



**Giziibii RC&D Meeting Bi-Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2023**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Bemidji Public Library & Zoom;

REGULAR MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chair, Michael VanHorn.

Members in attendance:

Beltrami County: Steve Ross

Lake of the Woods County:

Mahnomen County:

Red Lake Nation: Michael VanHorn

Staff: Colleen Oestreich

2. **Agenda:** Steve made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Michael. M/C
3. **MINUTES:** Motion by Steve, second by Michael to approve of the July 13, 2023 Bi-monthly minutes. M/C
4. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Current financial report: Colleen reviewed the Statement of Financial Position and the ledger report as of August 31, 2023. Motion by Steve, second by Michael to accept report as written pending further audit. M/C
5. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. MN Attorney General report 2022 had been send. They requested additional information including list of Council members and Executive Director along with compensation records. This information has been submitted and Giziibii received a letter that the report has been accepted.
6. **Mobile Poultry Processing Project** – Giziibii RC&D submitted a proposal to NRCS for funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the expanded, Food for Families Project. The project was not selected for funding. Colleen requested feedback on the proposal and has not received a response. She will reach out to the contact in St Paul again for information.
7. **Lady Slippers** – Steve continues to seek information from contacts in Denmark of the water boiling heat weed machine to see if there are any working machines in Minnesota.
8. **Redlake Food Security Project** – Michael provided an overview of their efforts to obtain nonprofit status. They have articles of incorporation and are moving forward towards 501©3 status.

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9. **Carlton SWCD BioChar** demo is scheduled for October 17, 2023. MARC&D Executive Director, Paul Sandstrom shared the flyer. Colleen will forward to Steve, Michael and Zach.
10. **Next Meeting Date:** Tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Bemidji, MN. Colleen will reach out to Zach to ensure the date/time will work.
11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Michael, second by Steve to adjourn. M/C