

**FINLAND COOPERATIVE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2022**

Board members present: Andy Gomez, Sue Rian (via zoom), Teresa Anderson, Katee Ristuccia, Pete Walsh, Cory Holden, Bob Sanders.

Absent: None

Others present: Manager Jonathan Beauchane

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm by President Andy. Katee selected as timekeeper.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, with motion to approve made by Pete, second by Katee. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa reported the board account balance is \$420.66. Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by Katee, seconded by Cory. All in favor.

New Shares to approve and sign: Addie Dietz, Jeff Dickson, Wendy Knox. Plus, transfer of 13 shares from Mary Finley to family as follows: Joshua J. Rank (4), Gerald Finley (3), Cynthia Brown (2), Patricia Reichenbach (2), Danielle Kuehl Holbeck (1), Wally Keuhl (1). A motion was made by Bob, second by Teresa, to accept new shares and transfers. All in favor.

Manager's Report: * Jonathan gives update regarding delinquent Accounts Receivable, with 5 accounts currently being in arrears over 120 days without paying or communication, and as such should be sent to collections (said criteria as per accountants' suggestion). Jonathan clarified some issues regarding the proper charging of interest on A/R accounts. * Financials are discussed and will be filed with minutes. * 2nd phone line was discovered at store and was presumed to be for the ATM, but Jonathan will inquire and verify. * Jonathan submitted mileage report of \$157.50. Motion to approve payment by Pete, seconded by Katee. All in favor. * In preparation for new building plans it was advised that we should come up with square feet/dimensions that would be suitable so initial planning/potential new site evaluations can progress. Klobuchar's office needs a bit more information before making a site visit in relation to trying to find potential qualifying helps for any store expansion projects. * There was another power outage at store and Jonathan asked if backup generator has ever been considered? After discussion it was agreed that he check into what it would take to get set up with one and report back. * Still looking for someone to do snow removal at this point but will keep checking around. Jonathan will help with his own plow until new contractor signs on. It was noted that our insurance would cover damage to fuel tank fill covers should it occur. * There was some discussion about access to Google docs Coop account and email for purposes of sharing info. Slack has time limit with free version where stuff drops off after so many weeks. It is suggested that we check into Slack subscription cost as well as decide how best to utilize Google docs-perhaps organizing some things as read-only and others as read/write etc.

Old Business: Building/Land Project – Talked about the various properties that would be suitable for potential new store site: Coop current site (limited size, high water table, probably not enough room to build and maintain current operations; Property across Hwy 1 from store (also some lower ground but might have potential, Pete to talk with GIS personnel at county to assess more carefully); Four Seasons site (good location in some regards, but lots of sympathy to keep restaurant going in community, Coop probably not interested in running a restaurant in addition to store activities on same site). Not many other locations and the ones that do exist are dropping fast. It is imperative that we get some basic store plans/ideas in place and solicit some engineering firms or other entities to survey/give feedback on any potential site so we can focus our attention appropriately and in a timely manner. Everyone is encouraged to go look at Zup's new Cook site as an example of new construction similar to our needs. Pete will gather some GIS mapping and perhaps consult with a developer acquaintance in preparation for next meeting.

Abandoned Equity Project – Will print new information docs and bring to next meeting.

New business: * Katee was asked to let everyone know the proposed community composting and recycling project will be discussed at the next town meeting for anyone interested in attending. Some conversation followed. * Store Christmas party was discussed regarding potential date. Katee will ask Nancy at CNC about options and get back to everyone. * Employee Christmas party will be discussed at next meeting. * Jonathan's 6-month review needs to be discussed and scheduled. Date set for Dec. 17, 6 PM at Finland Fire Hall. * Katee mentions that an "Art of Hosting" seminar is to be held Dec. 1-3 at CNC for those interested.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 by everybody. All in favor.

Next regular meeting scheduled for **Thurs. Dec. 8th @ 6 PM at CNC**

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Holden, Secretary