

Yahara River Cooperative Grocery Interim Board Meeting
EMS Building-Training Room
516 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2007

MINUTES

Interim Board Members present:

Warren Kmiec, Acting Chair and Business Planning Committee Chair
Phil Caravello, Community Representative and Site Location Committee Member
Myra Hajny, Secretary
Homer Howard, Senior Co-representative
Dick Rem, Senior Co-representative

Also present:

Pam Barnes, Research Committee Member
Steve Barnes, Research Committee Chair
Eric Borchardt, Marketing Communications Committee Chair
Mary Condon, Research Committee Member
Jon Hajny, Research Committee Member
Scott Mephram, Business Plan Committee Member
Norma Sampson, Marketing Communications Committee Member
Kristine Vaughn, Membership Committee Chair
Marlene Widra, Site Location Committee Member
Terri Wolf, Membership Committee Member

Acting Chair Warren Kmiec called the meeting to order and noted that the meeting would be conducted as a *Committee of the Whole*.

The minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting were approved.

Steve Barnes fielded questions on the draft of the bylaws that was prepared by the Research Committee and revised at the last meeting. On **MOTION** (J. Hajny/Borchardt) and unanimous vote, the bylaws were accepted with additional amendments. The Yahara River Cooperative Grocery Bylaws as adopted are attached to these minutes.

Steve Barnes noted that the Research Committee would focus on the Articles of Incorporation now that the bylaws are complete. The committee will meet next week and come up with a comprehensive list of questions to be considered by the Board.

Marlene Widra reported that the former Stoughton Lumber building is still for sale [16,000 square feet—6,000 on main floor—for \$180,000]. On **MOTION** (M. Hajny/Sampson) and unanimous vote of the members present at the meeting, the Site Location Committee was directed to move ahead and explore the possibility of using the building as a co-op; i.e., structure sound, contamination problem, remodeling feasible, etc. If it becomes necessary to hire experts to inspect the property for this purpose, the Committee should bring estimates to the next meeting on what it would cost to complete the exploration.

Warren Kmiec reported that the Yahara River Cooperative Grocery has been awarded \$30,000 as the result of the Ag Enterprise Grant Application Caroline Werner submitted in mid-September; however, the check will not be issued until the County budget process is complete. Warren also noted that there is still the possibility of an additional \$10,000 being allocated to the co-op.

Eric Borchardt noted that the Marketing Communications Committee would concentrate on public outreach when the Articles of Incorporation have been filed. The Committee will meet next week to establish its priorities.

Kristine Vaughn reported that the list maintained by the Membership Committee currently has 315 names on it.

The Product Buyers Committee is inactive at this time, but Warren Kmiec noted that Scott Mephram and Brad Austin are interested in serving on that committee in the future.

Homer Howard noted that many senior citizens are waiting for the chance to buy groceries on the east side of Stoughton.

Several people in the community who have expressed an interest in the co-op effort have approached Phil Caravello to inquire about the status of the effort.

It was decided that five members of the Board of Directors should be elected at the next meeting, which will again be conducted as a *Committee of the Whole*, and the following persons were nominated for positions as shown below:

President	Steve Barnes	(M. Hajny/J. Hajny)
Vice President	Norma Sampson	(M. Hajny/J. Hajny)
Secretary	Myra Hajny	(Borchardt/P. Barnes)
Treasurer	Warren Kmiec	(Widra/Wolf)
Member-at-Large	Phil Caravello	(Kmiec/M. Hajny)

It was noted that other nominations for these Board positions are welcome and additional names should be submitted to Myra Hajny by Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2007, in the Training Room of the EMS Building at 516 South Fourth Street.

Respectfully submitted,
Myra Anderson Hajny, Secretary

YRCG BYLAWS
Adopted January 2, 2007