



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-11 September 2019
Location: Whatì Culture Centre, Whatì, NT

Board Members:

Eddie Erasmus (Tłıchǫ Appointee)
Charlie Jeremick'ca (Tłıchǫ Appointee)
Joseph Judas (Chair)
Isabelle Duclos (Federal Appointee)
Suzanne Carrière (GNWT Appointee)
Eddie Chocolate (Tłıchǫ Appointee)

Staff:

Jody Pellissey
Aimee Guile
Shalyn Norrish
Randi Jennings

Translators:

James Rabesca
Violet Mackenzie

Regrets

Steve Matthews (GNWT Appointee)
Chris Football (Tłıchǫ Appointee)
Stu Niven (Federal Appointee)

Guests:

Joe Champlain, Elder
Whatì Community Members
Myra Robertson, ECCC

Call to Order: 9:49 a.m.

Opening Prayer & Comments: Joe Champlain

Joe Champlain welcomed the Board to the community of Whatì and noted it was good that the Board had come to the community to meet; elders were happy to hear about the meeting as it is good to have traditional involvement. He noted that the Board had a heavy agenda and hoped that good decisions would be made on behalf of the region. He appreciated being asked to give the opening prayer, noting that elders are spiritual and could not do what they do without the creator. He liked the set up of the Board. He noted that often decisions are made without community input and that the onus is on the community to talk to WRRB members. He said it is good to bring history into discussions as many young people do not know their own history.

1.0 Agenda and Previous Minutes

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion #652-10-09-2019

To approve the 10-11 September 2019 agenda as presented

Moved:
Second:

Suzanne Carrière
Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

1.2 Approval of Minutes – 15 February 2019, 7-9 May 2019, 5 June 2019, 19 August 2019

15 February 2019

Motion #653-10-09-2019

To approve the 15 February 2019 minutes as presented

Moved:
Second:

Eddie Erasmus
Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

7-9 May 2019

Motion #654-10-09-2019

To approve the 7-9 May 2019 minutes as presented

Moved:
Second:

Charlie Jeremick'ca
Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

5 June 2019

Motion #655-10-09-2019

To approve the 5 June 2019 minutes as presented

Moved:
Second:

Isabelle Duclos
Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

19 August 2019

Tabled until next meeting.

1.3 Review of Action Items

Outstanding action items list was tabled and reviewed.

2.0 Business

2.1 Review and Approval of Bathurst Caribou Reasons for Decision Report

In May 2019, the Board discussed and made recommendations for the Bathurst Caribou related to the joint management proposal, entitled "*Joint Proposal on Management Actions for the Bathurst Ekwò (Barren-ground caribou) Herd: 2019 – 2021*", submitted by GNWT and TG in January 2019. However, in June 2019, the WRRB technical advisors identified that the Board has not received the 2018

Bathurst Calving Ground Report from ENR and the Tłıchq Government. As such, the Board decided to delay the submission of the Bathurst Caribou Reasons for Decision Report and adjourned the proceeding until the report was provided.

The 2018 Bathurst Calving Ground Report was received on August 9, 2019. As such, the staff and technical advisors prepared the draft Bathurst Reasons for Decision Report, which resulted in some changes to the original recommendations made in May 2019.

Motion #656-10-09-2019

To rescind WRRB Motion #631-08-05-2019

Moved:

Eddie Erasmus

Second:

Charlie Jeremick'ca

Motion Approved

Draft Bathurst Caribou Reasons for Decision Report with revised recommendations tabled

- Determination #1 – extend TAH of 0 to the 2019/20 and 2020/21 harvest seasons
- Recommendation #1 – TG and GNWT to evaluate the effectiveness of the mobile zone
- Recommendation #2 – make clear that up to four community monitors to be hired PER community
- Recommendation #3 – evaluate the effectiveness of the wolf incentive program, request specific monitoring information but not limited to
- Recommendation #4 – need to ensure clarity between GNWT incentive program and TG harvester training program
- Recommendation #5 – request information to determine the number of wolves that need to be removed by the incentive program and the training program, remove “3) *commit to monitoring to detect effectiveness and efficiency of wolf removal and benefit to caribou*” as already dealt with in recommendations #3 and 4
- Recommendation #6 – Grizzly Bear biological assessment (recommendation from 2016), to add wolverine to the work to be conducted; include both NWT and Nunavut, assessment should include both traditional knowledge and science
- Recommendation #7 – request a document that will outline how TG, GNWT, and GN will work together and move forward with this work; needs to be reviewed by legal counsel
- Recommendation #8 – talk to communities annually about the Boots on the Ground program
- Recommendation #9 – encourage harvest of alternative country foods
- Recommendation #10 – exchange of information with Tłıchq communities about population declines as well as educate the general public about population declines and factors

