Minutes

Giant Mine Oversight Board

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2019

Location: Bush Pilot Meeting Room, Explorer Hotel Call in details: 1-866-769-2211

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present:	Dr. Kathy Racher, Chair
	Ken Hall
	David Livingstone
	Dr. Ken Froese
	Mark Palmer
	Tony Brown (via conference call)
	Ben Nind, Executive Director (ED)
	Paul Green (Consultant)
Absent	Ken Hall

1. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Quorum was met.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

Motion: Moved: Ken Froese moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: David Livingstone

Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF GMOB MINUTES, April 29 & May 1, 2019

The Board reviewed the previous Minutes. One item was noted for correction.

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to accept the GMOB Minutes of April 29 & May 1, 2019

pending correction.

Seconded: Ken Froese

Motion carried.

4. Chairperson's Report

The Chair updated the Board on her activities since the last meeting. Most all of the activity has been focussed on the water licence process, drafting of comments and attendance at the recent technical sessions. She also noted the release of the GMRP Socio-Economic Strategy and the Project's budget forecast. Kathy has resumed regular meetings with Project Management and participated in the GMRP Risk Communication Workshop. She concluded by welcoming Mark Palmer to the Board.

5. Director Reports

Mark Palmer Thanked the Chair and the Board for the warm welcome. He remarked that, from the meetings he has attended so far, the scope of the Project has not substantially changed since his prior involvement. He noted that the Project is receiving comments from the Parties in a positive manner. He is looking forward to taking on a greater role, remarking that the 'observation' role of the Board is very different than active participation in project management.

David Livingstone Among other things, attended the first water licence technical session, participated in GMOB research program discussions and attended the initial GMRP Perpetual Care Plan meeting. He was contacted by the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce to sit on a panel for the Opportunities North Conference to speak about remediation opportunities but declined due to other commitments. He noted that at the recent GMRP Working Group meeting he attended with Mark earlier in the day, it was in his view evident that the Project Team still needs time to prepare and he was unsure how the MVLWB would be dealing with the uncertainties, including those related to the Giant boat launch.

Ken Froese Attended both of the water licence technical sessions, participated in the monthly YK Hemp meetings and participated in the GMRP Risk Communication Workshop. Ken expressed concerns about the management of risk communications by GNWT Health and the Project. He noted that GNWT was planning to hold a one day arsenic toxicity workshop for the public.

Action: Ken Froese to report back on the status of the risk communication initiative by the GNWT and the planned public workshop on Arsenic Toxicity.

Tony Brown Attended both of the water licence technical sessions. Tony noted his discomfort with the water licence being issued before important decisions about the remediation plan have been completed.

6. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reported on the activities of the GMOB administration since the last meeting. The Board discussed and made decisions on the following items:

Consulting Contract: Ginger Stones

The Board discussed the contracting of consulting services from Ginger Stones, past GMOB Board Member. The Board felt it was important to retain her expertise and Board experience and to assist with the transition of specific file knowledge. The Board also felt that it was important for Ginger to participate in the 2019 GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop.

Action: ED to set up a contract for consulting services with Ginger Stones.

Selection of Auditor

The contract with the current Auditor ended in September 2019. The ED requested quotes from three firms and two replied with formal quotes. The Board discussed the merits of both proposals.

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone to accept the EPR audit services proposal and for GMOB to engage in a one-year contract, with the possibility for renewal, for professional audit services.

Seconded: Mark Palmer

Motion carried.

Action: ED to set up a one-year contract for professional audit services with EPR.

Selection of GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop Facilitator

The Board had earlier asked the ED to ask Gaea Consulting for a proposal and quote to facilitate the 2019 GMOB Annual Report Writing workshop. Gaea had facilitated the workshop in 2018. Gaea submitted a formal proposal which the Board considered.

Motion: Moved: Tony Brown to accept the Gaea Consulting proposal and contract them to facilitate the 2019 GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop.

Seconded: Ken Froese **Motion carried.**

Action: ED to set up a one-year contract for facilitating the 2019 GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop with Gaea Consulting.

Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the following meeting dates:

October 16	GMOB -TERRE-NET Research	T. Brown, D. Livingstone, K. Froese, ED
October 16	MVLWB Pre-Hearing Conference	Chair, P. Green
October 18	HEMP	K. Froese
Oct/Nov (tbd)	GMOB – TERRE-NET -Dundee Research	T. Brown, D. Livingstone, K. Froese, ED
October 29-30	GMRP Perpetual Care	Chair, P. Green, K, Froese
October 31	GMRP Risk Communications	K. Froese, ED
Nov (tbd)	GMOB – CIRNAC Ottawa	T. Brown, Chair, ED
November 29	GMRP 2018 Annual Report submission	M. Palmer and Board
December 3	GMRP – NSMA Borrow Workshop	K. Hall
December 4	GMRP – YKDFN Borrow Workshop	K. Hall
December 5	GMRP – City of YK Borrow Workshop	K. Hall
Dec 11-12	GMOB 2019 Annual Report Writing Wkshop	Board, ED
January 15	GMOB Meeting	Board, ED
January 16	GMOB – GMRP Meeting	Board, ED
January 17	GMOB AGM, Semi-Annual Meeting	Board, ED
Jan 20 – 24	MVLWB Public Hearings	Board

7. Treasurers Report - T. Brown / ED

The ED presented the financial statements to date.

8. MVLWB Water Licence Process - K. Racher

The Chair referred this discussion to the session tomorrow.

9. GMRP Compensation Meeting Update – D.Livingstone / K Froese

D. Livingstone and K. Froese updated the Board on their observations of the recent meeting of the sailing and yacht clubs representatives and the GMRP Team. It appears that more discussion with all affected interests is essential before the issues can be fully clarified and compensation claims determined with any accuracy. The Board will continue to monitor the discussions.

10. GMRP Socio-Economic Strategy - K. Racher

The Chair noted the recent submission of the GMRP Socio-Economic Strategy. The Board asked M. Palmer take the lead on the file. GMOB to contract G. Stones to assist with the review of the Strategy. The Board highlighted the importance of socio-economic planning and the continued concern about the lack of progress in developing an action plan, baseline, and measurable performance indicators.

11. GMRP 2019 Annual Report – K Racher

The Chair informed the Board that the GMRP 2019 Annual Report would be submitted to GMOB at the end of November. M. Palmer agreed to lead the review.

12. YK HEMP - K Froese

Covered under the Director update.

13. Research Program Update - T. Brown

T. Brown updated the Board on the status of the GMOB Research Program noting incremental progress. The next steps are to complete the discussions with TERRE-NET and Dundee and establish the review panel for the unsolicited proposals.

Action: ED to setup a meeting with TERRE-NET and Dundee as well as the meeting with GMOB and CIRNAC in Ottawa.

14. Other Business

On-site Occupational Health Inquiry

The ED informed the Board of an inquiry from an on-site contract employee who had questions about urine testing protocols. The employee raised concerns about the lack of information in this regard from the employer. The Board recommended the ED contact Project management and inform them of the inquiry and also ask for a copy of the protocols for GMOB reference. K. Froese to work with the ED.

Action: ED to contact Project management requesting a copy of the arsenic testing protocols and informing them of the inquiry.

15. Next Meeting

The Board discussed the next meeting date.

Action: ED to set up the next Board meeting for late November.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Ken Froese **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Kathy Racher

Chair

Giant Mine Oversight Board

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Motions

1. Motion: Moved: Ken Froese moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: David Livingstone

Motion carried.

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Seconded: Ken Froese

Motion carried.

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Seconded: Mark Palmer

Motion carried.

4. Motion: Moved: Tony Brown to accept the Gaea Consulting proposal and contract them to facilitate the 2019 GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop.

Seconded: Ken Froese

Motion carried.

5. Motion: Moved: David Livingstone moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Ken Froese **Motion carried.**

Action Items:

- 1. **Action:** Ken Froese to report back on the status of the risk communication initiative by the GNWT and the planned public workshop on Arsenic toxicity.
- 2. **Action:** ED to set up a contract for consulting services with Ginger Stones.
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