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CCESC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 21, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Lakewood Vineyard, 4024 NY-14, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Present: Chad Hendrickson, Chelsea Stamp, Howard Cabezas, Kristin Van Horn, Mark Rondinaro, Michael Lausell, Paul Bartow, Rick Reisinger, Riqui Hess, Sarah Agan, Steve Beaver

Excused: Melissa Schroeder

Pubic: None

Staff: Virginia Montopoli

Call to Order at 5:05 pm by Chad Hendrickson

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2023

Motion by Kristin Van Horn to approve minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting; second Chelsea Stamp; **10 in favor; 1 (one) abstain. Motion passes.**

Prior Business—2023 Organizational Report; review Standing Committees' and Board Roster
The Organizational Report was approved at the January 2023 meeting with minor changes. The updated version was uploaded to the Cornell Box created for CCESC documents. No additional changes were requested.

New Business

- **BR Agreement – signed**
The BR agreement between Cornell University and CCESC was signed by both parties.
- **Conflict of Interest Policy and Code of Ethics Policy**
An acknowledgement sheet was passed around for Board members to sign and acknowledge that they have read both policies. A conflict of interest/commitment declaration form was passed around for members to complete and return to Chad Hendrickson.
- **Affirmative Action Diversity Inclusion Plan (AADIP)**
Motion by Kristin Van Horn to acknowledge the AADI plan; second Paul Bartow; **10 in favor, 1 (one) opposed. Motion passes.**



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- Designation of official newspaper for announcements
Motion by Mark Rondinaro to designate the Watkins Review Express as the official newspaper for CCESC announcements; second Sarah Agan; all in favor. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A suggestion was made that CCESC meetings, events etc. also be posted to the Odessa File. Although it's not an official newspaper, many Schuyler county residents look to it for information.

- Agriculture and Natural Resources Board Liaison and Chair (approve)
Tabled until the next meeting
- Youth and Family, including Hidden Valley 4-H Camp Board Liaison and Chair (approve)
Tabled until the next meeting

Reports and Updates – WIGO: (What Is Going On)

- *Finance Committee, Howard Cabezas (5 min)*
The credit card issues (fraudulent charges) should be resolved sometime in March. Prepaid Debit cards have been purchased. Mel Schroeder is working on getting new credit cards. The Finance Committee recommends moving \$130,000 from Visions savings to a 24-month 4.5% CD at Visions. December and January financials are not done yet.

Sarah Agan asked about the status of the SBN credit. Chad Hendrickson reported that we are waiting for a check for a portion of the requested amount.

- *Mel Schroeder, Interim Director (5 min)*
No report (Mel Schroeder is away attending the National American Camp Association Conference February 20-24, 2023.)
- Chad Hendrickson, CCESC Board President (5 min)
Congressman Nick Langworthy who represents the 23rd district of NY is looking to put together an AG Advisory Board and he is wondering if CCESC has contacts in Schuyler County who might be interested in joining.

Motion by Mark Rondinaro to nominate Chad Hendrickson to serve as the Schuyler County representative on the AG Advisory Board, second Sarah Agan; all in favor. **Motion passes unanimously**



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Interviews for the Executive Director position will be held on February 23, 2023 and March 3, 2023. The finalists will meet with the Board, Search Committee, and CCESC staff; give a presentation with Q&R; given an AG tour. The dates will be listed in the Odessa File and on social media. Chad Hendrickson reminded everyone of some of the questions that are not legal to ask. The Board hopes to have a decision made by the next meeting.

Mel Schroeder would like to know if the Board would like to receive CCESC's monthly CDNR report.

Action Item: Send Mel Schroeder an email with your preference.

Kudos to Mel Schroeder for getting the temporary permit for camp this year. It's the first-time camp has ever gotten it this early.

Mel Schroeder and other Executive Directors met regarding 224 funding; they asked for the same level of funding as in 2022 of 6.1M.

Camp staffing will be a struggle this year. The pay rate is going to have to be increased significantly to attract anyone; the cost of food has increased this year, camp is trying to figure out a plan to resolve the increase; they are trying to get 100% occupancy this year with weekend camp and overnight with families. It was suggested that Bruce Condie be invited to the April meeting with the meeting being held at camp.

- Adam Hughes, State Extension Specialist (5 min)
No report
- Marketing Committee, Sarah Agan (5 min)
Sarah Agan would rather not to continue as committee chair. She prefers to focus on governance. This will be addressed next month to see if anyone has any interest in serving.
- Legislative Report, Michael Lausell (5 min)

Mark Rondinaro reported that Schuyler County received a \$4,888,663 grant from NYS to strengthen emergency communications and interoperability infrastructure used by local first responders. He also gave an updated on January sales tax which is 15% over last year.

Michael Lausell reported that he's the legislative representative on the study grant on walkability in Schuyler County. Kristin Van Horn is also on the committee. It's an 8-week study. It was noted that the new natural resources person should be made aware.



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- PAC Reports
No report

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023 at Lakewood Vineyard, 4024 NY-14, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted by Virginia Montopoli on February 28, 2023