

DURANGO FARMERS MARKET
P.O. Box 3761, Durango, CO 81302

Thanksgiving Market Vendor Approval Meeting
Monday, October 31st, 11:00 AM
Via Zoom

Those Present: James Plate (President); Sheila Payne (Vice President, acting president); John Buck (Member at Large); Morgan Di Santo (Secretary); Jordan Meyers (Treasurer); Kate Nauman (Community Board Member); Melanie Gonzales (Market Manager).

1. Meeting called to order by President at 11:06am.

2. New Vendors
 - a. Ag Vendors
 - i. **Bountiful Ridge Farm**
 1. Never attended regular season because of health issues; products include other items that she most likely won't be bringing but she did mention apples and apple juice.
 2. Licenses requested after approval (Shelia is concerned about cottage food license).
 3. **Board approves**
 - ii. **Haycamp Farm**
 1. In the Cortez/Dolores area; Jordans neighbor; been at the Cortez market for as long as Jordan.
 2. **Board approves.**
 - iii. **Los Miramontes Lavender Farm**
 1. Applied as Ag vendor but bringing "value added" products; CBD body butter made by other farm.
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Sheila: Beauty products not strongly regulated. Essential oils cant be consumed or kicks you into another category. Cant make health claims according to FDA.
 - ii. Melanie: vendor has to sign off that they follow the correct regulations. Cottage food is more on us. Everyone else is supposed to know what their product falls under. We can request manufacturing license

- iii. Sheila: keep an eye out for people making health claims
- iv. Even though she is a farm, all of her products are non-ag.
 - 1. Ag vs. Non-Ag: are the majority of the ingredients in the products that you sell what you grow? Seems like more than 30% are not ag. Tea blends too majority
 - 2. Should she be recategorized? Is it her honey? Or is it local or is it bought from the store? Goat soap? Is it her goat milk? Or purchased?

2. **James suggests approving her as an Artisan Vendor.**

- a. Board agrees.
- b. But Melanie will ask her about honey and goat milk soap; pecans; licenses for tinctures; teas.
- c. **Disallow CBD lotion.**

b. Food (Ready to Eat)

i. **Mountain Munchies**

- 1. Now wants to apply as an artisan with beauty products; but has not changed product list despite being asked multiple times.
- 2. Board says no. **Not approved.**

ii. **B is for Bakery**

- 1. Vendor at last Holiday Market; mostly cookies and quickbreads; said in her application she doesn't use local ingredients for "consistency sake"; all sugar items.
- 2. November/December Markets are mostly artisan.
- 3. **Board approves.**

iii. **ESO Terra Ciderworks**

- 1. Haven't heard from her about samples even though Melanie asked her.
- 2. **Board approves.**

iv. **La Bonne Pâtisserie**

- 1. Kate Nauman's bakery; pies and croissants; sourced locally; she may back out because of staffing issues.
- 2. **Board approves**

v. **Peaks Pies**

- 1. Cottage food vendor; seasonal organic ingredients; working on retail license; attached pie menu triple fall fruit; rose apple

tart; apple caramel. Seems very aware of what she is allowed to do and not allowed to do. Need to follow up on health regulations on pumpkin bread.

2. **Board approves.**

vi. **Red Hawk Farms**

1. Value added items essentially; Melanie has not received much communication from them; hot sauce is a NO under cottage foods; can approve jams, jellies, and preserves, but need more info on pickled foods.

2. **Approve jams, jellies, and preserves but need more info on pickles.**

c. Artisan

i. **Southwest Handmade**

1. Former vendor

2. **Board approves**

ii. **Sickbird Gear**

1. Vended last Holiday Market.

2. Makes her own products.

3. **Board approves**

iii. **San Juan Gempipes**

1. Actually makes “gempipes” for smoking. Reminiscent of ethereal gem works. Are these rocks they have found? They are buying the rocks and then reshaping. Discussion on quality and display.

2. We should reach out and ask about how they are altering’ don't approve until we get further clarification on items because their pictures include items that we would not approve; and a list of items they have made or modified to make sure things aren't just being bought and resold.

3. **Have Melanie reach out for information so that we can come up with a final decision.**

a. Don't allow pipes but getting more info on rocks.

iv. **Pitchwood Pottery**

1. **Approve**

v. **Moonbeam Art and Design**

1. **Approve**

vi. **Lil Bud Designs**

1. **Approve**

vii. **Hello Luna Creative**

1. **Approve**

- viii. **Earth Fired Pottery**
 - 1. **Approve**
 - ix. **Allyssia Brooke Designs**
 - 1. **Approve**
 - x. **Bear Roots**
 - 1. Osha wild harvested root; can't be cultivated; local native population is very protective of root. Often unethically harvested. Melanie asked how she harvested it. Has a commercial Osha harvesting permit.
 - 2. Claiming medicinal properties of Osha.
 - 3. Gets commercial items blank and then prints her own stuff on there.
 - 4. Could ask her to whittle down her product list?
 - a. Limit to osha products but strongly emphasize that she can not be making health claims unless she has jumped through FDA hoops. "Tincture" can not be approved unless she has the FDA approval because it is consumed.
 - b. Can't sell osha without talking about medicinal properties.
 - c. Board doesn't think other items are "high quality".
 - 5. **Not approved.**
3. Other Discussion
- a. Board discusses how to be more consistent in decision making.
 - b. December applications are due Nov 12th. Plan to meet Nov 14th at 9 am via zoom.
 - c. Melanie needs board contact info.
 - d. Need better redundancies; back up systems in case the Market Manager gets sick or hurt, etc.
4. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Morgan Di Santo, Secretary.