

Minutes
Giant Mine Oversight Board
Date: Tuesday July 30, 2024
Time: Start at 12:30 am - 3:30 pm MST
GMOB Office - Zoom

Participants: GMOB Board of Directors, GMOB Staff

1. **Welcome** – D. Livingstone

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Moved: K. Hall moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded: G. Clinton

Motion carried.

2. **Approval of the GMOB Minutes of May 30, 2024.**

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the GMOB Minutes of May 30, 2024.

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

3. **Review of Past Action Items**

The Board reviewed the Action Items. All were completed.

4. **Executive Directors Report**

The Executive Director shared his report and answered questions regarding the Climate Change project with the University of Guelph and RFS Consulting. The Board discussed the status of the Yakum Project. Legal counsel for the Board has been unable to contact legal counsel for Barrick (which holds the rights to the treatment process) despite numerous attempts.

Motion: Moved: D. Livingstone moved to withdraw GMOB support for the Yakum research proposal.

Seconded: K. Hall

Motion carried.

Action Item: ED to inform Yakum that the GMOB has withdrawn its support for Yakum's unsolicited proposal.

5. **GMOB 2023 Draft Financial Statement presentation** – Meera Basnyat, EPR

Meera Basnyat of EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation presented the draft 2023 GMOB Financial Statement and addressed questions from the Board.

Motion: Moved: G. Clinton moved to approve the 2023 GMOB Financial Statement.

Seconded: M. Palmer
Motion carried.

6. **Treasurers Report** – K. Hall and ED

The Treasurer and the ED presented the financial report. Two spreadsheets were reviewed by the Board and suggestions were made for improvements. The Board agreed that budgets for specific projects should be prepared at the beginning of the year and reported quarterly. It was agreed that time would be set aside during the GMOB Annual Report Writing Workshop to do this.

Action Item – ED to adjust the projected variance report for projects as and share with the Board.

7. **GMOB Research Program** – M. Lange

a. GMOB Research Budget

M. Lange presented the Board with the proposed GMOB Research Program budget. The Board discussed its research priorities in consideration of the constraints of the research budget.

Motion: Moved: K. Froese moved to contract Dundee Sustainable Technologies for Laboratory Glass Optimization (\$66,000.00) and Glass Sample Production and Preparation (60,000.00) for a total of \$126,000.00.

Seconded: M. Lange
Motion carried.

Action Item – ED to contact Dundee Sustainable Technologies to set up the required contract to produce the vitrified glass.

Motion: Moved: M. Lange moved to contract Terre-Net for ATRW Characterization for \$50,000.00 plus administration fees for 2024-2025.

Seconded: K. Froese
Motion carried.

Action Item – ED to contact the University of Waterloo to confirm the budget for the ATRW characterization research for 2024-2025.

Motion: Moved: K. Hall moved to budget \$30,000.00 for an extraction technology study.

Seconded: G. Clinton
Motion carried.

Action Item – ED to work with M. Lange to identify a contractor to confirm the budget for the ATRW extraction study for 2024-2025.

b. GMOB Research Strategy

M. Lange gave the Board a high-level presentation of the draft GMOB Research Strategy, asking the Board to review the document and share their comments by August 14, 2024. The final document will be provided at the next meeting for Board approval.

Action Item – ED to contact T. Slack for his take on the origin of the GMOB research program as he was part of the negotiating team which established the Environmental Agreement.

8. **Director Updates**

M. Palmer stated that he had attended recent meetings of the Socio-Economic Working Group and the Giant Mine Working Group.

K. Froese updated the Board on his attendance at the recent conference in Edmonton. He noted that the both the Project and Parsons presenters were uncomfortable with any questions that challenged some of the content of the presentations. He also updated the Board on his comments regarding recent Air Quality Monitoring reports that showed arsenic and iron above limits. He has asked for an explanation of this but has received no satisfactory reply regarding the exceedances.

M. Lange stated that he had been busy with both the research program and development of the research strategy.

P. Green updated the Board on his regulatory reviews. He has completed four reviews since the Board had last met and had also noted some activity on the site related to minor spills, land being cleared without a wildlife survey and commented on possible causes of the dust exceedance.

G. Clinton updated the Board on his meeting with D. Livingstone with the GNWT regarding the aspirational employment targets of the Project. He stated also that employment records for the entire Project should be compiled and shared much earlier in the year that is done now. Graeme also updated the Board on his attendance at the AGM of the Sailing Club meeting, noting that the Project Team

did not show up even though they were on the agenda. He also noted that a local contractor raised concerns with him about troubling working conditions at the site.

Action Item – ED to follow up with G. Clinton and document the contractor concerns.

K. Hall updated the Board on his attendance at the Project’s public meeting of the boating community. It was not well attended by the general boating community and discussions focussed mainly on the concerns of the sailing club. He suggested that GMOB could reach out and host a public session in the fall to bring boaters together and have the Project share their information and then facilitate public feedback. Ken also shared that he had been on the recent site tour.

Action Item – ED scope out a possible outreach meeting with the boating community in the fall of 2024 and present a draft schedule for event at the next Board meeting.

D. Livingstone shared his thoughts about the meeting with the GNWT, his attendance at the RPIC conference in Edmonton, and a potential meeting with senior GNWT officials to follow up on GMOB’s concerns regarding economic aspects of the Project. David also raised the issue of Homes North and its plan for a large workcamp as well as the press coverage of a recent bench study regarding arsenic release during forest fires.

9. **New Business**

G. Clinton raised the issue of the job posting for the Executive Director. There was a brief discussion regarding this that would be followed up on at the next meeting.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for the end of September,

11. **Adjournment**



Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

September 01, 2024

Date

Motions

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Motion carried.
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