Hibbing Farmers Market Bylaws (updated 1-31-2024)

ARTICLE I. NAME

1. The name of the association shall be Hibbing Farmers Market, operating as a 501(c)3 through the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability (IRPS).

ARTICLE II. ELECTION PROCEDURES

- 1. Voting members shall be anyone who makes, bakes, grows or sells at the Hibbing Farmers Market. Vendors shall list the persons eligible to vote on their membership application.
- 2. Absentee votes will be allowed provided they are in writing, signed by the eligible voter and submitted at or prior to the time of the vote.
- 3. Officers and board members will be elected at the annual meeting. Candidates must be members in good standing and must accept a position. Persons not present may be nominated by a member who is present and will vouch that the nominee is willing to serve.
- 4. Officers shall be elected to two-year terms. The president may not serve more than two consecutive terms
- 5. If a vacancy occurs, the remaining officers and board members shall appoint a replacement to fill the position until the next annual meeting elections.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

- 1. Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Market Manager-
- 2. Board of Directors. There shall be three board of director positions elected for oneyear terms at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV. ROLES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 1. <u>President</u> shall preside at all meetings, oversee the management, organization and execution of the business of the market.
- 2. <u>Vice-President</u> shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- 3. <u>Secretary</u> shall record the minutes of all proceedings/meetings of the market.
- 4. <u>Treasurer</u> shall account for all financial transactions of the market, presenting a complete statement of the financial affairs of the market at the annual meeting, in addition to filing annual taxes for the market.
- <u>Market Manager</u> shall verify that the market vendors are members in good standing, and monitor market for standards compliance, appearance and safety. Will appoint a designee when absent from the market.
- 6. <u>Board of Directors</u> Shall participate in market governance as voting members of the executive board.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting shall be held the last Tuesday in January.

- 2. Notice of the annual meeting shall be provided to membership at least fifteen days prior to date of the meeting and posted in the Mesabi Daily News and by email.
- 3. The market membership shall meet quarterly. These meetings include the annual meeting, a pre-market season meeting, a mid-market meeting and a post market meeting.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

1. These by-laws may be amended by 2/3 majority of votes cast.

By-laws approved at annual meeting January 31, 2024