- Recommendation #11 – photo survey every two years and should happen at same time as adjacent herds
- Recommendation #12 – pregnancy monitoring, including community-based sampling
- Recommendation #13 – discuss with each Tłıchǵ community about whether a meat replacement program is wanted and how to implement, e.g. freezers (each community will have their own priorities, allows communities to provide its own solutions); combine #9 and #13, hardship alleviation measures, food security framework exists
- Recommendation #14 – Tłıchǵ Research & Monitoring (TRM) program should be implemented
- Recommendation #15 – climate change observations to be collected during Boots on the Ground Program as well as TRM program, feed into an adaptive management framework
- Recommendation #16 – adaptive management framework, both science and TK, WRRB led

Motion #657-10-09-2019

To accept Determination #1 and Recommendations #1-16 as amended for the Bathurst Caribou Reasons for Decision Report

Moved:
Second:

Charlie Jeremick'ca
Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

ACTION #459-10-09-2019 (ED): To complete final Bathurst Caribou Herd Reasons for Decision Report and forward to TG and GNWT.

2.2 GNWT and TG Response – Bluenose-East Caribou Reasons for Decision Report

The WRRB submitted its “*Report on a Public Hearing Held by the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board 9-11 April 2019 Behchokò, NT & Reasons for Decisions Related to a Joint Proposal for the Management of the Sahti Ekwò` (Bluenose-East Caribou) Herd*” to GNWT and TG on June 16, 2019. A joint response was received on August 21, 2019 with five recommendations accepted and eleven varied. No major concerns were identified.

ACTION #460-10-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to TG and GNWT acknowledging receipt of response for the Bluenose-East Caribou Reasons for Decision Report.

2.3 Wildlife Research Permit Application – Collaring of Bathurst Barren-ground Caribou at Water Crossings

One of the recommendations from the Kok'èeti Ekwò Joint Management Proposal, which the WRRB agreed to, was increased biological monitoring, including increasing the total number of collars to 70 (50 cows and 20 bulls). Typically, collaring of ʔekwò occurs on the winter range assisted by a

helicopter. ENR would like to deploy GPS collars on adult female and male Ɂekwò at traditional water crossings on Contwoyto Lake.

A maximum of 36 Ɂekwò (26 Cows and 10 Bulls) will be equipped with GPS collars. The crew will drive up to the Ɂekwò as it is swimming. One handler will secure the Ɂekwò while the other handler samples and attaches the collar. Staff followed up with the GNWT about a series of questions to clarify the methodology of the proposal.

Board Members noted that the method has been used in the past and were curious as to why it had been stopped; request that GNWT provide the Wildlife Care Committee comments for the Board's review; uncertain that 2-3 minutes would be enough time to collar and concerns that caribou will be disturbed by the presence of people at the crossing, possibly affect migration?; concerns about the safety of the caribou and handlers (large antlers on bulls), concerns about Tłıchq laws that cannot hit a caribou with a stick or poke with a paddle; if procedure were to go ahead, it should be required to record the procedure (photographs and film) to make a technical report, must include Tłıchq community members in developing the project and methodology; and, heard at the public hearing to leave the caribou alone.

ACTION #463-11-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to ENR requesting additional information for inclusion in new WRP application and attendance of ENR personnel at next meeting to discuss.

2.4 Review and Approval of *Wildlife Act* Regulation Amendments – Creation of Deer Harvesting Season

Starting July 1, 2019, new restrictions on importing live deer or specific deer parts from harvested animals were put in place under the NWT *Wildlife Act* regulations. These restrictions will help prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) into local cervid populations, such as moose and caribou.

New deer hunting seasons in the NWT (July 1 to June 30) would only be applicable to licensed GHL and RES harvesters. There are no changes for Aboriginal harvesters exercising their harvesting rights within their traditional use area – they can already harvest deer with no limits or conditions.

