re taxes, admin fees, advisor or directed gift fund. Will contact Manda.

5. Disbursement Ideas:

- a. Forest planning
 - i. Community requests consultation prior to selection of cut block areas.
 - ii. An educational opportunity to provide context of modeling and constraints.
 - iii. Encourage members to ID preferred “no go” areas and areas from which to obtain 3,500 m³/year.
 - iv. Ask Andrea Lang – next steps for forest planning
 - v. Consult with community public before any planning in an identified harvest area begins
- b. **Motion(Sadhu/Maureen):** That Coop board request that Partnership consider initiation of next five year plan in a process that would involve community consultation before, during and after the development of the plan ~ Passed unanimously.
- c. **Motion(Maureen/Sadhu):** That Coop offers organizational and financial support to the consultation process ~ Passed unanimously.
- d. Heat pumps for seniors
 - i. Increasingly difficult for seniors to obtain firewood, causing stress and unhappiness.
 - ii. \$2K rebate to ten seniors = \$20K

- iii. Bruce will pursue. Will check with Esther re Seniors Society funding and coordination of group installation.
- iv. Carrie will document advantages which include nice constant heat, air filtration, air conditioning in hot summers. Seeks info re installation costs and monthly electricity bills.
- v. Conditions for government rebate.
- vi. Hard to ascertain cost savings. 50% of other electric heat compared to variable cost of wood delivered, dried and stacked in a shed.

6. Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

7. Next meeting date: Monday October 17, 2022 by Zoom

8. Addendum:

- a. Private donor declined to contribute to ICET matching funds.
- b. Email MOTION September 28, 2022:** That the CCFC commit \$20,000 to match the ICET grant for the value-added road map ~ PASSED by the Cortes Community Forest Cooperative Board (six in favor, one abstains)