

**EMAB Board Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 19, 20, 2001
EMAB Board Room**

Yellowknife

Day 1

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance
Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, Government of Canada
Alex Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council
Cindy Gilday, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

Observer:

Florence Catholique, Lutsel Ke' Dene First Nation

Resource People:

Eric Yaxley, Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND)
Glenna Cayen, GeoNorth

Staff:

Kirstie Simpson, Executive Director, EMAB

Absent:

Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Representative, Government of Nunavut

Robert Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chairperson welcomed all the participants.

2. Approval of Agenda

Floyd Adlem requested that Ann Lynagh of YK Films be placed on the agenda. Ms. Lynagh is working on a documentary for Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. and would like to shoot a 30 second clip during an EMAB board meeting.

Florence Catholique requested that the meetings wrap-up on Wednesday evening rather than Thursday AM. It was agreed that this item to be placed on the Agenda for further discussion.

Motion: #1-01-09-18

The Agenda was approved with the above noted additions.

Moved by: Doug Doan

Seconded: Floyd Adlem

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Robert Turner informed the board members that until Lutselk'e Dene First Nation sign the Environmental Agreement they are not legally authorized to vote on Board motions. However, any pertinent input from the party is welcomed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Transcribing of Minutes

There was discussion with regard to the minutes, which should reflect a summary of the discussion, action items and decisions made. It was suggested that an issue discussed should end in a general consensus summarized by the Chair for purposes of recording minutes.

Another suggestion was to consider recording motions at the end of each discussion topic.

It was agreed that the minutes would be recorded by topic with general discussion noted, the agreed upon outcome, and a motion adopted when required.

Community Meeting Minutes

When the EMAB meets in the community it was agreed that minutes should be recorded with a transcribing machine for accuracy and purposes of keeping files. All future community meetings are to be recorded by a professional with a recording system.

➤ **June 13, 14, 2001**

Changes noted to June 13, 14, 2001 Board Meeting Minutes

On page 7 (bottom) of the minutes change, "EMAB sees this item as a logistical problem" to "EMAB sees this as a issue."

It was noted that there is not a lengthy discussion written on the issue of "wildlife monitoring," therefore, the whole picture is not captured as to what was discussed in depth at the meeting.

Discussion continued with the actual proposed TK workshop, which is planned for the New Year. It was agreed to consider some method of producing a set of

recommendations to put forth at the proposed TK workshop. It will be too late if EMAB waits until the TK workshop in January/February to submit recommendations to DDMI for the upcoming year's monitoring plans.

Action:

In addition, it is hoped that the Board will define the problem areas by reviewing the plans completed by DDMI prior to the TK Workshop.

It was noted that this is the kind of information that the Board had looked for from Hal Mills, of GeoNorth during a request in June. EMAB requested a review on wildlife monitoring within the communities. The report was to have documented the issues at the community level.

The DIAND representative indicated that Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. has tagged about 20 Caribou and it might be useful for DDMI to present this to the EMAB for information purposes.

The board agreed that the "Caribou" issue is perceived as a problem for those in the communities and EMAB members as well. It was noted that this item would be discussed further along on the Agenda.

It was also noted with a sense of urgency that EMAB would work with RWED to be more involved in the wildlife monitoring.

The Chair noted that the board received a revised copy of the community meeting minutes to update their binder. This revised document reflected comments from the DDMI representative, Cindy Gilday, received on September 13, 2001.

The Executive Director inquired as to what was the process to deal with comments, recommendations and questions at the community meeting? The Chair noted that he responded to each of the people who spoke at the meeting. With regard to the proposal presented to the EMAB a letter was sent on July 5, 2001, indicating that we are in the process of developing criteria for supporting TK issues and would consider the proposal at that time.

Action:

It was agreed that we should follow-up with another letter letting them know what our plans are with regard to TK issues.

Action:

It was also agreed that in the future, all questions asked at community meetings should be noted and responded to in writing after the meeting is over.

Motion: #2-01-09-18

The minutes of June 13, 14, 2001 approved with the one change as stated above noting restructuring of a sentence on page 7 of 9.

Moved by: Floyd Adlem
Seconded: Sandy Buchan
Abstentions: Doug Doan
Motion Carried: Unanimously

➤ **July 25, 26, & 27, 2001**

Changes to July 25-27, 2001 Board Meeting Minutes

On page 2 it was noted that the minutes left out the issue of the draw down of the pit. There was a difference of opinion between DDMI employees in regards to the pump down of the water of the dike area. This to be reflected in the minutes.

At the bottom of page 4 change “invitation for **one** of the aboriginal groups” to “invitation for **each** of the aboriginal groups.”

On page 8 change “Diavik **representative**” to “Diavik **staff**.”

On page 8 delete “**ecological catastrophe**” and replace with “**problem to arise**.” In the same sentence replace “**affirmative**” with “**proactive**.”

Motion: #3-01-09-18

The minutes are accepted as presented with the above noted changes.

Moved by: Floyd Adlem
Seconded by: Doug Doan
Approved: Unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

➤ Price Quotes for Pamphlet/Brochure

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to this item. The Board agreed that Floyd Adlem would take the lead on this project, which included changing the colour scheme of all the promotion material.

➤ EMAB PowerPoint Presentation

Clayton Morrell of GeoNorth presented a draft document about the EMAB on a Power Point presentation. It was noted that this document was straight from the promotion material. There was some discussion about the Caribou picture on the front page and there was a suggestion that the front page of this document be similar to the promotion material. The board agreed to return to this item later on in the agenda.

Action:

The Executive Director indicated that she would take the lead on this item and have something for presentation at the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Diavik Communities Advisory Board – Update

Presentation by Bertha Black, Chairperson and Juanita Robinson, RWED

Robert Turner, Chair welcomed the guests and there was a round of introductions. Mr. Turner suggested that an informal discussion take place discussing the mandate of each board. Secondly, touch on any points that each would like to discuss.

Bertha Black lead the discussion explaining areas covered by the Diavik Community Advisory Board, to include, Education, Employment and Training, Business Development and the Health and Well-being of all the communities.

At this time their board is meeting and compiling all the work plans, which have been brought forward by the community representatives of DCAB. She noted that DCAB has not had the opportunity to go into the communities but are planning on doing so in the future. Due to the large workload the DCAB board appointed board members on to committees' to deal with each portfolio cited above. This would utilize the board members time and expertise in an effective manner.

Florence Catholique, observer from Lutselk'e inquired as to why Lutselk'e Dene First Nation was not invited to this board. Juanita Robinson replied that a letter was sent out last December 2000 requesting a participant, however, no response returned. Ms. Robinson indicated that she would send a second letter to follow-up.

EMAB member Alex Buchan stressed the fact that he would like to promote community participation in all of the community monitoring programs, which would include involving those aboriginal staff that are on site as well. He also stated that he would be very interested in knowing what is going on in other areas such as community development a portfolio that is handled by DCAB. He also noted that it is important to staff positions in the areas that are associated with all aspects of environmental monitoring at Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. site.

In response to Mr. Buchan, Juanita Robinson indicated that DCAB's work plans are general at this time with the intent of becoming more detailed. She

suggested that DDMI has an opportunity profile titled, *Diavik Diamond Project Socio-Economic Monitoring Report-June 30th, 2001*, which would be an excellent starting point to obtain this type of information. Ms. Cindy Gilday of DDMI indicated that she would bring the written report on the next day to the board meeting for members to review.

Robert Turner, Chair indicated his concerns were with comments received by the Board from the Dogrib communities and suggested that people are confused about the mandate of the various boards set up by the participation agreements. He noted that when the EMAB board held a community meeting in Rae Edzo they were faced with questions regarding socio-economic issues. Monitoring issues should be referred to EMAB and socio-economic issues to DCAB.

Ms. Black agreed that there is a perfect opportunity for boards to work together within our communities by promoting one another in a team environment. She noted that their office is located at #204 in the MicroAge Building.

The DDMI representative indicated that in the future it would be better if the two boards did not schedule their meetings at the same time.

Floyd Adlem, Vice Chair, indicated that EMAB would provide its work plans to DCAB when completed.

EMAB PowerPoint presentation

Discussion returned to the PowerPoint presentation and it was decided that this item be postponed until after the work plan has been dealt with.

