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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The special meeting was called to order by Board Chair Brines at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Shannon Brines

Matt Nolan

Maegen Gabriel

Hannah Weber

Tom Shanahan

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jill Dohner, Co-Interim Executive Director

Deborah Shad, Co-Interim Executive Director (virtual)

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Gabriel to move to a closed session to discuss Executive Director candidates. Motion seconded by Weber.

Roll call- 5 yays.

Meeting moved to closed session at 6:07pm.

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion to rejoin open session at 6:57pm.

Gabriel motions to empower candidates to move forward with the Executive Director Hiring Process, seconded by Weber. All in favor: 5 yays, no nays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Payment to Tamarack Media Cooperative for MIFarmLink

* Website $14,250 -purchase order needs approval. Nolan motions to pay the bill, Weber seconded. All in favor: 5 yays, no nays.

Handbook Corrective Action Plan amendment.

* Weber motions to amend the HR handbook, Gabriel seconds.

FPOC Outreach Restructuring positions discussion

* Staff input suggestions
* Forestry position title, necessary to keep for grant purposes- Chair.

Residential vs. Farmers program

* Need to know how the positions are funded. Deborah will provide 5/16.
* Agroforestry needs. Resource Community Forester.
* Natural areas. Habitat. for residential growers- Gabriel
* Environmental Education needs component under Residential
* Look to Strategic Plan for jobs that are on par with job

Koffi org chart bring from Grand Traverse

* Jill sent email

MACD letter

* Nolan drafted a letter.
* What's the ask? Current timeline.
* Senators and representatives that cover Washtenaw County.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monthly Board Meeting: Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**ADJUOURNMENT: 7:49pm.**

THESE MINUTES STAND TO BE APPROVED.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURE: