

**GIANT MINE OVERSIGHT BOARD (GMOB) MEETING NOTES**  
**April 16, 2018, 2:00 p.m. (MT)**  
**GMOB Office, 5014-50<sup>th</sup> Ave., Yellowknife NT**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Present:	Dr. Kathy Racher, Chair Ken Froese Ken Hall David Livingstone Ben Nind, Executive Director (ED)
Via teleconference:	Ginger Stones Tony Brown
Regrets	Letitia Pokiak, Office Administrator (OA)

**1. WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Quorum was met.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

To be put under other business:

- International Congress and Exhibition on Arsenic in the Environment - Beijing, China
- IPRP Correspondence.
- Disposal Pits Correspondence.

**Motion: Moved:** Ginger Stones moved to approve the agenda.

**Seconded:** Ken Froese.

**Motion carried.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 8, 2018**

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Motion: Moved:** Tony Brown moved to approve the February 8, 2018 GMOB meeting minutes.

**Seconded:** Ken Froese

**Motion carried.**

**4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - Kathy Racher**

**a. Chair duties for the Oversight Board**

The Chair expressed her desire to pass the position of Chair to another member. The Board discussed this issue acknowledging the quality of the work done to date by the current Chair. It was agreed that the position must remain a resident of the region. It was noted that assignment of the officer positions is done at the Annual General meeting, scheduled for November 2018. The key responsibilities of the Chair and possible options for the delegation of duties were discussed. The Chair agreed to remain in the position until the upcoming AGM in order to give the Board time to consider their options.

**Action Item:** Kathy to put together a list of the responsibilities of the Chair and distribute them to the Board for consideration.

## **5. ROUND TABLE REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS**

David Livingstone asked that GMOB check on the status of the Federal Contaminated Site Action Plan (FSCAP) funding renewal.

Tony Brown noted that the Director of the Northern Contaminated Sites Program was on language training and wondered why GMOB was not officially informed about this.

Ginger Stones asked if administration had heard back from the Project Team about the Measure 6 meeting minutes. The ED responded that he had not heard back.

**Action Item:** Ginger Stones to call Joanna Ankersmit, Director of Northern Contaminated Sites Program regarding the FCSAP renewal, the status of the Project Manager, the GMOB letter to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) and the GMOB correspondence to the Prime Minister.

## **6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Executive Director's report was presented to the Board by the ED.

**Action Item:** ED to re-send the suggested GMOB applications of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Recommendations to the Board for their review.

## **7. GMOB Administrator's Education Leave Request, Chair Kathy Racher**

The Board discussed the education leave request from the GMOB OA and gave the ED the responsibility for making the final decision and communicating this with the employee.

**Action Item:** ED to decide on the education leave request of the Office Administrator, taking into account the Board discussion and inform the Board of that decision.

## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT – Tony Brown**

### **a. GMOB Financial Report to Date**

The Treasurer, Tony Brown, presented the financial report from the past years operations. The audited surplus will be carried forward for the Research Program next year.

### **b. Audit Schedule**

The audit schedule is:

May 2018 – financials to the auditor

June 2018 – audit completed

July 2018 – Board meets with the auditor

## **9. GMOB ANNUAL REPORT WRITING Review – Chair, Kathy Racher**

The Board discussed the writing of the 2017 GMOB Annual Report. A number of process models were considered. It was agreed that the workshop process after the semi-annual meetings was valuable. The Board agreed to discuss how to approach this for next year.

## **10. GMOB Annual Report Release – Kathy**

The Chair reported that the printed 2017 Annual Report hard copies are scheduled to arrive soon. The Ministers and their cc's would be sent their correspondence and report immediately. The Board agreed that the press and public release would be scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018.

### **a. Ministerial Letter Review**

Board review and discussion on the format and content of the Ministerial letter.

**Action Item:** ED to prepare the Ministerial letter for review by the Chair before it is sent out.

**b. Prime Minister Letter Review**

Board reviewed and discussed the format and content of the Prime Minister's letter.

**Action Item:** ED to prepare letter for review by the Chair and then send it to the Prime Minister within a week of the release of the 2017 Annual Report and cc'd accordingly.

**Action Item:** The Chair will contact the Regional Director General (RDG) to notify him of the letter to the Prime Minister.

**11. GMOB RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**a. Measure 6, Long Term Funding – Tony Brown and Ginger Stones**

The Board was updated on the recent meeting with the Project Team and its contractor for this Measure. The Board discussed the lack of progress and how involved GMOB should become with this Measure. It was noted that the minutes from the past meeting have not yet been provided to GMOB and the work plan on this Measure has not been delivered.