EMAB/DIAND Library (Floyd Adlem)

Eric Yaxley, DIAND indicated that there are files available for transfer to EMAB. Files are part of DIAND's central registry that must stay with DIAND for archival purposes and/or the public registry established under C.E.A.A. He indicated that EMAB is always welcome to make copies. Mr. Yaxley indicated that the majority of the earlier files are notes from working group meetings and not very relevant to EMAB on going environmental monitoring mandate.

Community Meetings

The discussion returned to a Community Meeting held in Rae on June 13, 2001. There was suggestion that the board should follow-up with the Dogrib Proposal which was received on June 13, 2001.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes, Continued

Diavik Technical Committee (DTC) Minutes

Robert Turner, Chair indicated that the DTC minutes are not correct in that they do not reflect that members of EMAB could attend DTC meetings.

There was discussion on DDMI's distribution list for reports. It was noted that MVLWB are receiving about 15 copies which they distribute to their members who are on the DTC committee. However, some of the EMAB members do not receive reports directly.

Action:

The board agreed to write a letter to DDMI asking that they send all documents to the parties and then EMAB members could request copies from their respective party if required. This would ensure that all the reports get to the appropriate people.

Florence Catholique, stated that EMAB recommend a method to DDMI how to follow section 7.1 of the Environmental Agreement. Robert Turner, Chair suggested that it may be necessary for EMAB to establish a Technical Committee of their own. In the mean time EMAB definitely requires information about the technical aspects of the mine's activities.

Doug Doan, Secretary-Treasurer, referred back to the DTC meeting stating that the minutes do not reflect the fact that Melody McLeod, Chair, of MVLWB was very receptive to having EMAB and MVLWB work together. She was very much in favour of reducing duplication and keeping everyone informed. She was also very receptive in opening the lines of communication by getting documents distributed properly and schedule meetings to accommodate EMAB.

This discussion went on to talk about capacity issues of the regulators in the communities. Both the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Lutsel Ke' Dene First Nation representatives both agree that this issue is a huge concern and requires consideration by the Board.

Action:

It was agreed that a letter be sent to DDMI requesting that the reports and monitoring plans be distributed to the proper authorities. The Executive must respond to the minutes and request that they change them to reflect what was agreed upon. It should also be stressed in the letter to DDMI that we suggest or strive for an improved communication strategy.

Action:

Also agreed upon was that the EMAB board draft a letter to MVLWB notifying them that Kirstie Simpson will be taking her post as Executive Director on October 9, 2001, and she will be the lead in communications back and forth from the two offices. Also note in the letter the regulatory requirements don't fit the time lines and suggest that these be revised.

Action:

The Board asked that the Executive Director obtain/create flow charts to visualize the organization of the various offices and their duties required

getting their job completed. It was also requested that EMAB obtain the legislative time lines required by MVLWB. In addition, it was noted that the EMAB might require an independent opinion on technical issues for DDMI/MVLWB.

Update on Board Appointments

Dogrib Treaty #11 Council

The Dogrib Treaty #11 Council appointed Johnny Weyallon as the representative on September 14, 2001.

Government of Nunavut

An email was sent to Robert Eno of the Government of Nunavut, as a follow-up to a letter sent on August 10, 2001, requesting that they appoint a new representative to replace Chris Nichols. At this time no response has been received on either requests.

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

Florence Catholique, observer for the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation indicated that the participation agreements would be signed on Monday September 24, 2001.

EMAB Procedural Rules, final document

Action:

It was agreed that this document to be placed on EMAB letterhead. It was noted that a couple of margins are out of line.

Caribou Monitoring Workshop

Discussion returned to Caribou monitoring and making recommendations to DDMI.

Action:

The Board agreed that they must decide what is the purpose of the workshop.

There was agreement that there is a need for all groups to work together on the issue. It was generally agreed that the aboriginal groups must work together to decide how they want to monitor the Caribou. It was agreed that this item will be dealt with first thing on the agenda for the next day September 19, 2001.

Alex Buchan indicated that he would draft a protocol agreement for a Caribou Monitoring Workshop to present to the Board on the next day of the meeting September 19, 2001.

