

## **Littleton Consumer Cooperative Society**

**Board of Directors** 

Meeting Minutes: Regular Board Meeting

December 13, 2021

Meeting convened on Zoom @ 5:15 pm.

Directors Present: Wayne Ruggles, Deb Sullivan, Jim Moore, Patricia Robertson, Casey Wilkins, Dani Shaw, Kirsten Scobie, Matt Whiton, Vanessa Robbins.

Directors Absent: N/A

Staff Members Present: Ed King, Chris Whiton, Becky Colpitts, Brian Labonte, José Bonilla, Michel Lurie, Melissa Bridges, Jimmy, Ashley Wallingford.

## 1. Housekeeping & Governance:

- a) Jim motioned, Deb seconded, and the board unanimously voted to approve the October minutes.
- b) Ed went over the B5 & B6 report (Treatment of Customers & Staff Treatment and Compensation). Matt motioned, Vanessa seconded, and the board unanimously voted to accept the report.
- c) Dani motioned, Deb seconded, to move forward with a zero-sum lease for Tesla Supercharging stations contingent on legal council review. Casey, Kirsten, Matt, Vanessa and Wayne voted to move forward. Patricia abstained, and Jim voted against.

# 2) General Manager's Report:

#### a) Financials:

- i) Sales in November were \$60k above budget and \$93k above last year. December sales are looking strong as well.
- ii) Net income remains above budget primarily because of PPP forgiveness. NI is close to budget when Bonuses and PPP income are accounted for.
- iii) Cash remains strong at over \$2.1 million.

## b) Other Topics:

i) We've raised \$14,250 plus our \$14,250 match for a total of \$28,500 for our Community Fund. That doubled the fund to over \$54,000.



- ii) Tesla Charging Station information in the Board packet. They are looking to Co-locate with Chargepoint.
- iii) We continue to have Employee cases of Covid and related quarantines.
- iv) Our UNFI warehouse continues to have serious issues with their supply chain that has had negative impacts on the Coop.
- v) We've cut back again on our sampling and in person events. We've added signage about our COVID policy.
- vi) We just raised our starting wage by \$1 earlier than planned because of inflation and competitive pressures.
- vii) We've paid out a Holiday Bonus totaling \$15,800 to our employees.
- viii) We'll be adding limited insurance coverage for dependants in 2022. We hope to
- ix) I toured the 81 Bethlehem Road location as a possible production site. This would be for bakery goods and pre-made foods. Let him know if you'd be interested in a tour.
- x) Work has begun on the Mini Golf Course next door. We do lose a few parking spots and a place to dump snow.
- xi) I successfully completed the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business class last week.
- xii) I began serving on the Grafton Region Development Corp. BOD. Hoping to promote our Micro-loan Fund.
- xiii) We have a couple of new Podcasts available online, "That's Rad." Let me know if you're interested in participating.

### 3) Board Topics:

- a) Wayne read the D3 & D4 (Delegation to the GM & Evaluating GM Performance) board monitoring policy-- reviewed and discussed.
- b) James Penfold from Tesla gave a presentation on Tesla Supercharger points at LFC. If anyone wants to discuss this more, please email Ed.
- c) Patricia, Wayne, and Jim volunteered to join the Start-up Committee to meet on January 10th or 17th with the St. J Co-op. This committee will decide how our co-op will work with the start up.



- d) Dani gave a comprehensive DEI committee update. There will be a meeting January 10th, 17th, and 24th to discuss rolling out an alpha statement for feedback. Marketing, HR, and Ed will be present at one of those meetings- TBD.
- e) Patricia, Kirsten, and Matt volunteered to form the Nomination Committee.

# 4) Tasks discussed:

- a) Start Up-Committee: Ed to email Patricia, Wayne, and Jim to schedule a meeting for January 10th or 17th (TBD amongst charter).
- b) DEI Statement Committee: Committee to email Ed, Marketing, Melissa for meeting to discuss alpha statement feedback rollout sometime mid-January.
- c) *Nomination Committee:* Check out the "Board Election/Candidates" folder in the board drive. Reach out to Annie and/or Deb as resources.
- d) All board members: Let Ed know if you'd be interested in participating in the Co-op (Anastasia) hosted podcast "That's Rad."

Jim motioned, Patricia seconded, and the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm.

The next board meeting will be held via Zoom only on Monday January 24th at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Robbins

**Board Secretary**