

Finland Cooperative Board Meeting July 14th, 2022.

Present: Honor Schauland, Manager Jonathan Beauchane, Sue Rian, Cory Holden, Katee Ristuccia, Pete Walsh

Absent: Teresa Anderson, Andy Gomez

Others present: None

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

Katee will be the timekeeper.

Review June 9th, 2022 meeting minutes with one revision. Motion to approve by Pete, seconded by Katee, all in favor, motion passes.

Treasurer's report - . Katee didn't call the Credit Union today. Board account is \$320.66. Katee signed the last two years of tax returns and they were sent off. We don't owe anything. Carryover and depreciation took care of all of it. Katee leads the board in some deep breathing. Pete motions to accept the treasurer's report. Honor seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Shares to approve and sign - Jonathan didn't bring them this month, will bring them next month.

Shareholder comments -. No shareholders present

Manager's report - Did some different things with the financials to help illustrate better. Gaining back money after the winter. Not sure why this past winter was such a financial dud compared to previous winter. Trying to figure that out. Hasn't got anything sent over to collections yet, but working on it soon. Other handout is the credit application. Terms are on the bottom so it's very clear for when we get to the point of sending something to collections. The terms are those recommended by the accountant and collections agency. Maple Grove is not currently selling bait. Some available in Beaver Bay, Tofte, Isabella, but limited. Should the Co-op be selling bait if there is no other bait in town? Also propane? It's an issue that there isn't any available locally. Dealing with fuel all of last week. Drivers on vacation. Wrenshall is where we get fuel, Esko is backup but CHS has used up their allocation. Wrenshall is out of biodiesel, issues with that. Spent a lot of time on the phone with CHS. Approved to buy biodiesel from MPLS. 20 cents a gallon cheaper but you pay 24 cents more for transportation. Close to running out of diesel when we finally got a load - that's 3 or 4 logging trucks. Pete recommends contacting Rep. Ecklund about some of the issues. Did not go to the Township meeting. Loading dock is in terrible shape. Petersons are getting us a quote for a loading dock. Ric Lindberg will mill the wood and make us a sturdy backer plate. Pete recommends talking to the County HRA, since there is a fund for small businesses. This new loading dock would be at an angle to address the issues with the road. Honor recommends that Jonathan still attend the Township meeting to discuss this plan so it gets into the Township minutes so there will be no future issues. MN Petroleum should be coming up soon to fix the spill bucket. Finally got a quote on upgrading POS - \$13,000 looks like the high end, might not need everything they included. Want to talk to David Dietz about the server part of it to see if we can do it cheaper. This upgrade would give us cloud backup. Haven't gotten a chance to start working on the share project. One of the girls who was originally going to do it has backed out. Just hired a new kid to work at the store but they don't have any time to do the data entry. Advertised for cashier, only had one applicant who wasn't ideal. Discuss advertising specifically for the share input project. We need a job description and an ad. Ad text written by board. <end manager report>

Old Business:

Abandoned equity project - covered above.

Land Committee updates - no contact, Katee messages her. She messages back that the surveyor is swamped, waiting on paperwork, and should have a legal description soon.

Pete meeting with Amy Klobuchar - hasn't happened, but he talked to Tina Smith's office and they are interested in the Build Back Better America program.

Town Board mtg/Road - covered above.

Annual meeting - July 26th 5:30pm - Sue, Andy, Cory will come at 4:30 to set up. Dinner at 5:30 Meeting at 6pm. Review Agenda. Go over what Jonathan should cover in the Manager's report. Talk about advertising for the data entry position at the annual meeting.

New Business: Pete is concerned about advertising the Farmers Market on the front of the Co-op - opening a can of worms with advertising that way. How do you pick one and not the other in the future. Discuss creating an advertising policy. Everyone will think about it and discuss it again at the next meeting.

Everything is officially submitted for EBT - hoping to hear back about that soon.

Next regular board meeting will be August 11th at 6 pm at the Clair Nelson Center. (Katee will be absent - so there's not conflict with the Farmers Market this month)

Katee moves to adjourn. Pete seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Honor Schauland, Board Secretary