Documentary on DDMI

Mr. Turner indicated that Ann Lynah of YK Films has been rescheduled to 11:30 AM on September 19, 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

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Day 2

Present:

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Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, government of Canada
Alex Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council
Cindy Gilday, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation (AM)

Resource People:

Eric Yaxley, Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND)
Glenna Cayen, GeoNorth

Staff:

Kirstie Simpson

Absent:

Florence Catholique, Observer, Lutsel Ke' Dene First Nation
Government of Nunavut Representative

The meeting reconvened at 9:32 AM

Robert Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Caribou Monitoring Workshop

Alex Buchan distributed a document he drafted titled Lac De Gras Caribou Monitoring Protocol Development. This document is in response to dealing with issues related to caribou monitoring as a result of a community meeting on June 13, 2001, in Rae. Many of the concerns from the community pointed to finding better ways to deal with the method of monitoring caribou.

The following points were agreed upon in organizing a workshop on Caribou Monitoring.

1. EMAB will sponsor the Aboriginal participants covering travelling expenses and honoraria.
2. EMAB representatives will select the participants and should be those who are familiar with caribou monitoring and further, those who can speak knowledgeably about past site visits.
3. The cost of this workshop should not exceed \$30,000 which includes consultant fees.
4. Any additional parties are welcome but will have to make their own arrangements.
5. EMAB will sponsor 2 from each community and will include the EMAB representative if they choose to attend.
6. Hold meeting before November 2001, so it will be deliverable by December 2001.
7. It was agreed that Andy Swiderski of Terriplan Consultants Ltd. be approached to facilitate this workshop if available.

Other general comments on this topic included.

Keep in mind that the Caribou Monitoring Workshop fits in nicely with TK issues and results from this workshop will be incorporated into final recommendations to DDMI. Therefore, ensure that our undertaking is deliverable with results.

It was noted that there is no regulator when it comes to wildlife monitoring. RWED is the closest to a regulator in the NWT. Their role is not legislative and therefore they do not do any licensing and issuing of permits.

The issue of translation was discussed and it was noted that EMAB policy requires prior approval.

EMAB should develop policy and procedures for dealing with community meetings, reporting and requests. It was noted EMAB has to deal with the communities as a whole rather than one by one.

Capacity Funding for Aboriginal People

This issue has been brought to the forefront due to a proposal requesting money for office space/supplies by the Lutsel Ke' Dene First Nation representative. It was noted that because Lutsel Ke' is an observer the board will not be able to address this proposal at this time.

On another note, the question was put forward, is EMAB in favour of approving capacity funding for each of the aboriginal organizations and if so how much? The general consensus of the board was that this was a good idea and should be looked at in greater detail in the future.

Floyd Adlem, Vice Chair, suggested that a letter be sent to the Federal Government suggesting that EMAB's operating budget is minimal and is not intended to sustain all the aboriginal participants with their capacity funding. He

also mentioned that the Interim Resource Management Assistance Program might be winding down at the end of this year.

Action:

EMAB could offer advice to the Federal government on behalf of the Aboriginal parties to ensure other means of accessing funding is available.

It was noted that Cindy Gilday left the meeting at 10:55 PM.

Selection of Bookkeeper

The Board reviewed the submissions from the various firms. It was noted that Karen Jefferson has been helping staff to get started with using the program "Quick In" and is familiar with the organization books.

Motion #4-01-09-19

Motion to approve Karen Jefferson as bookkeeper until March 31, 2002.

Moved by: Floyd Adlem

Seconded by: Johnny Weyallon

Motion Carried: Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Robert Turner, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

DDMI Presentation

Mr. Turner welcomed Gord McDonald, Environmental Advisor and Brenda Kuzyk, Regulatory Process Advisor, of DDMI to the meeting. Mr. McDonald indicated that he would discuss the items as presented in the Agenda.

Country Rock and Till Storage Update Design Report

This document outlines how DDMI is going to manage potential metal leaching of the country rock at the site. This plan has been approved previously with the August 2001 revised document being the latest and supersedes all other additions.

The rock segregation procedure is based on total sulphur analysis of each hole drilled and the classification of the rock based on the average total sulphur concentration. The following is a description of the Rock Type.

Type I Rock	Clean Rock
Type II Rock	Minor amounts of Biotite schist, likely no acid generating potential
Type III Rock	Some Biotite schist that may be potentially acid generating

DDMI require approvals by fall of 2002. They would like to discuss this as soon as possible because it is important for the recruitment plan.

