



**Giziibii RC&D Meeting Bi-Monthly Meeting
January 18, 2023**

Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Bemidji Public Library;

REGULAR MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chair, Michael VanHorn via Zoom.
Members in attendance:
 - Beltrami County: Steve Ross
 - Lake of the Woods County
 - Mahnomen County
 - Red Lake Nation: Michael VanHorn
 - Staff: Colleen Oestreich
2. **MINUTES:** Motion by Michael, second by Steve to approve of the November 16, 2022 Bi-monthly minutes. M/C
3. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Payments/Invoices: Colleen renewed Giziibii's domain name for one year and suggested Giziibii extend for a 5 year period. Colleen has submitted an invoice to Zach for services and admin expenses. Motion by Steve, second by Michael to pay invoice & have Colleen purchase the domain name for an extended period. M/C
 - b. Council members reviewed Statement of Financial Position and the ledger documents. Motion by Steve, second by Michael to accept report as written pending further audit. M/C
 - c. 2022 Audit – Steve volunteered to review transactions in 2022 as part of an internal audit.
4. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. Website updates – working with Beau Seeger from Paulbunyan Communications to link an option to apply for assistance using the MN Common Grant application. Will also try to post meeting minutes.
 - b. NRCS Partnership RFP – MN contact has shared this funding opportunity. Michael is moving forward with a potential application for the Red Lake projects he is involved with.
5. **Mobile Poultry Processing Project** – still looking for funding options for this project. Also discussed ways to quantify the need in the area for this project.
6. **2023 Membership letters and dues:** were sent out in December. Giziibii has already received payment from Beltrami County and the City of Mahnomen. Beltrami County appointed Zach as their representative. Mahnomen SWCD appointed Mike Geray.

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7. **Lady Slippers** – Steve has more follow-up with the landowner in Mahnomen who purchased the machine.
8. **Red Lake Food Security Project** – Michael reported that the project is going well. Tribe has \$380K for farm training efforts.
9. **Next Meeting Date:** March 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm with a potential backup date of March 8th if others have a conflict.
10. **Adjourn** – Motion by Steve, second by Michael to adjourn. M/C