



Ziibimijwang Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2019

Call to Order: 2:11pm

Present: Blayne Bott, Rebeca Otto, Kevin Donner, Andrew Ettawageshik, Joe VanAlstine, Blair Miller, Teri Vanhall, Kafui Okai-Adjei aka "KK" (Farm Manager)

Absent: Kevin Gasco (all excused)

Public: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Donner, second by Miller, 6 ehn, 0 ka, 1 absent (Gasco). Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes dated 12-4-2018 by Donner, second by Ettawageshick, 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain (donner), 1 absent (gasco), motion carried.

Confirmation of Phone Polls

None

Public Comment

Open 2:17pm

None

Closed 2:18pm

Reports

Farmer Report

Vanhall: Tower Electric Update, End of the year report in progress, Tracking down payments and attempting to separate sales based on location and finding some glitches

Kafui Okai-Adjei aka "KK": Proud to officially start with Ziibi yesterday. Initiated staff meeting, intros, values, expectations, etc. Purchased walk-behind rototiller. Hydrants placed in greenhouses by Luttrell but some work remains. 1000 gallon propane tank incoming. Suggests buying no additional farm-tek greenhouses. Update on progress with wash pack, plumbers

coming, In contact with casino re: potential flower order, Talking to lot of restaurants, selecting the best of the many, Estimates developed on potential for farmers market, hoping to capture farm market share as they are ramping down market presence, Discussion of tax-free purchases. Discussion of Needs/Wants: port-a-potty back soon if possible, Phone at Farm, Garbage service, Power washer, Golf cart or something for getting around farm.

Donner - Will check into Invasive Species/Ag Grant for gator after staff settles on a model w/ attachments

VanAlstine will pursue shirts with logo on it

Miller will check into powerwasher

Bott will check into garbage and go to DOC for new tax-free paperwork and will set up-tax free account with LOWES

Minogin Report

No report

Board Reports

Bott: Discussion of banking needs, Update on account balances and invoices. New year audit coming up and working on 4th quarter financial report. Update on MEDC reimbursement

Otto (Vice Chair): Purchased Printer, Checks for Minogin be mailed to PO Box moving forward, Discussion of a message left from a law firm and other messages on Minogin, google phone Facebook Message discussion

Van Alstine (Chair): Farm Bureau came out today for property insurance eval. All property, workmans comp, equipment, etc can be put on one account. Discussion of health insurance policies, plumbing. Update on Farm bill, got requests into bill that were needed. Funding not yet appropriated. Working out pilot project to have direct buying power, Attended Tribe-wide Strategic Visioning Meeting

Miller: Maple report submitted, Discussion on purchases for upcoming maple production year. Spoke with Beth about an east coast tribe doing maple

Discussion of Data Entry

Miller will look into data entry

Ettawageshick: Ordered spoons for minogin

Motion to approve reports by Donner, Second by Ettawageshick 6 ehn (in favor), 0 kaa (opposed), 1 absent (Gasco). Motion Carried.

Business Items

Insurance, Trucks, Workers Comp – VanAlstine – Discussion

Assistant Grower Job Description – VanAlstine – Discussion

Temporary Wash/Pack Shed Plumbing – VanAlstine – Discussion

Small Farms Conference Attendance – VanAlstine – Discussion

Discussion of three scholarships so would only need to pay for hotel and food. Jan 25th - 26th.
Discussion ended with 1 board member (Bott) and 2 staff (KK, Vanhall) attending

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:05pm by Miller, second by Bott. 5 ehn (in favor), 0 opposed, 2 absent (Donner, Gasco). Motion Carried

Next Meeting to be scheduled at Ziibimijwang Farm on 2/7/2019