He noted that all sampling is completed at the mine site. DDMI have trained personnel and the specialized equipment needed to do this sampling.

Some other points he touched on during the talk are as follows:

Mr. McDonald indicated that changes made to the updated proposal are as follows:

- a change was made to the break up area by the drainage basin
- found that the best way was to work on the south side first then it will be much easier to reclaim it rather than the pancake approach.
- type 3 rock will be placed in 2 bathtubs in the quarry section and don't have to worry about the water collecting around the type 3.
- This method creates a premature pile of stockpile rock in the event that the mine has to close prior to their contract date states to-date.
- when type 2 does not meet the requirements it will be returned to PKC facility and if it meets the requirements it will be released.
- There are audits in place to ensure that dump materials are tested on a regular basis. In addition, Vehicles will be colour coded.
- Water quality monitoring, and stability monitoring requirements are in the place.
- with this new reconfiguration DDMI does not foresee a enormous amount of water to over flood the ponds.

Cost Estimates for Interim and Final Restoration Plan August 2001

Closure Cost Summary

The above report is part of the Abandonment and Restoration Water License requirement. It provides the design summaries for the interim and final conditions, quantities, development and work schedules and cost estimates for interim and final closure.

There were many suggestions made about the assumptions and the uncertainty of plans.

He noted that there is a big shift moving away from pancake to full height design which actually fills the east end first. The first phase to be completed by 2009. For further information on closure costs summary see table set out on page 5 of the above noted plan. It shows what is to be done by a specified date and the dollar amount involved.

There was a question asking what the main mineral content is. It was noted that there is a high nickel content.

Diavik Technical Committee

The DDMI representative indicated that they assumed EMAB would submit comments on the various plans.

The discussion went on to talk about time lines and coordinating meetings to accommodate all boards. DDMI was concerned that this would be a difficult task, however, agreed they would do their best to ensure everyone is considered.

Clarification of DDMI Document Distribution

The discussion then proceeded to talk about who receives copies of the various reports and plans. All agreed that EMAB would send a letter to DDMI stating who the appropriate person is and who should be receiving copies.

Inspectors Update – Craig Broome, DIAND

The meeting commenced at 3:26. Mr. Broome gave an update on specific areas and issues at site. He addressed the following areas:

A154 Construction

The dike has advanced to Island E and construction from the North abutment has started. The turbidity curtain is being maintained and operating efficiently, with ongoing maintenance required after wind events. During construction of the A154 dike there has been consistent compliance at the SNP locations. Mr. Broome used photos to display current activities and the performance of the turbidity curtain. These were distributed to board members.

He noted that he was out at the site 4 or 5 times within the last month. There is turbidity outside the curtains but this does not exceed the licence requirements. The turbidity is visually displeasing but it quickly dissipates within the lake. Mr. Broome also used photos of very turbid water conditions in the north inlet in July and the improved present quality after construction in this area had ceased.

DDMI sent a request to the Land and Water board to modify the construction techniques of the cut off wall. General discussion over viewing the design change was held with the board members. See modification request dated September 5, 2001.

PKC

Dams are due to get started at the end of September with dam foundation preparation, key trench excavation and liner placement. Once completed, the foundations will be left to freeze with construction to resume in February or March 2002.

Land Fill

The landfill area in the North quarry is being used. The Inspector found this to be properly managed. No evidence of wind blown materials or wildlife attractants was found . EMAB was instrumental in recommending the landfill area.

Sewage Treatment Plants

The south sewage treatment plant has been commissioned and continues to have some problems meeting compliance. The inspector has requested DDMI to identify measures they are taking to get the plants performance up to meet compliance requirements. Generally the North sewage treatment plant has been in compliance.

The sludge from the sewage treatment plant has been incinerated, which was approximately 1 cubic metre a day. The Inspector gave approval for DDMI to dispose of this sludge at an improved area at the PKC that will eliminate daily handling by personnel at the incinerator, which is a health consideration and will allow the sledge to be available for restoration purposes. Management of this disposal area will be monitored. Mr. Broome noted that DDMI's sewage treatment plant is one of the most stringent in North America.

