

**FINLAND COOPERATIVE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2023**

Board members present: Andy Gomez & Cory Holden, with Sue Rian & Laurie Melby via Zoom.

Absent: Teresa Anderson & Dan Cahill-Matthews, with Katee Ristuccia having failed Zoom connection.

Others present: Manager Jonathan Beauchane

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by President Andy.

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

Treasurer's Report: Teresa reported that the board account balance stands at \$620.66. A motion to accept the report was made by Andy, seconded by Laurie, approved by all.

New Shares to approve and sign: Benjamin Leathan, Tom Campbell, Ellen England, Anne Benning, Christopher Barron, Laura Kallinen. Andy made a motion to accept the (6) new shares, seconded by Cory. All in favor.

Manager's Report: * Jonathan submitted mileage report of \$165.06. A motion was made by Laurie, seconded by Sue to approve the reimbursement. All in favor. * The store taxes have been officially filed, and Jonathan had a copy present for review. * Official notarized notice of the share buyback was filed with NSFCU.

* The Crystal Bay Township Roof loan was paid off!! * A new roof over the breakroom is being completed, with insurance approving the extended height needed to match existing main building roofline. Jonathan will ask contractor, Roger Peterson, to install new windows and about the possibility of extending the room 2 feet to also match existing building dimension and roofline, making for a bit more useful space inside. For now, the insurance funds awarded for gutter issues (due to winter snowslide effects) will be used for the breakroom repair additions. * The unleaded gas tank has been diagnosed with a bad anode rod, which would cost approximately \$7000-8000 to replace. Because it's not a service affecting issue, it was recommended that we could wait to see if any other repairs or potential new building plans materialize, as the State of MN tank certification is good through 2025.

* Jonathan mentioned that he will have 150 Coop calendars printed, and it was agreed upon that a \$15/calendar pricepoint sounded reasonable. * Another computer for accessing the POS system is desired so that there can be access even if both office computers are being used, which is often the case. * The log siding in front of the store is getting very faded and weathered, so the plan is to refinish with stain. Jonathan brought some samples to show, and mentioned employees should be able to take care of the project. * The financials were shared, with Jonathan noting the escrowed amount for the share buyback.

Old/New Business: * Land update: No new information from Katy Jarvis. However, there was discussion about the Damon Greene property at Cty Rd 6/Hwy 1 intersection, as well as the county land adjacent to the salt sheds across from the Highway Dept. maintenance shop. Laurie did talk with Land Commissioner, Nate Eide, who was conducive to possibilities but would look into the interests involved further. He suggested that representatives of the Coop/board go to the next county meeting scheduled for Sept. 19 in Little Marais to bring up our plans officially. Several board members and Jonathan all expressed the desire to attend.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. by Sue, seconded by Laurie. All in favor.

Next regular meeting scheduled for **MONDAY October 9, 2023 @ 6 PM at CNC**

Respectfully submitted, Cory Holden, Secretary