

Taproot Community Farm

# April 04/06/24

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06 April 2024 / 10 AM / Stambaugh Ave (AT THE FARM)

## ATTENDEES

Board: Jeri Wendt, Jason Wendt, Martha Rypstra, Aaron Schulist, Jennifer Schulist

Head Count of public: 5

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. **May Board meeting will be: *May the 4th 10 am on property***
2. Sponsor a tree: I know we have some trees donated for this event. ***(Will choose a planting date when able the weather is favorable for planting in June?)***
3. Sow Right Seeds sent us many seed packets, and some useful content for our social media. ***(hand-outs available, and on facebook for easy printing)***
4. Clean up days shall start early spring.
  - a. Next clean up days will be filling holes, and removal of barbed wire/posts. There is still some trash around that was frozen to the ground, and already bagged up. ***Anyone wanting to lend a hand/check out the property please hang out afterwards.***
  - b. Contact thriver/ace to see if they will help with shovels/rakes/wheelbarrows for an upcoming clean up day. (who wants to take the lead on this?) ***JERI/MARTHA - waiting for an actual date for using said tools***
  - c. Trail situation??

- i. Jeri contacted Ryan McGillviray from Crystal falls DNR and is awaiting his response.

5. We still need to schedule a time to get the tractor, and look at attachments. We should schedule a time to go look at our equipment and try and get some of it moved, asap. Can we set a date/time??

***-Aarons Dad has a steel carport he is donating to us, which will be great to keep the tractor in.***

6. Driveway updates: Miss dig has been out, but with the snow falling... Do we need to contact them again?

***-Aaron and Jennifer brought up pollution caused by vehicles driving on the land, at the last meeting. Has there been any research on an environmentally friendly way to line the driveway??***

***There was discussion about keeping the driveway and parking area near the road.***

7. Martha: Are there any updates on the school gardening club?

***There is a meeting April 9th at 3:15 at the school - discussing talking with the garden committee to switching from Martha Rypstra to taproot community farm***

8. Rooted fundraiser: March: When is it being sent to Bein'Crafty?

***Two weeks***

9. First round of apparel has been sent out, everyone should have received their taproot gear.

## **New Business**

- Our current bank balance is: \$2,658.07
  - **Bein'crafty invoice of \$1,037.09 has been paid but not cashed**
  - **Total available in account: \$1,620.98**
- **March expenditures:**

- **Shipping costs: for rooted fundraiser March total: \$51.80**
- **Office supplies: \$29.05**
- **Wave non-profit accounting: \$16.00 per month**
- **Liability insurance: \$76.50 (tri monthly)**
- Insurance is due:
  - \$76.50 around june 20th

**\*\*\*Taproot Community Farm inc is actively seeking volunteers with backgrounds in law/accounting/engineering/bookkeeping- we could really use your expertise**

**-Garden Committee:**

**-Admin Committee:**

**-Grant Committee: Renae to head**

**-Marketing committee:**

- We are awaiting the outcome of the covantage grant we applied for. We should find out by April 17th if we will get it or not.
- Our shed offer was not accepted.
- We applied with help of Renae for 3 separate USDA grants for three separate projects within Taproot Community Farm inc. Aquaculture/Gardening/Composting. These are very exciting grant opportunities.
- Community Events:
  - Foraging (Mushrooms/Medicinal and edible herbs)-**August/September (Brody is going to look into getting certified via MSU extension) Brody, have you found a class? Can we help you in any way? Was not present**
  - Prep work for the driveway -**Filling holes**
  - Preparing the pocket park for spring planting(**-Scheduling a work day at the pocket park) mid late may**
  - Other:
- How is everyone doing on the Meister app?- **add committee members**
- Are we going to try and move forward with a controlled burn??? **On hold/dnr/crystal falls & local fire dept**

## NOTES

### ACTION ITEMS - things to be accomplished:

-take soil samples from all over the property and send in a mixed sample- today-*unable soil still frozen*

Mac's Creek Foundation Updates: Jason:

Earth day wildflower seed bombs

### NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- *Follow up on above items*
- *Mac's Creek board meeting May*
- *Vote on adding committee members to meister app*

*-Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Jen 2nd by Martha*