Mr. Broome gave an update on infrastructure construction at the South plant area and the north inlet water treatment plant. Ponds 10, 11 & 12 under construction. North inlet drawdown plan submitted to the MVLWB and drawdown should commence early October.

Mr. Broome noted that DDMI is using Hercules aircraft to mobilize steel and cement to site. They are using the opportunity to backhaul hazardous waste off site. He noted that DDMI hired a company out of Edmonton to facilitate training workshops on how to handle/deal with hazardous waste. DDMI also barged over ammonia nitrate from BHP.

The meeting with Mr. Broome ended at 4:30 PM.

The board returned to the Caribou Monitoring Workshop and it was decided that those who were involved in developing a terms of reference would meet to work on the final edits for Terriplan Consultants.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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Day 3

Present:

Robert Turner, Chair, North Slave Metis Alliance
Floyd Adlem, Vice-Chair, Government of Canada
Alex Buchan, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories (AM)
Cindy Gilday, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
Florence Catholique, Observer, Lutsel Ke' Dene First Nation (PM)

Resource People:

Eric Yaxley, Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND)
Holly Newton, GeoNorth
Glenna Cayen, GeoNorth

Staff:

Kirstie Simpson

Absent:

Florence Catholique, Observer, Lutsel Ke' Dene First Nation (AM)
Johnny Weyallon, Dogrib Treaty #11 Council
Lawrence Goulet, Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Doug Doan, Government of the Northwest Territories (PM)
Government of Nunavut Representative

The meeting reconvened at 9:18 AM.

A document titled "Terms of Reference for the EMAB Lac De Gras Caribou Monitoring Protocol Development, " was distributed to each member. Discussion resumed and there were a few changes documented by Alex Buchan. Mr. Buchan was going to make a couple of changes and forward the document to Andy Swiderski of Terriplan Consultants Ltd. to begin the process of organizing the workshop.

With regard to this workshop EMAB members are in charge of selecting the ideal candidates from their respective communities to attend the workshop. The dollar amount for this workshop, which includes the consultant's fee, should not exceed \$30,000.00.

Motion: #5-01-09-20

To approve the Terms of Reference for the EMAB Lac De Gras Caribou Monitoring Protocol Development with amended terms of reference. Andy Swiderski of Terriplan Consultants Ltd. is contracted as facilitator at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Moved by: Sandy Buchan

Seconded by: Floyd Adlem

Motion Carried: Unanimously.

Information Items (Distributed by Eric Yaxley, DIAND)

Mr. Yaxley indicated that the following documents are for additional information only.

- A community Guide to Protecting Indigenous Knowledge (submitted for library)
- Cumulative Environmental Assessment and Management Steering Committee (CEAMF) (Workshop Dec. 4-6, 2001)

There was some discussion on this upcoming workshop. The Executive Director indicated that she is interested in attending on behalf of EMAB. Mr. Yaxley suggested that he would inquire about getting EMAB a seat at this workshop.

- Responsible Authorities' Response to Public Comments on the Diavik Diamonds Project Comprehensive Study Report, September 1999 (submitted for library)

Mr. Yaxley indicated that some people may not have seen this report and may find it a relevant companion document to the CSR.

Action:

Mr. Yaxley went on to discuss the contribution agreement and asked that a letter be drafted stating expenditures to date (\$110,000 plus) and request the final \$150,000. Upon receipt of a letter, the contribution agreement will be processed.

Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer, Doug Doan led a discussion suggesting that the financial statements be codified. The board members agreed and decided that Mr. Doan would ensure budget and financial statements are prepared for the next meeting.

Action:

It was noted that the next meeting we would have a proper budget. It was noted that as soon as Kirstie Simpson arrives Doug and Kirstie to meet and deal with budget.

Work plan

There was a lengthy discussion on this item with regard to format and then the actual content as it related to the Environment Agreement (EA). Some board members were confused as to how the mandate relates to the goals of the Work plan. Mr. Adlem, Vice Chair, stated that the Executive along with Holly Newton, of GeoNorth spent a few hours on this document to try and arrange the goals/mandate to fit a Work plan for EMAB. He noted that this was a difficult exercise because of the way the EA is written.

