



**Giziibii RC&D Meeting Bi-Monthly Meeting
November 16, 2022**

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, Zach Guetknecht
 - Lake of the Woods County
 - Mahnomen County – David Geray
 - Red Lake Nation: Michael VanHorn
 - Staff: Colleen Oestreich
2. **MINUTES:** Motion by Michael, second by Steve to approve of the September 15, 2022 Bi-monthly minutes. M/C
3. **Financial Report:** reviewed Statement of Financial Position and the ledger documents. Motion by Zach, second by Steve to accept report as written pending further audit. M/C
4. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. Giziibii RC&D requests for assistance form is needed. Proposed using the MN Common Grant form to gather these requests. Applicants/groups seeking Giziibii assistance wouldn't have to fill out all the information – they would just be asked to fill out as much as they could. Giziibii would use the information provided to determine if the request fit our mission and if we could help.
5. **Mobile Poultry Processing Project** – estimated cost of basic equipment for processing ranges from \$6,300 to \$5,400. An enclosed trailer would be approximately \$8K - \$10K. Additional equipment such as a power washer, vacuum sealer etc. would bring a total estimated project cost of \$20K. Motion by Michael, second by Steve to allow Colleen to seek grant funding for project. M/C
6. **2023 Membership letters and dues:** Council reviewed the draft contact list which included County Boards, Tribal Leadership, SWCD Boards and City Leadership in our 5 County region. Motion by Zach, second by Steve to set the 2023 dues to \$300 and send letters to contact list as proposed. M/C
7. **Lady Slippers** – Steve will follow-up with the company to update the current price of the machine. Landowner in Mahnomen County has purchased a unit. David will seek additional information and forward to Colleen. We will see if a future demo of the machine could be arranged.

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8. **Red Lake Food Security Project** – Michael reported that tribe is now purchasing 1,200 head of cattle. He is working on the business plan. They are seeking funds from the Federal Inflation Reduction Act and MN Dept. of Agriculture.
9. **Next Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023 at 1:00 pm.
10. **Adjourn** – Motion by Michael, second by Steve to adjourn. M/C