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Community Forest Committee Meeting

Canaan Community Forest - Canaan Town Office

Thursday, September 22, 2022

6:00 PM

**Committee Members Present: Emmett R., Yvan D., Vernon C., Chris M., Al Buckley**

**Others: Zachary Brown, Gana Carr**

1. Call to Order: **6:00 PM**
2. Discussion/Action – Review and Approval of Minutes from Thursday, May 19, 2022

Motion \_\_\_**VC**\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_**YD**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_**4-0**\_\_\_\_\_

III. Review of Budget, Revenue, and Expenditures (Chris M.) - **This was not done.**

IV. Discussion/Action - Need for a subcommittee to help guide and oversee improvements at the Tillotson camp and community sugarhouse and expenditure of the Workforce Development Tillotson Grant.. Review of DRAFT plan (will bring to meeting).

subcommittee members - **It was decided that the entire committee would work on expending this grant in the best way possible. Committee will return to meeting monthly for the foreseeable future.**

**Chris presented a spreadsheet with ideas for meeting four goals (spreadsheet provided in packet). The goals were:**

1. **Increase student access and ability to work with animals.**
2. **Increased efficiency of sugaring operation.**
3. **Camp renovations.**
4. **Expansion of DAgNR program to summer months.**

**Yvan brought up possibly using Carpenter’s farm/barn to increase opportunities to work with animals. Gana volunteered to contact them to learn more.**

**Discussion moved from Chris’ spreadsheet to building a new sugarhouse at the north end of the property. Yvan volunteered to talk to a few contractors about the feasibility of doing this for the funds that we have available.**

VIII. Discussion - Update on Summer 2022 Humanities Camp - see video

https://www.wevideo.com/view/2744865219

IX. Discussion - Update on Educational Activities **Chris discussed chainsaw safety, pole barn construction, and other activities taking place on the forest and work being done by the Diversified Agriculture students.**

X. Other Business -

– Next Meeting Scheduled for

Adjournment - Motion \_\_**VC**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_**YD**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_**5-0**\_\_\_\_\_ Time \_**7:15 PM**\_\_\_\_