

**Transboundary Grasslands Partnership
Core Team
Conference Call Notes
February 13, 2017**

Participants: Kerry LaForge, Krista Todd, Pat Fargey, Ron McNeil, Linda Cerney, Jeremy Pittman, Ian Dyson, Tim Romanow, Marisa Sather and Sasha Harriott

1. Debriefing/Follow-up from Swift Current Workshop

- Workshop went well, interesting and people seemed to enjoy the workshop.
- Positive feedback from participants.
- Really interesting cross-section of people and decent mix from both sides of the border. Enjoyed Miles and Robin's presentation
- Engagement of Montana representatives was really good. Seem to be looking forward to being the hosts for the next workshop.
- Some people were disappointed with repeated presentations when they wanted more time for networking.
- Went over really well, good mix of stakeholders, landowners and agencies.
- Clearly at an introductory phase, loved the involvement with First Nations.

2. Comments on survey results

- Overlap between indigenous forum and repetition of presentations was brought up on a number of occasions
- Liked comment about more Canada if in USA and more USA if in Canada.
- Initial question was the workshop successful, 17 said very successful and 10 said somewhat successful. What are the factors that made it not as successful? Maybe people didn't understand the focus of the workshop, maybe had different expectations. No one said that the workshop was not successful.
- Going forward need to make sure planning of First Nations piece is a part of the agenda from the beginning. Need to be inclusive and supportive of this piece.
- Need to come back to the comments when planning the next workshop.

3. Financials and loose ends to tie up

Action: Any expenses from Miles, Paulette Fox – Sasha to follow up.

Action: Capture In-kind contributions and add in PCF – Sasha

Action: Get in-kind tracking from MRWCC – Tim

Action: Get in-kind tracking from SODCAP – Krista

4. Final Report

Action: Jeremy to get feedback to Shirley by the end of the week.

Action: Sasha to set up a document share by the end of the day.

- Facilitator feedback – Provided her with necessary training to enhance her

skills. Basic report with a lot of content provided to compose the report.

Action: All members to comment on Shirley's questions.

- Graphics may not make sense to someone that was not attending the workshop. We need the facts, what was discussed at the workshop
- The Elkwater report really shone and highlighted the themes from each jurisdiction, which proved useful for moving forward.

5. Communications

- Sent an item to the newspaper.

Action: Send out article from Prairie Post to the group with the article about PCF.

- How are we communicating back to attendees, how are we connecting and communicating within our own organizations.
- Consider compiling and send out quarterly newsletters if and when there is capacity and funding to do this.

6. Application for funding

- Looking for \$30000 USD for fiscal 2017 starting in October
- Submitted a 2 year workplan
- Completed by Ian, Jeremy and Paulette, Pat Fargey
- Submission was additionally sent to the coordinator and financial manager for the LCC.

Action: Determine the timeline for hearing back if successful. - Jeremy/others

7. 2017 Core Team and Chair

- Is the core team representative of the people we want at the workshops?
- It is difficult to have many members on a core group. What is the maximum number for the group?
- Need a geographic balance and balance of interests within the group.
- Post notes from conference calls on the PCF website, the link can be shared within each others organizations and a distribution list to be maintained by PCF. Further involvement to be determined by PCF Board.
- Need to determine who the next chair of the Core Team. Ian will be retiring in the spring and will no longer chairing the initiative. Should consider a chair that rotates between jurisdictions if possible.

Action: Ian to approach Linda Cerney about chairing. - Ian

- Tim is willing to help out in the chairing position, but not entirely stepping into the role.
- Would be good to get Sustainable Beef Initiative both Canada and US involved.

Action: Tim will approach Sustainable Beef Canada

Action: Marisa will approach Sustainable Beef USA

- Jeff Nelson's contact from WWF, would be great to get them involved.
- Brian Martin would be great to have on the team

8. 2017 Workplan (preliminary discussion)

- Will post notes from all calls to PCF Website
- Funding application has been made
- Workshop for 2018

9. Next Steps

- Get comments to Shirley on the Workshop Report
- Sasha will set up the share site for the report comments
- Sasha will post notes to the website.
- Find out when the deadline from Prairie Plains and Potholes LCC response back on application.

10. Next Call

- Second Monday of the month at 1PM
- March 13th at 1PM

Action: Send out Outlook reminder for Transboundary Grasslands Partnership Core conference calls. - Sasha