

Okanogan River Cooperative Association

DBA Tonasket Natural Foods Co-op

August 18, 2026
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

Members Present: Peggy Tofte President, River Jones Vice President, Joyce Charlene Rich Secretary, Ron Jones-Edward Treasurer, Annie Keir, Phil Gleason, Sabrina Sofia, *ex officio*. This constitutes a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40pm by President Peggy Tofte.

Guests: None

Agenda: River moved to approve of the agenda Phil seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Minutes: Peggy moved to approve of minutes of last board meeting June 26, 2026. Phil seconded the motion, all approved.

Correspondence: None

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

Committee Reports:

FINANCE: Charlene is asking to be removed from the finance committee. All agreed. Summer our bookkeeper will be added to the committee.

MARKETING: The Garlic Festival will be our advertising for this month.

GARDEN: Charlene is suggesting a sign with our logo and hours where the mountain ash tree is sitting presently. This tree needs to come down this year. Phil has offered his woodshop to help facilitate building it. Sabrina suggests we do letters with Pasquale.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The highway sign is pending. Rob Thompson was the contact person when we previously did the highway clean-up.

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

1. Newspaper ads.
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.

We discussed the need for an emergency fire plan.

River has a fire plan we can possibly use. She will present it to the board at the next meeting.

OCCF has finalized the closing of their organization. We will talk to our bookkeeper regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS:

River reports we are ready for the Garlic Festival. She has concerns about smoke. Phil suggests we take each day to decide if the smoke is bad. Hopefully the skies will clear up. The weather and fire danger is unpredictable at this point.

Phil has completed his research regarding Google Meets we have in the past used Zoom, which is costly.

Google Meets fee is \$6.00 a month. River moved to sign-up with our business email account Peggy seconded, all was in favor.

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.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @1pm @CCC.

Phil moved to adjourn the meeting Ron seconded the motion. Peggy Tofte president adjourned the meeting at 2:26pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Charlene Rich Secretary