Action:

It was agreed to rework the plan to reflect general to specifics by adding a column on left hand side with specific objectives of the board and provide an integrated approach to deal with the objective. In the next column state how EMAB will do the job. In the third column state specific initiatives or goals that EMAB wishes to achieve. Finally, insure that a to-do list is provided.

The Board members adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:45

Status Reports**Robert Turner**

Mr. Turner indicated that he made a successful presentation at Old Fort Rae in August 2001. In September 2001 he received an Award of Excellence for participating in the negotiating process of the Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. Project. He stated that he does not receive many questions with regard to the Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. Project. Mr. Turner indicated that he does not necessarily feel that he knows much about what is happening at the mine site and would like to be more involved in monitoring at the mine.

Cindy Gilday

Ms. Gilday indicated that the Yellowknives and Dogrib communities are continually asking about the mines activities. Ms. Gilday responded by stating that EMAB is not off the ground yet mentions this is a long term planning process. A representative of Rio Tinto from London England toured the site to document the relationship between Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. and aboriginal communities.

Eric Yaxley

The Canadian Institute of Resource Law (CIRL) has been contracted by DIAND to interview various NGO's such as EMAB, BHP and other parties to the Environmental Agreement to get a better understanding of how things are going with the various mines in the area. This review will be completed by November. Subsequently an invite to the Parties and their lead Environment person will be sent requesting a meeting to begin discussions of the future of the Environmental Agreement and EMAB. This review process is scheduled to be completed by March 2002/2003.

Action:

EMAB would like to receive the terms of reference given to CIRL.

Mr. Yaxley mentioned that DIAND is assessing the whole Environment Area within the Department and suggested that there may be changes in the approach to EA's in the future with new mines, oil and gas projects. DIAND is reviewing options for a program to deal with cumulative effects.

Alex Buchan

Red Peterson, Chairman of Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency for the BHP group and Mr. Buchan approached Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) suggesting that they make presentation to their board, however, the offer was declined. Mr. Buchan indicated that the Hunter's and Trappers Organization would be submitting a proposal to the EMAB upon completion of a water quality monitoring report they are currently developing.

Mr. Buchan mentioned the ISO 14, 000 standard request from Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. He inquired as to the general thoughts of the board with regard to this matter and suggested that the board may consider getting involved. He mentioned that DDMI should make presentation to EMAB on this item. The DDMI representative, Cindy Gilday, indicated that this particular item is still in the discussion phase with RioTinto.

Mr. Buchan referred to the live wolverine that entered the kitchen during the summer at the mine site. He suggested that EMAB requires a process to follow-up to ensure this is no longer an attractment.

Mr. Buchan suggested that the RWED Representative, Mr. Doan submit an update on behalf of RWED at regular EMAB meetings.

Florence Catholique

Ms. Catholique indicated that she makes regular home visits and communicates with the elders in her community. She indicated that the younger generation is not really concerned with monitoring issues and are more concerned with employment issues. The elders went to McKay area and Elmer Lake mostly to

observe Caribou. She stated that the elders wanted it noted that many of the Caribou are thin and diseased, with some injuries to their legs. Ms. Catholique also noted that Lutsel Ke' is interested in the TK workshop.

The elders are also concerned with safety at the mine site where there was some mention of the two deaths over the summer and the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Ms. Catholique mentioned that there is still some concern with the animals on site. Community members have been hearing rumours that Southerners are feeding the animals. It was noted that the contractors are not enforcing this issue and that it is not necessarily the fault of DDMI.

In closing Ms. Catholique stated that the Lutsel Ke's Participation Agreement will be signed on Monday September 24, 2001.

A statement came about inquiring whether Eric Madsen of DDMI had been successful in dealing with feeding the animals on site. It was noted that EMAB should find out about this particular issue.

Another point raised by Alex Buchan is that it is not good for Caribou to be slogging through crusty snow. The Caribou have had a difficult year and leg injuries have resulted. The Executive Director indicated that information received from RWED indicates that the Caribou are rather thin this year due to the large number of insects.

Other Business

There was discussion on the Geo Science Forum with regard to EMAB making presentation. The board agreed that it would be an excellent idea and asked that the Executive Director plan to attend and make a presentation on behalf of EMAB.

Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at the call of the Chair.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:42. PM.