

Farmers and Mechanics

NOTICE

At a meeting of the Farmers and Mechanics of White Lake, on Saturday, November 3d inst., called for the purpose of taking measures to establish a general Store of all kinds of Goods for the country; also to establish with the same a Blacksmith and Shoe maker's Shop, Henry Edurlbul, Esq. was called to the chair; and William Foster appointed Secretary—when the following Resolutions were passed, and Constitution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That this shall be called The Farmers' and Mechanics' Association of White Lake and its vicinity.

Resolved, That we choose a committee of three persons to draft a Constitution, or examine any that may be drawn, to be presented to this meeting; upon which, William Foster, H. P. Adams, and H. Voorheis were chosen committee.

Resolved, That this meeting be adjourned one hour to enable the committee to prepare the Constitution,

CONSTITUTION

Article 1st, This shall be called the Farmer's and Mechanic's Association of White Lake and its vicinity, and under such denomination shall be capable of suing and being sued.

Art. 2d, The Capital Stock of this Association shall not be less than five thousand dollars, (\$5,000) nor more than twenty five thousand dollars, (\$25,000) divided into shares of twenty five dollars (\$25) each.

Art. 3d. This Association shall be managed by nine directors, who are stockholders, to be chosen annually, on the first Monday in January, who shall meet at the office of the Store, on the first Tuesday in each month, at four o' clock, P. M., to transact any business that may be required,

Art. 4th, The directors shall have full power to sign all bills or bonds for goods, for and in the name of the Association; also to choose an agent to transact the business for the Association, and regulate the amount of his salary The said agent shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000) for the faithful performance of his duty, and shall be responsible to the directors alone for all his transactions.

Art. 5th, No stockholder shall own less than one or more than sixteen shares, directly, or indirectly.

Art. 6th. The stock to this association shall be paid in three equal annual instalments, viz . the first on the first Monday in March, the second on the last Monday in September, and the third on the first Monday in January, when all - business shall be laid before the meeting and settled.

Art. 7th. All persons shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer or Agent five per centum on the first instalment, at the time of subscribing.

Art, 8th. Every stockholder in this association shall give his bond with two sureties for twice the amount of stock taken by him, to the directors.

Art. 9th, Any stockholder failing to make payment within the days of the time appointed by the sixth article of this constitution, shall forfeit all right and title to, and interest in the association.

Art. 10th. No stockholder shall draw from the Association more than the amount he may have subscribed ; neither any goods, grain or any article of merchandise, except for the use of his own family or those in his employ the penalty of ten dollars for the first and for the second, all right and title interest in the association.

Art. 11th. Any stockholder, having an article of merchandise for sale, by leaving it at the general store shall receive from the agent a certificate of deposit. If said merchandise should be sold to a non stockholder, and there should a profit arise from the price specified from the owner on deposite, it shall go the general fund.

Art. 12th. Any stockholder depositing grain in the general store, shall receive from the agent a certificate of deposit, specifying the quality and the quantity, and the said grain shall be sold or floured at the discretion of the Directors.

Art. 13th. Any stockholder not drawing from the association the amount of stock he may have subscribed, shall at the annual meeting in January, have the balance due credited to him in the amount of stock on hand.

Art. 14th. No stockholder shall retire from the association without first giving six months notice to the directors in writing.

Art. 15th. There shall be connected with the store a blacksmith and shoe maker's shop, the materials for the same to be furnished out of the general, and a list of prices for stockholders and non stockholders shall be made by the directors,

Art. 16th. Every _____ shall be liable to be assessed according to the amount of stock taken by him, to defray all necessary expenses, should the profit arising, from the sale of goods to non stockholders be insufficient, under a penalty of the ninth article of this constitution. But if there should sufficient profits arise from sales to non stockholders, and leave surplus, it shall be divided on each share.

Art. 17th. Every share of the stock to this association shall be entitled to one vote.

Art. 18th. This constitution can be revised or amended by a majority of two thirds of the votes.

Second Meeting

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the Constitution having been approved by this assembly, that we now choose a Treasurer, and nine persons to obtain subscriptions to this association, who shall make their returns to the Treasurer [who may be chosen] on or before the meeting [that shall be appointed] in December next; upon which H. Hulburt was elected Treasurer, and H.P. Adams, Pardon Hicks, P.S. Frissbee, N. Bunyea, E. Jones, Thomas Garner, Doct Clark, Daniel Arthur and Andrew Sorley committee to obtain subscriptions.

Resolved That we petition our honorable Legislature at an early period the next session for an act of incorporation.

Resolved that all persons subscribing to the stock of this Association shall pay five per cent on the first instalment at the time of subscribing : which money shall be appropriated for the erection of a suitable building or buildings for the Association.

Resolved, That we choose a committee of three persons, who shall each prepare a draft for the building or buildings for the Association ; said drafts to be presented to the meeting in December, upon which H. P. Adams, P. S. Frissbee, and Andrew Sorley were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the buildings for this Association shall consist of one for a store, one for a blacksmith's shop and one for a shoemaker's shop.

Resolved that we proceed forthwith to make provision for erecting the before mentioned buildings.

Resolved, That the Constitution of this Association, and the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Pontiac Courier and Pontiac Herald.

Resolved,-That this meeting be adjourned till the first Monday in December, at ___ o'clock, P. M. at this place.

WM. FOSTER, Secretary.

H. Hulburt, Chairman.

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Notice

An adjourned meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Association will take place on the first Monday in December next, at 1 o'clock P. M. in the School house near the residence of Mr. Thomas Lapham, and all persons feeling interested are respectfully requested to attend.

Per order, WM. FOSTER, Sec'y.

White Lake, Nov.- 3, 1888.

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