**Action Item:** Tony to work with Ginger to ask the Project Team for the work plan and past meeting Minutes regarding Measure 6.

**b. Measure 5, Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) – Kathy**

The Chair updated the Board stating that the QRA would be discussed at the next Giant Mine Working Group (GMWG) meeting and that an update would be forthcoming.

**c. Water License Legal Opinion – Kathy**

The Chair updated the Board on the status of the legal opinion. The Board discussed the draft correspondence and directed the Chair to complete the correspondence.

**Action Item:** Chair to work with the lawyer on the letter regarding the water license and send the final draft to the Board for their approval.

**12. GMOB Research Program Tony Brown and Ken Froese**

Tony updated the Board on his recent communications with Terre-Net. He stated that a document request was provided to INAC, who responded promptly. The next step is to submit the identified documents to INAC for transfer to GMOB and ultimately, Terre-Net. Also, a once a month call to the Terre-Net administrators would be planned for in the near future.

Tony mentioned that Terre-net is going to put a proposal together outlining their estimate for compensation of the document review. This will have to be approved by the Board before going forward.

David Livingstone indicated that he would be in Kitchener-Waterloo on May 4, 2018. If a meeting was scheduled at this time, he would meet with Terre-Net at the university.

**Action Item:** ED to contact Terre-Net to set up a meeting.

**13. GMOB Document Management System – ED**

The ED asked the Board for permission to look at options for sourcing out a document management system in light of the large document load about to be requested for the GMOB research program. The Board agreed.

**Action Item:** ED to work with a contractor to identify document management systems.

#### **14. GMOB Annual Public Meeting Planning**

The ED updated the Board on the progress made planning for the Annual Public Meeting. Ginger Stones also asked for feedback on the "Getting Started" document she had prepared for the socio-economic issue.

**Action Item:** ED to send out the "Getting Started" document and compile the Board's feedback in preparation for the Annual Public Meeting.

#### **15. GMOB Semi Annual and Giant Mine Remediation Project Team (GMRPT) Meeting**

The ED updated the Board on the progress made in planning for the GMOB Semi-Annual and GMRPT meetings.

**Action Item:** ED to develop a basic agenda with the Chair for both meetings and send it out to the Board for their review.

#### **16. Other Business**

##### **a. Conference Attendance - Tony Brown**

Tony updated that Board that the science abstract sent in for the International Congress and Exhibition on Arsenic in the Environment Beijing, China was accepted as a poster presentation. The Board discussed whether to attend or not. The Board decided to wait until the next conference.

Tony updated the Board on the upcoming Real Property Institute of Canada (RPIC) Federal Contaminated Sites National Workshop. The Board supported Tony in attending as he was in the Toronto area. Tony will share the agenda.

**Action Item:** Tony to further investigate attendance at the Beijing conference.

##### **b. Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) – Tony Brown**

The Board discussed notifying the IPRP about the GMOB Annual Report 2017 recommendation related to them.

**Action Items:** Tony to draft a letter to the IPRP highlighting the GMOB 2017 Annual Report recommendation.

##### **c. Disposal Information – Ken Hall**

Ken Hall updated the Board on the information brought to the attention of GMOB regarding the disposal of barrels of arsenic trioxide on the Giant Mine site. The Board discussed how to pass this information in a transparent manner to the Project.

**Action Item:** Ken Hall and the ED will check with the providers of the information to ensure they agree to have GMOB pass the information to the Project Team.

#### **17. NEXT MEETING**

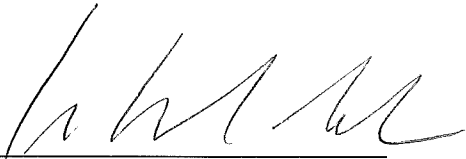
The next scheduled meeting is May 14, 2018.

**Motion: Moved:** Ken Froese to adjourn the meeting

**Seconded:** Ken Hall.

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Dr. Kathy Racher  
Chair  
Giant Mine Oversight Board

May 14, 2010  
Date

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Motions; GMOB Meeting Date April 16, 2018

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**Seconded:** Ken Froese.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion: Moved:** Tony Brown moved to approve the February 8, 2018 GMOB meeting minutes.

**Seconded:** Ken Froese

**Motion carried.**

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**Seconded:** Ken Hall.

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