**Village Bountiful, LLC**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019

**Meeting Location:** Unadilla Fire House

**Present:**

Board of Directors: Dave Welch, President

Bobbie Armour, Vice President

Sherry Mott, Treasurer

Jamie Berkeley-Hartjen, Secretary

Ed Frazier

Lois Green

Jakkie Bickos

Membership: Dorothy Sokol, Lisa Slade, Joseph Schlafer, Sue Mott, Jackie Carey

**Introduction:**

A. Approval of minutes from October 29 meeting. Motion made by Lois, 2nd Sherry, carried.

B. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Presented by Jackie Carey.

a. 63 members to date.

**Old Business:**

A. Adoption of Board Covenant - Corrected version still needed.

B. Purchase of Officers and Directors Indemnification Insurance - Dwight Mott has reached out to Neighbors and Bramley's Insurance Agencies for quotes. D Rickard in Oxford was suggested as an additional agency to ask as they specialize in small business insurance.

**New Buisness:**

A. Banking Options -

1. Sherry Mott reached out to Citizens bank, where Village Bountiful, LLC already has an account set up. They offer free checking with no minimum balance. Motion to keep banking with citizens - Motion by Lois, 2nd Ed, carried.

B. Possible business locations: Jamie Berkeley-Hartjen presented list of considerations.

1. Locations to consider include:

a. Pani

b. Unadilla House

c. Bishop's Lot

d. Building next to Village Variety

e. McCarthy's

f. Joyce's

C. Nation Co-op Organizations presented by Sherry Mott.

1. Food Co-p Initiative: Free membership. Relies on donations.

2. Neighboring Food Co-op Association: $100 annual dues for associate membership for start- ups $100 dues.

3. National Co-op Grocers: Village Bountiful, LLC does not meet the minimum requirements to join. May be a consideration at a future time.

4. Motion to go forward with membership in Food Co-op Initiative and Neighboring Food Co-op Association - Motion by Jakkie, 2nd Bobbie, carried.

C. Dave Welch has reached out to Maureen Blanchard of Creating Healthy Schools and Community. She has offered to help with equipment. She has helped 5 other stores in the area.

1. Local Co-ops include:

a. Mohawk Harvest - 30 North Main St, Gloversville NY

b. Richfield Springs Community Food Co-Op - Main St, Richfield Springs NY

c. Community Co-Op - 589 Albany St, Little Falls NY

d. Plain Food Co-Op - 46 River St, Fort Plain NY

e. Food Works - 27905 State Hwy 28, Andes NY

D. Board Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Unadilla Fire House.

Submitted on January 8, 2020

Signed Jamie Berkeley-Hartjen, Secretary

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