



**Giziibii RC&D Meeting Bi-Monthly Meeting  
March 15, 2023**

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Steve Ross.

Members in attendance:

Beltrami County: Steve Ross

Lake of the Woods County: Karen Ahmann

Mahnomen County

Red Lake Nation:

Staff: Colleen Oestreich

2. **MINUTES:** Motion by Steve to approve of the January 18, 2023 Bi-monthly minutes. M/C

3. **Financial Report:**

- a. Payments/Invoices: There was a problem with the scanner function on the copy machine. Colleen contacted Marco for technical assistance. Since Giziibii no longer has a maintenance contract with Marco, service is charged on an as needed basis. Tech was able to fix the problem remotely and charged for 15 minutes of service.
- b. Giziibii's domain name has been renewed for an additional 5 years.
- c. Council members reviewed Statement of Financial Position and the ledger documents. Motion by Steve, second by Karen to accept report as written pending further audit. M/C
- d. 2022 Audit – Steve explained that his wife, Vickie has reviewed the records. Colleen has included additional information after receiving feedback from Vickie Ross Rhodes. Vickie volunteered to review the additional information too so audit findings were tabled.
  - i. One recommendation was to terminate the MN Sales Tax account from the state since Giziibii does not sell any products to the general public. Motion by Karen, second by Steve to terminate this with the state.

4. **Executive Director's Report**

- a. Website updates – Colleen has made some changes to the website. Some current approved minutes are available and a link to the MN Common Grant application for organizations that want to request Giziibii's assistance.
- b. MARC&D & NARC&D Membership notices have been received. Colleen will contact MARC&D Executive Director, Paul Sandstrom for an update of information.

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5. **Mobile Poultry Processing Project** – MN NRCS has a RFP out currently. Motion by Steve, second by Karen to seek \$100,000 for a 3-year Food Insecurity project. The Mobile Poultry Processing concept would be incorporated within this larger project.
6. **Lady Slippers** – Steve has more follow-up with the landowner in Mahnommen who purchased the machine. Still wants to coordinate a demo later in the year with him.
7. **Next Meeting Date:** May 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm.
8. **Adjourn** – Motion by Steve, second by Karen to adjourn. M/C