



**Ziibimijwang Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2018**

Call to Order: 2:32pm

Present: Kevin Donner, Rebeca Otto, Joe VanAlstine, Blayne Bott, Blair Miller, Evan Conklin, Andrew Ettawageshik

Absent: Vicki Kelley

Public:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Bott, second by Otto. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for 8/9, 10/9, and 1/4 by Donner, Second by Miller, 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, 1 absent. Motion Carried

Confirmation of Phone Polls

Motion to confirm phone polls dated 1/12, 1/12, 1/13 by Bott, second by Otto, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent. Motion Carried

Public Comment

Open: 2:43pm

Not comment

Close: 2:44pm

Farmer Report

Conklin: Permanent greenhouse delivered, tractor needs ballast for unloading, seeds ordered, cultivating tractor quote ready but slightly above budget if we go with diesel, paperpot order arranged, update on marketing. Lots of TODO lists includes: wrap up 2018 growing plan, order

and install high tunnel, install greenhouse, continue with washpack upgrades, order starter mix and trays, hardcore barn cleanout, continue with FarmOS

Motion to Accept the Farm Manager's Report by Bott, Second by Otto. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept farmers report by Otto, second by Bott. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent

Board Reports

VanAlstine: Small Farm Conference well worth it. Discussion on farm bill, upcoming trip to Washington DC, need to push for tribal cut-out in farm bill

Otto: Small farms conference update. VERY productive. VERY informative. Finished business cards, pursuing trademarks, discussion of community meeting on food sovereignty.

Miller: Most maple equipment is on site with dealer, discussion on current plans and future maple ventures, discussion on bells, discussion on port-a-jons

Donner: Applied for hoophouse and compost practice through NRCS, MOU signed with NRD re: ag/invasive species equipment

Bott: Update on account balances, all financial transactions for greenhouse complete, audit underway, Menards rebate re-issued

Motion to accept all board reports by otto, second by bott. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent

New Business

Andrew Ettawageshik welcomed to the Ziibimijwang Board

Stipends

Motion to establish \$125 stipend per board member per month for 2018 (including January) provided the board member attends in-person or by electronic means at least one official meeting within that month by Donner second by Miller, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent. Motion carried

Inactive Board Member

Motion to remove of Vicki Kelly from the Board due to prolonged inactivity and absence per the Ziibimijwang Inc. Corporate Charter Section XII a. 4. and per Section XII b. by Miller, second by VanAlstine. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Secretary Position

Motion to assign Kevin Donner to the Secretary position by Otto, second by Bott, 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion Carried

Diesel Option on cultivating tractor

Motion to approve an additional \$2,000 above the amount listed in the 2018 operations plan for the purchase of the diesel Tuff-bilt cultivating tractor and attachments by Donner, Second by Bott, 6 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Ziibimijwang / OEDMI Joint Meeting – FYI

Discussion of final location for green houses, well, potential access road

Old Business

2014 NRCS/USDA Grant Update – No Update

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at **5:18pm** by VanAlstine, second by Otto, 6 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion Carried

Next Meeting to be scheduled at Ziibimijwang Farm on 3/1/2017 at 2:00pm