August Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Meg Kluge, Geof Dolman, Pieter van Loon (via Zoom), Linda Corse (via Zoom), District Manger Cory Ross, Heather Richardson

Meeting began at 7:10 PM

Fiscal Year Reporting and questions

Cory gave a short presentation about the district's fiscal year reporting. The district had about $12,000 more in income than in expense for fiscal year 21.

Executive Session:

A motion was made to approve the hire of Heather Richardson for the position of Agricultural Outreach Specialist. The motion was seconded and passed by the board.

Regular Session:

Plant Sale List:

Cory shared the proposed plant sale list for the 2022 sale. Board questions included a discussion of whether or not switchgrass is invasive or not. Pieter volunteered to check with Jennifer Garrett from VLT about this. The board also discussed the importance of not offering too many varieties for the sale. Other suggestions included adding grapes to the list. Meg volunteered to provide horseradish from her own garden if customers want it.

Annual Meeting:

The board decided to wait another year to hold an annual meeting in response to increasing concerns around Covid-19.

Unfunded Cooperative Agreement:

Motion to approve UCA, motion seconded, approved by the board.

The next step in the process will be for the UCA to go through the federal government’s grants and contracts review process.

District Manager’s Report:

The District’s skidder bridge needs to be replaced.

State has a program where loggers learn how to put them together. FPR has a program for trainings. Cory will contact them to see if they still have this program and also check with other conservation districts.

Secretary’s report from June 9

No minutes were submitted from the June meeting, so this was moved to the September agenda.

Next meeting: September 8th - at Meg’s place. Outside if weather permits
October meeting: October 6th – location TBD

Cory will reach out to Phylicxia to see if she wants to attend either Sept or October meeting.

**Future agenda items:** Youth Associate Supervisor discussion at September meeting

Cory will do some research to see if anyone has done this and share templates and info prior to meeting.

Andrea is willing to host a pruning workshop next spring.

Motion to adjourn, seconded.

Meeting ended at 8:15 PM