



EFC Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2022, 6:00-8:00pm

In person

Directors Present: Michelle Spangler, Therese Genis, Desiree Olson, Smita Dolan, Joleen Baker, Sue Jaeger, Seth Kuhl-Stennes

Directors Absent: Amanda Degener, Sadie Paschke

Staff Present: John Lalaria

Guests Present: none

Call To Order:

Sue Jaeger, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Sue introduced Michelle Spangler as the new Board Assistant. Therese Genis led an icebreaker about names.

Owner Comment Period:

There were no owner comments.

Preliminaries:

Joleen Baker motioned to vote on the March meeting minutes and April meeting agenda using a consent agenda. Smita Dolan seconded the motion. Upon voting, the motion was carried 7:0.

Board Education:

Desiree Olson presented on *Patronage Dividends and Capital Stock*. The presentation tied dividends to strategic planning.

GM Time:

John Lalaria, General Manager, shared that UW River Falls is reviewing our shopper survey data. Over 1,500 people took the survey. John has engaged RETAP for an energy audit. The roof report from 2011 indicates that part of the roof should be able to handle additional solar panels. John updated the Board on the mural engagement process. Beginning next week, remodeling will begin in the marketing and admin offices. EFC purchased a green house to house plants during the annual plant sale. Overall, this investment is expected to save the co-op money rather than renting tents each year.

Executive Limitations Monitoring Report

Smita Dolan motioned to pass John's monitoring report on B8- Environment. Therese Genis seconded the motion. Upon voting, the motion was carried 7:0.

Board Monitoring Report:

Michelle Spangler, Policy Governance Chair, motioned to accept the board monitoring report on Policy D4 – Monitoring GM Performance. Sue seconded the motion. Upon voting, the motion was carried 7:0.

Committee Reports:

Policy Governance

Besides the Board and executive limitations monitoring reports, the committee also discussed doing a neighborhood clean-up. Michelle, John, and Tucker are still discussing possible dates/ scope.

Finance

Desiree Olson, Finance Committee Chair, shared that there was no Finance meeting last month and, as such, she has nothing to report.

JEDI

Therese Genis, JEDI Committee Chair, shared that her committee is meeting next week.

Strategic Planning

Seth Kuhl-Stennes, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, shared two main things: 1) updated list of questions for solar installers and 2) finalized agenda for retreat on the 23rd.

The Board discussed goals for the retreat and adjusted the retreat agenda accordingly.

Board Development

Sadie Paschke, Board Development Co-Chair, shared that the Board application packet is now available to members. Given date restraints, the Board decided that Tuesday, November 1st is the date for the New Board Member Orientation.

Tucker has requested the Board members table at EFC's community event during Art-a-Whirl. The event includes mural painting, music, and other events.

Adjourn

Joleen motioned to end the meeting at 8:03 pm. Therese seconded the motion. Upon voting, the motion was carried 7:0.