

**Finland Cooperative Board Meeting Aug 5, 2021. In person meeting.
Present: Sue Rian, Honor Schauland, Bev Nowacki, Manager Karl Klinker, Absent:
Teresa Anderson, Andy Gomez**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Sue Rian, Vice President

July 8th, 2021 meeting minutes - correct Teresa Anderson's name - Motion to approve with corrections by Bev, seconded by Sue, all in favor, motion passes.

Treasurer's report - \$820.66 in the account. Still need to sign for the line of credit - Karl and maybe Andy. Bev will check with Andy. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Sue, seconded by Honor, all in favor, motion passes.

Pete Walsh comes in at 7:08.

Shares to approve or sign - there are shares to sign at the store for Honor and Andy when they are there.

Shareholder comments - none at this time.

Commissioner Pete Walsh has been looking into grant funds and American Recovery Act funds. It's for new projects, not so much for repair. Need good numbers, location, how big of a facility, design to share. Aboveground tanks. Incorporate other community needs will help. Start pursuing now, contacting state reps and legislators. Klobuchar, Smith and Stauber are all up for reelection this next year and they need the votes so we should lean on them. Pete will work with Karl and put something together. Not sure if it can be used for land purchase but possibly. Current building could not be replaced because of location, lack of handicap accessibility. Talk about realistic cost for replacing the store. We think that Zup's new store up in Cook cost about \$3.8 Million. Pete will look into who designed and built that store. Would be a good field trip for the board. \$ available for energy efficiency right now as well. Karl and Pete will talk further and the board will work on what they want to see in a new building.

*Bev will follow up with Andy about the property situation.

Manager's report - Good month. No bills in Accounts Payable for the report because it's early in the month. With fire danger things might slow down in August but it's hard to say. Things are strong financially. Licari is dropping us/downsizing, passing us off to Steve Fleece. Karl likes working with him so wants to continue with him for the time being, get financials for Annual Meeting. Will be transferring everything by next week, so should have financials situated by early September, and then we need two weeks to notify members for the annual meeting. Haven't heard back about the parking lot timing yet. They have done some preliminary work to prepare.

Old Business:

Discuss abandoned equity and shares of members who have died. Honor and Bev will keep meeting and figure out a recommendation for the board/annual meeting. Ask for governance committee members at the annual meeting.

Annual meeting postponed and tentatively rescheduled for September 28th. Discuss agenda for Annual meeting. *Honor will revise the [draft she previously shared](#).

New business: Update on Backhaul Project - Zoom info session on Wednesday the 11th at 8:30am - Honor will get info to Karl.

Next regular board meeting will be September 9th at 7pm.

Honor moves to adjourn. Bev seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Honor Schauland', written in a cursive style.

Honor Schauland, Board Secretary