

Okanogan River Cooperative Association

DBA Tonasket Natural Foods Co–Op

JANUARY 16, 2026
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

Members Present: Peggy Tofte President, River Jones Vice President, Thom Speidel, Anne MacDonaugh, Ronald Jones-Edwards, with River Jones Secretary, *pro tem*. This constitutes a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by President Peggy Tofte.

Guests: None

Correspondence: None

Agenda: Anne moved to approve the agenda, Thom seconded.

Minutes: Thom moved to approve the minutes, Ron seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported our current balance in the Improvement Fund is \$11,155.40. Anne moved to approve the report, Peggy seconded.

Store report: Manager Sabrina Sofia was absent, and the Store Report was emailed to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Marketing: River asked for input for the Newsletter.

The survey will be completed shortly and the Board decided to use an online survey option such as Mail Chimp. We can use it for about six weeks and then cancel. This will be accomplished shortly.

Anne has been working on changing the Co-op's name on highway signs that advertise our store's involvement in the State roadside clean-up program. We need this change to reflect our actual name. Anne will continue to work on it.

Old Business: We discussed the need for an assistant manager in the store. Our current options are Moon or Cady. We also discussed having these two women be co-assistant managers. While we know we need to do this, we decided to leave the ultimate decision up to Sabrina. Sabrina will decide their responsibilities. We will encourage her to look at the overall scope of the work and delegate responsibilities. Sabrina will take our current assistant manager job description and work with that.

New Business: The new Board of Directors distribution group email is directors@tonasketcoop.com

We discussed carrying Costco products. It was determined that it may not be feasible due to logistics and getting it to the store, but we'll ask for input in the survey.

Thom has been talking with Dave Kleigman about making a new sign for the outside of our building that displays our name, changing it from *Okanogan River Natural Foods Co-op* to *Tonasket Natural Foods Co-op*. Dave will look at it in the spring.

Thom will talk with Ken Vanderstoep or Mikkel Gredvig to bring the food bank donations we're collecting in the store to the food bank.

In her store report, Sabrina requested that we have a 3rd signer on our P1FCU bank account; we will ask Annie Kier to take on that position.

The next board meeting is set for Friday, February 27 at 1 PM in the CCC.

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting, Thom seconded, Peggy Tofte adjourned the meeting at 2:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

River Jones, Secretary *ex officio*