

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2023

5:30 p.m. Lebanon Conference Room/Hybrid, Lebanon, NH

Present: Mary Lou Aleskie, Nick Clark, Eric DeLuca, Jessica Giordani, Conicia (CJ) Jackson, Eileen O'Toole, Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Cate Tierney

Absent: Tracey Cutter, Peggy O'Neil, Orin Pacht, Jennifer Tietz

Employees: Amanda Charland (General Manager), Allan Reetz (Director of Public & Governmental Affairs), Jamie Shechtman (Director of Finance), Rebecca White (Public & Governmental Affairs Associate)

Vice President CJ Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Consent Agenda: May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes, Monthly Share Redemptions.

MOTION: Eric DeLuca moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Mary Lou Aleskie seconded the motion

VOTED: 7 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Member Input

None.

Monitoring

EL Global

The board monitored this policy in May.

EL 1 – Finances

MOTION: Eric DeLuca moves to find the EL 1 – Finances report as providing a reasonable interpretation of the policy and sufficient evidence of compliance with the exception of noncompliance related to days of cash on hand and the plan to make progress toward that goal. Cate Tierney seconded the motion.

VOTED: 7 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Eileen joined the call at 5:45 PM.

GP Global, 1, 2, 3, 4, 11

The board acknowledged the comments related to these policies in the board packet.

Assign Monitoring Teams

CJ, Lynn Ellen, and Jessica will be the next monitoring team. April will send the board policies and due dates to the team.

Treasurer's Report

- Bylaws Committee – Review RFP

MOTION: Nick Clark moved to authorize the Bylaws Committee to spend \$9,000 on legal fees for the RFP. (The board will use the \$3,600 Governance Coach line item, the \$1,000 legal line item, and up to \$4,500 from the board training line item). Jessica Giordani seconded the motion.

VOTED: 7 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 abstained (Mary Lou Aleskie).

General Manager Report

Director of Public & Governmental Affairs Allan Reetz and Public & Governmental Affairs Associate Rebecca White described the work they do on behalf of the Co-op. Important topics include sustainable seafood, soil health, waste management, child care, farmer mental health, work with the New Hampshire Food Alliance, the meat sector, and working with senators and representatives from Vermont and New Hampshire to address these issues and more.

Board Planning

President's Report

Nick reminded board members that Executive Committee meetings are open to all to do deeper dives in advance of EL 1 – Finances reporting.

Vice Presidents Report

CJ reminded the board of Jen's notes on board communications from the recent Retreat as well as the board bio questions for the website update. She reminded the board of recruitment work, the upcoming Producer's Fair, and Mary Lou's offer to help build a common language for board DEI work.

Final Thoughts & Adjournment

The board and employees shared final thoughts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Harkness

ESG Program Manager

Orin Pacht

Board Secretary