Okanogan River Cooperative Association
DBA Tonasket Natural Foods Cop

September 22, 2026
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

Members Present: Peggy Tofte, President; River Jones, Vice President; Joyce Charlene Rich, Secretary; Ron Jones-Edward, Treasurer; Annie Keir (via face time @1:50pm); Phil Gleason; Anne MacDonaugh; Sabrina Sofia; *ex officio*. This constitutes a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 12:59pm by President Peggy Tofte.

Guest: None

Agenda: Charlene moved to approve of the agenda Ron seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Minutes: Peggy moved to approve of minutes of last board meeting on August 18,2026 Phil seconded the motion, all approved.

Correspondence: Peggy reported there were two positive notes in our correspondence box.

Treasurer's Report: The Improvement Fund currently has $16,810.82

Store Report: Sabrina read the store report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evaluation: Ron and Peggy have compiled the employee surveys. Next will be the evaluation of our Co-op manager Sabrina. The date wasn't set at this time.

Finance: We have hired August Edge Accounting firm in Wenatchee to review our QuickBooks. They should be done by our next meeting.

Marketing: Sabrina has been advertising sales etc. on Facebook. She also placed adds in the Chronicle under a flyer titled "Health and Wellness". This will advertise healthy foods that we currently sell.

River is working on the newsletter it will be ready soon.

Garden: The garden committee has scheduled a Work Party for October 8, 2026, from 10am-1pm. Annie has offered her place to take debris, and we can use her truck if need be. Anne will bring large paper bags to put garden waste in. Charlene will bring tools and call folks who she thinks would like to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS:

A vote was unanimous to add Carol R. Jones as a third person to the PIFCU account.

The timeline was revisited. It is a guideline for the board to keep track of tasks to be done. Everyone agreed it was a good idea to continue with this reminder.

The highway sign is pending. Rob Thompson was the contact person when we previously did the highway clean-up. Anne will contact Rob. The date hasn't been set for the clean-up yet.

Lots of ideas were floated for the 50th anniversary of the Co-op in 2027.

1. **Newspaper adds.**

2. **T-shirts. (Possibility of including the Tonasket high school art class).**
3. **Each month do a different theme.**
4. **Have bicycles decorated for the Founders Day Parade. Annie suggested we involve the Tonasket School band. Possibly going to the North Valley nursing home and decorating wheelchairs.**

We discussed the need for an emergency fire plan. River and Charlene will look at this plan and revise it to suit the Cop needs. River has a plan on her computer which is very extensive.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Barter Faire is October 16-18. Sabrina reports last year it worked well to combine Pasquale's business with the Co-op booth. The booth is in the main circle. It simplifies having volunteers sign up. Everyone agreed to this arrangement with a few board members wanting to volunteer at the booth. Peggy suggested that it would give Pasquale a break if we had a few folks volunteering from the BOD.

Google Meets seems to be working although we didn't use it at this meeting. Thanks Phil who has worked on implementing this.

Pasquale is working on signs for each section of products. This will help customers who are new to the Co-op find products they need. We agreed that the store signs were priority.

Peggy asked about a new board member who last spring had considered joining the board. We agreed to proceed.

Our employees who work 30 hrs. a week will now receive "Preventive Health Insurance" At this time five employees are eligible for this benefit. This was started in September 2026. Thanks, Sabrina, for implementing this, it will be a real plus for our hard-working employees.

Julie has suggested having a "Little Free Library". It would be a waterproof wooden box with a glass front. This will be located on the wall in the front of the store. All agreed this would be a fun addition.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday October 27, 2026 @1pm @ CCC.

Phil moved to adjourn the meeting, Charlene seconded the motion. Peggy Tofte, President adjourned the meeting at 3pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Charlene Rich Secretary