


DRAFT MEETING MINUTES	Mon. April 27 2020 9:30-11:00 am Online / Phone Zoom Link (see invitation)	
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Co-Chair: CVRD Chair Aaron Stone **Participants:** Chief William (Chip) Seymour (co-Chair), David Anderson, David Slade, Debra Toporowski, Lori Iannidinaro, Kristine Sandhu, Alison Nicholson, Dale Derocher, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard, Shannon Waters (10:30), Tim Kulchyski (10:30) **Guests:** Brian Houle, Catalyst Paper, Oliver Brandes (POLIS) **Minutes/Tech support:** Jill Thompson (250-709-0492 for help) **Absent:** Stuart Pagaduan, David Froese

1	Welcome	Aaron welcomed participants with quick round-table of intros.	
2	Approve Agenda	Add Danielle Paydii to join us under “Other” RE BC Water Security Coalition.	Approved.
3	Review and approve the Minutes of February meeting.	No changes. (No minutes for March)	Approved.
4	Updates from Executive Director	<p>Tom presented update. See presentation.</p> <p>Tom flagged that the Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan will take more staff time, and require a new ‘hire’ if it proceeds.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funds could come from DWWP fee for service contract or from the province. • other projects of this type/scale in the province have budgets of \$1million/yr x 3 yrs. • role for CWB might require from 2 days/mo to ½ time position plus funds to support research, events, etc. • CVRD staff can’t work on this unless budget it allocated. • CWB core funding/budget hasn’t changed in 10 years yet Koksilah work 	- Suggestion that CWB considers proposing fee for service funding from CVRD for Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan work if it advances.

		<p>has been added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suggestion that CWB could make proposal to CVRD. • question about whether BC Watershed Sustainability Fund will help (unlikely). 	
5	<p>Cowichan River in-season Water Management</p> <p>a) Current Situation update</p> <p>b) In season decision-making framework</p>	<p>Brian Houle updated the Board on current river levels</p> <p>Tom spoke about the In-season decision making framework.</p> <p>See links for details.</p>	Information
6	<p>Outreach Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Websites, Videos, Mascots, CoVid adjustments 	<p>Jill provided updates on CWB outreach efforts. See presentation.</p>	Information
7	<p>Other- BC Watershed Security Coalition</p>	<p>Danielle Paydii requested that CWB consider adding our name to the BC Watershed Security Coalition and provided details of the Coalition's purpose statement.</p> <p>Chief Seymour reflected on the past 10 years and increasing flooding and drought, and spoke in support of the efforts to work together to secure provincial funding for watershed projects.</p>	<p>Motion that CWB join BC Watershed Security Coalition moved by David S; 2nd by Alison. Carried.</p> <p>Direction to staff to draft a list of tangible, shovel-ready project suggestions for the Coalition's stimulus funding proposal. Circulate list to Board for approval.</p>
	Adjourn.	Next meeting May 25 9:30am	Adjourned 11:3am