The amended regulations under the *Wildlife Act* are 1) the removal of all associated tag fees for licensed white-tailed or mule deer harvesters and 2) the conditions on the harvest including a mandatory tag, mandatory reporting, and mandatory sample submission of the head. ENR anticipates the proposed seasons and conditions for licensed harvesters will be enacted before the close of the 2019/20 hunting season.

Board Members noted that an awareness campaign and education material should be provided for Tłıchq communities.

Motion #658-10-09-2019

To support the creation of a deer harvest season in the NWT

Moved: Isabelle Duclos
Second: Charlie Jeremick'ca
Abstain: Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

ACTION #461-10-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to ENR supporting creation of a deer harvest season in the NWT.

2.5 Review and Approval of NWT General Status Ranking Program – Batch 1

The NWT General Status Ranking Program has been compiling official species lists for the NWT and ranking the general status of species using a simple set of categories. The program is part of the *Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk in Canada* and is done in coordination with the Government of Canada, wildlife co-management boards, and all provincial and territorial governments in Canada.

The WRRB is being consulted on the species to be included in the *NWT Species 2021-2025*, which is to be published by early 2021. The consultation will occur in six “batches” of species. Batch 1 has been provided to the Board for review and approval by September 30, 2019. Batch one includes harvestmen, pseudoscorpions, earthworms, ticks, fleas, starfishes, cephalopods (octopus and squids), and marine bivalves

Motion #659-10-09-2019

To approve the schedule for review of batches for the NWT General Status Ranking Program

Moved: Eddie Erasmus
Second: Eddie Chocolate
Abstain: Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

Motion #660-10-09-2019

To approve Batch 1 of the NWT General Status Ranking Program as presented

Moved: Charlie Jeremick'ca
Second: Isabelle Duclos
Abstain: Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

ACTION #462-10-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to ENR approving schedule and Batch 1 of the NWT General Status Ranking Program.

2.6 Environment and Climate Change Canada Items

a. Review and Approval of Proposed Migratory Bird Regulation Amendments, Myra Robertson, ECCC

PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Proposed Amendments to the Migratory Birds Regulations (MBR) Modernization: Overview of Key Proposed Amendments and Next Steps*", tabled

Since coming into force in 1917, the *Migratory Birds Regulations* (MBRs) have never been subject to a comprehensive review. Amendments are proposed to increase clarity and improve the management of migratory bird conservation and hunting in Canada. The proposed changes will expressly acknowledge Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982, and will clarify the interaction between the MBRs and Section 35 rights.

The revised MBRs were published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, on June 1st, 2019. The comment period was open until July 31, 2019; however, an extension was requested and granted for September 30, 2019. Final regulations are anticipated to be published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II in spring 2020, and to come into force for the fall 2020 hunting season.

WRRB Legal Counsel reviewed and provided a legal opinion on the proposed MBRs. Board Members noted the requirement for the final draft MBRs to be provided to the WRRB as a management proposal, as per Section 12.5.1 of the Tłı̄chq Agreement. Members also requested presentations about ongoing ECCC research programs (e.g. black ducks) at future meetings.

ACTION #458-10-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to ECCC to provide comments on the proposed migratory game bird regulation amendments and remind of the requirements of Section 12.5.1 of the Tłı̄chq Agreement.

b. Review and Approval of Posting of Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee Recovery Strategy

PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Proposed Recovery Strategy for the Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee*", tabled

The Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee is a parasitic species found across Canada with the exception of Nunavut. The Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee was assessed as Endangered by COSEWIC in 2014 and listed in 2018 under SARA. The population has declined significantly between 1995 and 2010. The major threat facing Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bees is the loss or decline of its host bees. Its hosts are in turn threatened by pathogens from managed bumble bees and honeybees, invasive bumble bee species, pesticides, and climate change. Since 2014 Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bees have been frequently found in northwestern Canada, and populations are thought to be at or near historic levels there.

Consultation packages were sent by mail and email to Tłı̄chq communities. No responses were received.

Board Members noted the critical habitat identified around Fort Simpson does not include sample collected at Checkpoint (60km from Fort Simpson). Recommended to request that critical habitat be identified as the entire range for the NWT and Western Canada.

