

Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative  
April 15, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – University of Idaho Extension Office

**Board Members in Attendance:**

David Sims, Mayor, City of Bonners Ferry & KVRI Co-chair  
Wally Cossairt, Boundary County Commissioner & (Alt.) KVRI Co-chair  
Gary Aitken, Jr., Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Chairman & KVRI Co-chair  
Sandy Ashworth, Social/Cultural/Historical Interests  
Ed Atkins Jr., Corporate Agriculture/Landowner  
Dave Wattenbarger, Soil Conservation/Landowner  
Kevin Knauth, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, US Forest Service (USFS)  
Jim Cadnum, Industrial/Forest  
Kennon McClintock, (Alt.) Conservationist/Environmentalist  
Rhonda Vogl, KVRI Facilitator & Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTOI)  
Sherrie Cossairt, KVRI Recording Secretary & Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (KTOI)

**Agency/Others in Attendance:**

Angela Cooper, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Vice-Chairman & (Alt.) KVRI Co-chair  
Kurt Pavlat, Bureau of Land  
Marty Martinez, Citizen  
Carol Kriebs, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Environmental Director  
Sid Smith, Senator Jim Risch's office  
Karen Roetter, Senator Mike Crapo's office  
Jim Woodward, State Senator, District 1  
Pat Murphy, Citizen  
Eric Lederhos, EL Internet  
Tyler Nimke, Stimson Lumber  
Britt Madison, Stimson Lumber  
David Eby, Citizen

**Opening:**

Co-Chair, David Sims opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting; introductions followed.

The March 18, 2019 KVRI Board Meeting Draft Notes were approved as corrected. Sherrie corrected the notes with 2 additional attendees that were missed on the sign in sheet.

Sherrie's Retirement Cake was served.

**Introduction to Stimson Lumber Company Presentation: Britt Madison, Idaho Manager for Stimson Lumber**

Britt Madison began working for Stimson Lumber about 29 years ago. At that time Stimson had 75,000 acres and it has grown to approximately 580,000 acres located in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

In Idaho they have 164,000 acres divided into 3 management areas: Coeur d'Alene, St. Maries and Benewah. Tyler Nimke manages the Coeur d'Alene area and is the local contact for Bonner and Boundary County.

#### History of Stimson Lumber

- Stimson was founded in 1850 by Theodore Douglas Stimson (TD) in Clare County, Michigan.
- TD and his sons moved westward in the 1890's to grow and expand the family business
- In 1899 purchased lands in Snohomish County, WA and Tillamook County, OR
- Purchased his first Mill in Ballard WA

#### Stimson Today

- Stimson Lumber has 6 sawmills (3 in Oregon and 3 in Idaho) employing approximately 490 people
- Idaho stud mills are located in Plummer, Priest River and St. Maries
- Stimson Headquarters is in Portland OR
- Stimson is a privately held company with 6 generations of family members
- Stimson's philosophy is to own and manage timberlands for their shareholders while benefiting wildlife and supporting jobs and economies in rural communities into perpetuity

#### **Stimson Conservation Partners**

- Idaho Department of Lands
- Idaho Fish & Game
- Trust for Public Land (TPL)
- The Nature Conservancy
- Inland NW Land Conservancy

#### **Stimson Lumber's Idaho Conservation Easements**

- Bonner/Boundary Forest Stewardship Plan made up of 4 plans
  - ◇ McArthur Lake Plan
  - ◇ McArthur Lake East
  - ◇ McArthur Lake Wildlife Corridor
  - ◇ Kootenai Valley Forest Legacy
- Clagstone Meadows/Cape Horn Management Plan
- Sandborn Forest Stewardship Plan
- Total 24,237 acres

Britt discussed Stimson's inland tree growing initiative, reforestation, their accelerated pre-commercial thinning program, quality assurance sites and their scheduled seedling planting currently underway.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Forestry Committee Update-Kevin Knauth**

#### **Camp Robin Project**

- Signed decision– March 12<sup>th</sup>
- FY19 Camp Dawson Stewardship Sale -3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.
- FY20 Robin Hood Timber Sale- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.

#### **Boulder Project**

- FY19- Black Boulder GNA sale coming out this summer
- FY20-Two additional sales, 1 Stewardship and 1 Timber Sale

#### **Caribou/Snow Project**

- Located in Selkirks, from Caribou Creek Drainage north past Myrtle Drainage
- Collect the initial field data this summer
- Do the analysis over the winter
- Deliver a decision probably a year from this fall
- Will be scheduling a meeting with the Forestry Committee soon to look at opportunities

#### **Bog Creek**

- Objection period ended April 2
- Received 10 Objection letters
- Currently working through those letters

### **Over Snow Vehicle Travel- Kevin Knauth**

#### **Winter Travel Planning on North Zone**

- Internally the Forest Service has developed a map and will be fine tuning it
- This map will be used for public comment and suggestions
- The Forest Plan encourages motorized recreation across the forest including winterized but not at the detriment to wildlife
- Will result in a map that identifies the areas permitted to ride snow vehicles in
- Decision will most likely be September of next year

Other Items:

#### **Prescribed Burning**

- Brushy Mission II area a little slow with the moisture, burning to prepare for planting
- More burning planned when things dry out
- Snow Creek/Snow Way burning planned

#### **Black Mountain Lookout Tower**

- Meeting to determine the logistics of the relocation this summer

- Tower has been stored for the winter and the new site has been prepped
- Volunteer groups are ready and waiting to help with relocation activities

#### **CLFRP Update:**

The project area will have 2 additional years of funding for FY20 and FY21

If congress appropriates sufficient dollars, we should have about 1.5 million in each fiscal year

Beyond those 2 years, reauthorized CFLRP through FY 2023

Internally looking at what those 2 years beyond FY21 may look like

#### **TMDL Sub-committee Update- Rhonda Vogl**

- TMDL Sub-committee meeting scheduled on May 15, 8:30 am at the Kootenai Tribal Office
- Informal discussion with EPA about the TMDL Lower Kootenai & Moyie River Subbasin
- Temperature monitor cables and laptop for the citizens monitor team coming and monitors will go back into the streams soon

#### **Correspondence:**

- Tim Kastning reported Congressman Russ Fulcher is in town to meet with elected officials tomorrow.
- Work is underway on replacing the Swinging Bridge at Kootenai Falls

#### **Senator Jim Woodward Update**

- Senate Bill 1037 Surveyor Access to private land/ Surveyor Right of Access
- New piece of legislation that guarantees/ puts in place a process for land surveyors licensed to access property
- 7 day written notification to access property if the owner cannot be contacted or verbal approval is also acceptable

#### **Next KVRI Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Boundary County Extension Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sherrie Cossairt,

KTOI/KVRI Admin. Assistant