



**Ziibimijwang Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2018**

Call to Order: 2:12pm

Present: Kevin Donner, Rebeca Otto, Joe VanAlstine, Blayne Bott, Blair Miller, Teri Vanhall, Kylaar Manfrediene,

Absent: Andrew Ettawageshick (arrived at 3:10pm)

Public: Rick Moore, Douglas Craven

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Miller, second by Donner. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from 3/1/2018 by Bott, second by Otto. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstained. Motion Carried.

Confirmation of Phone Polls

Motion to approve phone poll dated 3/7/2018 by Donner, second by Miller, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, motion carried.

Public Comment

Open: 2:30pm

Craven: 4 boys in emmet county 4h. Boarded pigs for 5 years including 3 years at Ziibimijwang. Proposing to board 4 pigs in the pig hut. Need electricity early on and water throughout. Looking for permission to house pigs beginning end of April, 1st week in May at the latest.

Miller mentioned concerns about the amount of space available for them to move. Craven open to expanding the space. Looking to change the water location to prevent the flooding issues.

Miller mentioned summer temperature concern. Craven explained the bug and temperature issues. Interested in getting a timed fan to help with temp.

Miller asked about bug repellent ointment. Craven explained that can be too stressful so they monitor and treat as necessary.

Miller mentioned wet rope application for bug ointment similar to cattle.

Questions regarding organic certification and fsma. Craven willing to work with that. They maintain special pig boots to eliminate contaminant transfer.

Close: 2:37pm

Farmer Report

Vanhall: Heating a challenge. 3 120v circuits on 300 feet of cord. Roughly 50,000 plants in the hoops. \$25k of immediate value. Need a generator. Could we get an app that monitors whether a computer in the house has power?

Manfrediene: need trellis materials for tomatoes and beans. Need drip tape and plastic for bed planting this month. Need materials for low tunnels.

Board advises that if these purchases fall within the existing plan and aren't terribly over budget, make it happen. If its way over budget, inform for quick go ahead from board.

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

Board Reports

Ettawageshick Arrives at 3:10pm

Vanalstine: Update regarding Mackinaw Boats

Otto: Shared designs for Minogin logo

Donner: Update on Minogin, permits, grant applications to MEDC, and a long to do list

Bott: Stipend distributed, need executed contract for ABC Remodeling. Colorla Report complete for Q1

New Business

Doc's Plumbing

Motion to accept option 4 from the docs plumbing quote by Donner, second by Ettawageshick, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Road field prep

Much discussion. Decision to offer to complete the work at a cost of \$4,000 to till up to 36 acres in June

Staff purchasing authority

Discussion of card purchase policy. Board agrees we should move forward with getting cards for Kylaar and Teri. Teri and Kylaar will develop a brief purchase policy to protect inappropriate expenditures for adoption by board.

Traditional Structures on Ziibimijwang controlled land

Discussion of tradition structures, interest in coordinating a volunteer based effort. Concern about how to manage the use of the structures after they are up. How do we message and communicate?

Motion to approve use of Ziibimijwang lands for construction of wigwam and other temporary structure for cultural enrichment purposes and pursuit of permission for use of NRD lands for the same purpose by staff and board members by Donner, second by Miller. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion Carried.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personel issues at 4:57pm by Donner, second by Otto. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Motion to leave executive session 5:07pm by Miller, second by Donner. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Motion to reassign Kylaar Manfredine to Field Supervisor at a pay rate of \$15 per hour starting immediately by Donner, second by Miller. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Discussion of Sean's role on the farm. Need to evaluate formal volunteer or other role. Board agreed to discuss via email over the coming week.

Vehicle Insurance Tables

4h Program Discussion tabled

Old Business

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:07pm by Miller, second by Otto. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Next Meeting to be scheduled at Ziibimijwang Farm on 4/19/2018 at 11:00am