Motion #661-11-09-2019

To support the posting of the Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee Recovery Strategy to the Species at Risk public registry

Moved:

Eddie Erasmus

Second:

Suzanne Carrière

Abstain:

Isabelle Duclos

Motion Approved

ACTION #464-11-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to ECCC supporting the posting of the Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee Recovery Strategy to the SAR public registry with additional comments about critical habitat.

c. Review and Approval of Downlisting of Peregrine Falcon, Olive-sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk

PowerPoint Presentations, entitled "*Proposed Downlistings Under the Species at Risk Act*", tabled

Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher are both small birds that are currently listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) as Threatened species. Recovery Strategies for both birds were completed in 2016. The rate of decline of these two species has slowed over the past decade. Both bird species were reassessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as Special Concern (a lower category of risk) in April 2018. Management plans are required for species of special concern. The existing recovery strategies may be adopted or adapted in the management plans. Consultation packages were sent by mail and email to Tłıchq communities. No responses were received.

Peregrine Falcon is a medium to large sized falcon found across Canada. Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* is currently listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) as a species of Special Concern. A management plan for Peregrine Falcon was published in 2017. Peregrine Falcon was reassessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as Not at Risk in November 2017. The population of this species has rebounded significantly over the past few decades with continued increases in many parts of Canada since the previous status report in 2007. Increases in the population of Peregrine Falcon result from reintroductions across much of southern Canada and a ban of organochlorine pesticides like DDT. All existing recovery documents would remain on the federal SAR public registry. Consultation packages were sent by mail and email to Tłıchq communities. No responses were received.

As both Suzanne Carriere and Isabelle Duclos abstained during the motion, and no other government members were present, a quorum was not available to complete the motions; therefore, formal motions will be made in December 2019 and the Members agreed to in-principle support in the interim.

ACTION #465-11-09-2019 (ED): To write a letter to ECCC providing in-principle support to downlist Olive-sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk from threatened to special concern.

ACTION #466-11-09-2019 (ED): To write a letter to ECCC providing in-principle support to downlist Peregrine Falcon from special concern to not at risk.

2.7 Conference of Management Authorities

a. Review of Draft Barren-ground Caribou Recovery Strategy

In the NWT, following an assessment by the Species at Risk Committee, barren-ground caribou (Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, Bluenose-East, Bathurst, Beverly, Ahik, and Qamanirjuaq herds) were added to the NWT List of Species at Risk as Threatened in July 2018. The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* requires the development of a recovery strategy for species listed as Threatened within two years of listing. This recovery strategy is to be finalized by April 2021.

The *Draft Barren-ground Caribou Recovery Strategy* has three goals: 1) Maintain or restore self-sustaining, resilient populations of each barren-ground caribou herd, such that no herd is lost; 2) Support unobstructed movement and migration of barren-ground caribou across historic ranges; and, 3) Promote the social, cultural, and environmental conditions necessary for recovery.

The WRRB and TG will conduct joint consultations on the final draft recovery strategy in the fall of 2019 in all four Tłıchq Communities. Following consultations, management authorities will determine whether or not to sign the consensus agreement for the barren-ground caribou recovery strategy.

b. Review of Draft Bat Management Plan

In July 2018, little brown myotis and northern myotis bats were listed as special concern under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*. The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* requires the development of a management plan for species listed as Special Concern within two years of their designation. Because the NWT's bat species have management needs and threats in common, the CMA chose to develop a multi-species management plan, designed to meet the needs of all the NWT's bat species.

The WRRB and TG will conduct joint consultations on the draft management plan in the fall of 2019 in all four Tłıchq Communities. Following consultations, management authorities will determine whether to sign the consensus agreement for the Bat Management Plan.

2.8 Tłıchq All-Season Road Caribou Items

a. Wildlife Management & Monitoring Plan Update

The WMMP, Version 3.3, was submitted to the WRRB for comment on June 14, 2019. As per the Board's Rules for Management Proposals, the WRRB posted the WMMP to the website with a deadline to provide any comments by July 12, 2019; however, no comments were received.

In order to meet the construction start date of September 2, 2019, the Board was requested to provide its approval by mid-August 2019. On August 19, 2019, a quorum was met (Joseph Judas, Eddie Erasmus and Steve Matthews) and a meeting held to discuss approval of the WMMP. Following discussions, a motion was passed to approve the WMMP, provided that the GNWT-INF address the WRRB's comments prior to the start of construction.

