

February 15, 2024 Board meeting

6:00 Welcome and introductions of attendees Attendees: **Board members**

Bruce Milne
Kelvin Schenk
Becca Marshall
Amber Terrasas
Chris Sylvan

Others

Robyn Wagoner
Nathan Kunkle
Julieann Neely
John Wright
Lara Sunderman

6:15 Vote to Accept the January minutes

Bruce motions
Becca seconds
Vote passes

6:20 Vote to accept Treasurer's Report

P&L and Statement of accounts
New v-ditcher not reflected
Need more seeds for plant sale
Bruce motions to accept
Paul Seconds
Passed

6:25 Call for nominations for secretary and treasurer

John Wright expressed interest, will consider

6:30 Announcement: May 2024 in-person board retreat

Need response from Chris & Amber
Seeking another space for meeting
Discussion regarding possible location—Julieann may have a possible location in mind

6:35 Motion: Elect Amber to Chair the Organizational Development Committee

Bruce motion to elect Amber
Becca seconds
Unanimous approval—Amber is elected

6:40 Motion: Elect Paul to Chair the Ecological Planning Committee

Robyn: New members-at-large
Bruce motions
Chris seconds
Unanimous approval—Paul is elected

Bruce nominates Chris Sylvan to chair the Engagement Committee
Amber seconds
Unanimous approval—Chris is elected

6:45 Robyn: Engaging the board

a) Fundraising time! (see funding campaign spreadsheet)

Recently attended Groundworks New Mexico conference. Great experience, good networking
Found out about Grant Plants organization to make it easy to locate and apply for grants.

NM Department of Finance & Planning can help for free with federal applications.

Conference focused on accessing federal funds
Would love to get together outside of board meeting to discuss opportunities and grant exploration.

City just gave us 20 more acres.

Bruce and Rubyn sprang farm plan on city regarding solar barn and stormwater management. Dave Simon loved it. Open Space Advisory Board
Robyn and Colleen are working on a grant through the city to fund it—Climate Priority Action Grant

- * Solar Barn
- * Incinerating Toilets
- * Five 500 gallon cisterns
- * Metal workshop building

Also applying for 5000 grant from Aceso foundation for a power harrow.
We need one to grow food and not just forage crops in a sustainable way.
Doesn't disturb biology underneath.
Looking into a grant from Albuquerque Community Foundation
Partnering with Explora on one of their grants

Next step is public outreach campaign to get community on board with our plan to build. We need to tell our story.

What questions should we be asking?

Bruce asks for clarification.

Robyn: Intention is to build solar hay structure and metal workshop. We could both inform them to this, and solicit input.

Bruce: Our goal is to be 100% solar powered. That's the story to be telling. Solar tractor, heat pumps, etc... Reached out to Bill O

Jeremy Robinson joined. Interested in Programming Committee.

Becca answering Robyn's call to solicit questions: What would make you want to come to the farm more often?

Paul: Keep it focused

Lara: Identify stakeholders & target messaging

Robyn: Maybe an open house?

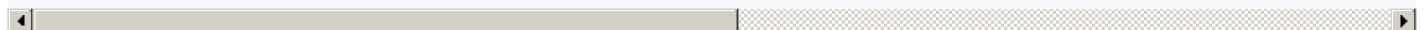
Paul: Use Plant Sale as forum to engage

Bruce: Only 30% of our stakeholders are in our zip-code. Proposed interest in interactive community planning. Jeremy expressed some

Robyn read community feedback to the solicited "What is the potential for the farm? (newsletter article)"

Fundraising committee to meet and coordinate fundraising solicitations

Pres came through with fundraising and will be tabling at the Maze



b) Pursuing the Farm Master Plan & Design

- Cross-committee needs
- * Ecological Planning
 - * Programming
 - * Organizational Development

Lara is interested in engagement committee and helping with Fundraising Committee

Paul raised the issue that we skipped the agenda item to approve the Ecological Planning Committee charter.

Bruce motions to accept it

Chris seconds

Unanimously approved—Motion passes

John Wright expressed interest in Treasurer position

Julianne is interested in nascent Elder Gardening Program

Robyn: We now have an indigenous scholarship program

Bruce: Josh Burbank PHD Community Health Researcher at Johns Hopkins. Dine and Acoma. He's offering to help plant the corn maize. On

Robyn: it would help if Joshua could get some water rights.

Kemper has proposal re: irrigating corn. If we create a really educational maze that graduates from lower, to middle, to higher crop

Bruce moves to adjourn

Chris seconds

Meeting adjourned



7:30 Adjourn