

Seed Transfer TAC Forest Genetics Council

Meeting minutes

October 28, 2011

9:00 – 9:40 pm

Room 202, 727 Fisgard Street, Victoria. BC

Meeting called by Lee Charleson

Attendees: Lee Charleson, Diane Douglas, Darrell Wood

Dial-in attendees: Sally Aitken, Guy Burdikin, Scott King, Greg O'Neill, John Russell, Annette van Niejenhuis, Nick Ukrainetz, Jack Woods

Regrets: Leslie McAuley, Craig Wickland

DRAFT AGENDA:

1. Agenda changes/additions
2. Review the action items of the last meeting
3. Project status for this year
 - a. Budget and expenditures this fiscal
 - b. Update on current work and projects
4. Call for proposals; contents and timing
5. Set a date for the ministry genecology program for strategic direction
6. Other

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Jack, Lee and Darrell:** prepare a draft of the call for proposals and have it reviewed, finalized and posted by early December if not earlier.
- **Lee:** organize a STTAC meeting in late January or early February 2012.

MEETING NOTES:

1. **Review agenda**
 - Jack has an item to add about Phil LePage's work and report from last fiscal
2. **Review action items from March 3, 2011 meeting**
 - i. *Completed:* Budget was forwarded to Council and accepted as per recommended as \$627,296.
 - ii. *Partially completed.* See item 5.

3. Project status for this fiscal year

- All proposed work is underway. There are 4 contracts issued from the call for proposals, plus the ministry genecology research. At this time, we expect the budget will be spent and no funds will be turned back to council.

4. Call for proposals

- The call for proposals will be reviewed by Jack, Lee and Darrell and then sent out to committee members as early in November as possible. The earlier the document is finalized the sooner the call can be posted. The aim is to have the call posted before the end of November or early December at the very latest.

5. Set a date for the ministry genecology program for strategic direction

- It was decided to review of the Ministry genecology business plan as follows:
 - i. John and Nick will update the document by December 31, 2011,
 - ii. document will be reviewed by STTAC members in January 2012 (note- you are requested to state your questions in an email and send them to John and Nick), and
 - iii. a meeting will be set for late in January or early February to have a discussion about the plan and to answer questions.

6. Off site plantation assessments

- Jack discussed with Phil LePage the possibility that he or one of his colleagues take on similar assessments of older trials using non-local seed sources and non-local species as the one Phil completed last year for this TAC. Phil will put out feelers for others to do similar projects in other areas of the province. This TAC supports this kind of work if it can be done. One comment was that there were a large number of these types of plantations in the Smithers area and relatively good documentation and that may not exist elsewhere.

7. Next meeting date to be determined but will be around late January or early February, 2012:

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1-877-353-9184 toll free North America
604-681-0260 Vancouver local
Participant access code ID: 8975849 #

Meeting finished at 9:40

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