On August 23, 2019, the WLWB provided its Reason's for Decision letter to GNWT-INF approving the WMMP, Version 3.3. On August 30, 2019, the WRRB received confirmation of the Minister's approval of the WMMP, Version 3.3, with one condition outlined in an attached Reason's for Decision. Following approval by the Minister, management and monitoring protocols set out in the WMMP will be adhered to during construction of the TAsR, which began September 2, 2019.

b. Wildlife Research Permit Application Update

North Star Infrastructure (the applicant) submitted the Tłıchq All Season Road Wildlife Studies, a Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application, for review to the Board on July 19, 2019. The proposed work would fulfill monitoring requirements under the Tłıchq Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan (WMMP).

The WRRB staff asked for clarification as to whether *ʔekwə* (barren-ground caribou) and *Tqdzı* (boreal caribou) collaring, *Dedıı* (moose) and *Ejıe* (bison) population monitoring, predation monitoring and access/harvesting monitoring would be included under the WRP application. The applicant confirmed that all activities would be included under the WRP application. As such, the WRRB staff had planned to bring it to the Board for discussion and approval.

On August 30, 2019, email correspondence from the applicant clarified that *ʔekwə* and *tqdzı* collaring, *dedıı* and *ejıe* population monitoring, predation monitoring and access/harvesting monitoring would be conducted by the Government of Northwest Territories Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) and would require separate WRP applications to move forward.

On August 30, 2019, the WRRB approved the WRP application with the understanding that the monitoring activities to be conducted by GNWT-ENR will be submitted at a different time under a separate WRP application.

c. Caribou Offset Plan Update

A finalized draft Caribou Habitat Offset Plan was sent to the WRRB on July 31, 2019. The two primary offset options proposed are: 1) the restoration of linear features within Wek'èezhìi and 2) the reforestation of burned areas within Wek'èezhìi in order to accelerate tree cover and lichen re-establishment and growth. Site specific areas for reforestation and restoration will require ground-truthing and additional consultation with GNWT, Indigenous groups, ECCC and the public to confirm the suitability of the areas as offset options.

Offset support measures, which are used to monitor the success and effectiveness of the primary offset options, are listed as fire suppression, enhanced collar programs, increased protected areas, supplemental research and monitoring, bison habitat management, moose habitat management and hunter management.

Over the next year, the Collaborators Working Group will decide which combination of proposed options and support measures are most suitable for improving t̄dzì populations and their habitat within Wek'èezhìi. The final Habitat Offset Plan is to be submitted to the WRRB for review under Section 12.5.1 of the T̄ìchq̄ Agreement no later than 90 days prior to public use of the TASR.

2.9 Dinàgà Wek'èhodi Management and Monitoring Project Update

Between 2010 and 2016, a working group, including the WRRB, oversaw research on the ecological, economic and cultural values of the Dinàgà Wek'èhodi study area. The research results and proposed objectives were documented in a final working group report, completed in March 2016. It was then decided to advance the establishment of Dinàgà Wek'èhodi as a territorial protected area using the NWT Parks Act.

A workshop was held June 13, 2019 with elders and youth from every T̄ìchq̄ community, North Slave Métis Alliance, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, and the Northwest Territories Métis Alliance. This meeting was to ensure that all organizations are up-to-date on the work that has been completed to date and verify that what has been done so far makes sense. On August 19-21, 2019, WRRB staff attended the final meeting of the working group at Old Fort Rae, prior to a final management plan being written.

Next, a report will be written to summarize the work of the working group and it will be submitted to the oversight board upon establishment and implementation.

2.10 T̄ìchq̄ Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program Update

PowerPoint Presentation, entitled *"2019 T̄ìchq̄ Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Program"*, tabled

The 2019 program was the first time managed by the T̄ìchq̄ Government (TG). Staff from the Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) were on-site to assist with scientific monitoring where needed.

The 2019 TAEMP took place on Russell Lake, outside of Behchokò, from August 26-30, 2019. Four students from a field assistant training program run by the TG and four elders were in attendance. The goal of sampling 20 Łìh (Lake Whitefish) was met; however, the goal of 20 *Jhdaa* (Northern Pike) was not reached and only 19 were sampled.

All sediment and water sampling locations from the previous years were reached successfully, and new locations were sampled as well. The results from all 2019 samples will be compared to the results of the previous camps in the final report.

