

SnoValley Tilth

July 26, 2021 - Changing Seasons Farm Board Meeting Agenda



6:30 Call to Order, approval of May and June 2021 Board Minutes

Vince, Dave Casey, Dave Glenn, Bruce, Lindsay, Petrina, James, Alice are in attendance in-person & via zoom.

Jenn Dwyer has resigned from SVT board of directors due to limited time to commit to the board.

Meeting Minutes & Public Comment:

Lindsay moves to approve May minutes, James moves to 2nd. All approve.

James moves to approve June minutes. Bruce seconds. Lindsay & Alice abstain. All others approve.

Directors Report (Dave)

- Member Services & Programs

Justine is up & running. Helped organize historical information of systems & files. Hosted first virtual happy hour at Frisky Girl Farm (14 in attendance). Next month is at Feral Woman Farm. September (hopefully in person) at Sound Sustainable Farm & discussion via zoom about Lean Farming.

Working on videos featuring farmers in technical videos to take place of technical intensives available on the youtube. To be available by end of December.

Sean working on installation of irrigation piping through KCD grant at EFP.

Working to schedule virtual tour of EFP for SVT stakeholders.

Tractor - received word from WA dept of commerce that they're amending the RFP process for the clean energy fund. Talking with Pacifica soon to see if our grant needs to be amended. DoC is hoping/preferring applications from organizations that have partnerships with local tribes. Amended grant Due soon.

- Advocacy

Libby & Dave at FFF - expanding acreage in Snoqualmie APP. Want to make sure land stays in farming.

Send things/policies to Dave G. that affect farm businesses to share on the listserv.

City of Carnation city - some office space (less than planned)

- OrganizationalStrength

- Financial reporting

Q2 Financial Reporting(Dave)

Regional food systems Grant KCD - Aug 17th

- First light Farm looking to partner on a grant related to shared staff/internship proposal.

- Petrina recommends being to sure to look up regulations/requirement around legal internships.

- Immediate needs at EFP are deer proofing & labor, and washstation & greenhouse improvements.

- Dave G. looking for ways to apply for funds that support work we're already doing.

PCC grant application due soon too

Financial Standing:

See Directors report - cash balance, burn rate.

In the next 5 months we need to raise about \$31,000, and we're a bit under budget on expenses.

More than half of our budget for expenses remains.

Most of the savings is coming from not having a farm services manager in the early year.

A few things moved - PPP loans have their own line instead of in grants

Farmer's market grants that passed through were cleaned up, which is why there is a negative number in that line item

Waiting on checks from restaurants that participated in the SVT auction

Petrina - Brings up quarterly P&L, difference in contract services. Dave G. - plowing (expenses coming up, but less overall). Clare budget for auction, Ostara - professional???

Negative in the program fees - adjustments made for the farmers' market market (items got moved to its own column) - CFM liabilities

Part of the 44,000 net income number is recouped PPP funds (25,801).

Discussion: amend policy on financial reserve multiple signer requirement

The Bank does not have the ability to handle three signers for the reserve. Dave G. suggests that we create an internal form to move the money rather than running multiple signers through the bank. This internal form would create a paper trail for the movement of money in and out of the reserve. Dave G. will create a form for the board to approve at the next meeting.

Bruce - update on Taxes. We filed an extension and are due to file taxes in November. Bruce has been searching for an accountant who could complete within our budget. GDM out of Bellevue has agreed to do our taxes within our budget, but moving forward would charge a rate of \$3500. Bruce suggests increasing the budget line item for annual tax prep in the 2022 budget.

Audit - Dave G. bringing up that we may want to have an audit as some funders want to see an annual audit as our org is growing.

Bruce - look into the pricing of an audit to consider adding to the budget.

Auction Wrap-Up & Thank you - Dave will be visiting farms to ask to sign thank you's for the auction.

Committee reports (Committee chairs)

- Fundraising Committee
 - Lindsay - took a month break!
 - Recruited Alex Meizlich to the committee
 - Next year's auction dates at Trilogy event space - June 18th
 - Matt Lorch the auctioneer is booked
 - Possible to do a blend of in-person & online?
- Board Development Committee
 - Need new member now that Jenn Dwyer has resigned

- Look into mechanism to fill vacancy that doesn't require the entire membership to vote
- Communications Committee
 - Meeting scheduled for next August
- EFP Committee
 - Nothing to report; Dave & Dave to meet soon
- Livestock Committee
 - Justine is helping Bruce get people together to invite to a September gathering
 - Education day with Dr. Laura - more towards winter NovDec

Updates from partners

(WID,SVFC, KC AgCommission, CCF, CarnationFarms,SCD, FFF, Oxbow)

Dave G has no updates from partners

Feral Woman Farm - got a mobile processing until funded for poultry/small animals

SCD - continuing to work on a portal for the pulci & farmers for consumers to shop local and back-end resources for farmers. Live by the end of the year.

Biz Impact Northwest - \$5,000 passthru grant to help with biz support for King Co. farmers. Working to schedule a workshop for farmers. Neill is the contact for King CO, they've just hired someone for the rest of the state - they work together on programming on the business side. Services are free.

Meeting is Adjourned at 8:03

Next meeting: August 23, 2021 Location:Experience Farming Project

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