3.0 Financial

3.1 Review and Approval of 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statement

Motion #662-11-09-2019

To approve the 2018-19 audited financial statement as presented

Moved:
Second:

Isabelle Duclos
Eddie Chocolate

Motion Approved

ACTION #467-11-09-2019 (ED): To forward final 2018-19 audited financial statement to CIRNAC.

ACTION #468-11-09-2019 (ED): To invite auditor to give presentation on 2018-19 audited financial statement.

3.2 Approval of Financial Statement as of 31 July 2019

Financial Statement as of July 31, 2019 tabled

Motion #663-11-09-2019

To accept the financial statement as of 31 July 2019 as presented

Moved:
Second:

Eddie Erasmus
Suzanne Carrière

Motion Approved

3.3 Signing Authority Change

As of May 10, 2019 and August 29, 2019, respectively, Isabelle Duclos (ECCC) and Stu Niven (DFO) were appointed by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada for a term of five years.

Motion #664-11-09-2019

To add Isabelle Duclos and Stu Niven as a signing authority on all CIBC and RBC accounts

Moved:
Second:

Suzanne Carrière
Charlie Jeremick'ca

Motion Approved

ACTION #469-11-09-2019 (ED): To forward letter and required paperwork to CIBC to add Isabelle Duclos and Stu Niven as a signing authority.

3.4 Wildlife Studies Fund Investment Update

The account was opened on July 23, 2018, original principal deposited was \$2,864,577. The current value, as of the last statement on August 31, 2019, is \$2,923,787. The portfolio has a lower volatility of low to medium risk strategy. The investments are 60% in GIC's, and 40% in equities that are comprised of mutual funds and Exchange traded funds. These mutual funds and Exchange traded funds are invested in markets in Canada, the US and Global investments. The GIC's don't pay any interest until they mature. Once the GIC comes due, we add a new GIC with a longer time horizon. GIC's provide for less risk, but the interest or money earned is minimal as interest rates are low.

In 2018 the stock market suffered a decline of -20% over the last quarter, ending the year with a negative - 6.59 return in the US S&P index. The market had a sharp correction with worries of the Federal Reserve increasing interest rates. Stock market corrections are very normal, but this one was more pronounced than usual. Over the last year, even with the decline in the market, the portfolio's performance was 2.7%. Currently, the WRRB portfolio is up 6.5% year-to-date and we are still focused on overweighting lower risk with GIC's and some investments with medium risk strategy.

There has also been some volatility in the market in 2019, mostly due to the Trade War between China and the US. However, even with the volatility in the stock market, the S&P index has recovered 15.9% year to date. We advise to stay on track with our strategy and investment selection.

4.0 Operations

4.1 Review and Approval of WRRB Operating Procedures Manual

a. Acting Executive Director

Draft Policy, entitled "2.3.6 Acting Executive Director Guidelines", tabled

Motion #665-11-09-2019

To approve the Acting Executive Director policy as presented

Moved:
Second:

Charlie Jeremick'ca
Eddie Erasmus

Motion Approved

ACTION #470-11-09-2019 (ED): To add Acting Executive Director policy to WRRB Operating Procedures Manual.

5.0 Information Items

Information items tabled for review by the Board Members.

6.0 Other Items

6.1 Round Table

Board Members thanked one another, interpreters and Staff for a good and informative meeting with lots of good discussion. Board Members thanked the community of Whati for the welcome, good food and good workers. The Board always appreciates hearing directly from the community about their concerns regarding wildlife and their habitat but would like to have more youth attend meetings. This meeting had a lot of different wildlife items to review (caribou, birds, bumble bees) as well as many new management processes (caribou offset plan, wildlife management and monitoring plan, barren-ground caribou recovery strategy). Members worked well together, making good decisions for Tłıchǫ citizens, the public and future generations.

6.2 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9-10, 2019 in Yellowknife.

ACTION #471-11-09-2019 (ED): To write letter to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC to request flight from Yellowknife on December 11, 2019 for Eddie Chocolate.

Closing Prayer: Joseph Judas

Adjournment: 2:50 p.m. (Motion #666-11-09-2019)

Minutes Approved:

ORIGINAL SIGNED

December 10, 2019

Chairperson

Date