

Okanogan River Cooperative Association
DBA Tonasket Natural Foods Co
OCTOBER 29, 2025
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

Members Present: Peggy Tofte President, River Jones Vice President, Joyce Charlene Rich Secretary, Ron Jones-Edwards Treasurer, Thom Speidel (teleconference), Annie Kier, Sabrina Sofia, *ex officio*. This constitutes a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by President Peggy Tofte.

Guest: No guests

Correspondence: None

Agenda: Thom moved to approve the agenda River seconded.

Minutes: Charlene read the minutes Annie moved to approve Peggy seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported our current balance in the Improvement Fund is \$11,255.49.

Store Report: Sabrina read the store report.

Committee Reports:

FINANCE: A meeting for November 21, 2025 at 11am in the co-op basement was agreed on.

MARKETING: The newsletter is completed and available to our customers. Thank you, River, for the amazing work. It is printed in color for the first time. Thankyou Pasquale, it's very attractive.

The marketing committee is collaborating on designing a postcard to mail out to our customers. This was discussed in detail, the logo, colors, wording etc.

Peggy and River will research with the Tonasket Post Office on the cost of mailing the postcard. (in the Tonasket zip code, 98855) The projected date for completing this project is the end of November.

GARDEN: Charlene reported on a successful and fun garden party. A big thank you to all who showed up. We weeded, mulched, raked and swept. Another clean-up party (after the heavy frost) will be needed. Charlene will let everyone know when the next party will be.

Old Business: We have decided not to pursue the 501c3 application at this time. With the current shutdown of the government, it seems pointless to begin a complicated and expensive procedure. All were in favor of tabling at this time.

Our taxes are completed for another year. Thankyou Peggy, Julie, Sabrina and Summer. Your efforts are so appreciated.

New Business: We all recognize the need to support the Food Bank here in Tonasket. With the government shutdown and the SNAP program not available, our community needs donations. We do donate to the Food Bank monthly and have for many years. This will be extra support. River suggested we have a basket for the goods. Sabrina will move forward on this.

Annie attended the Tonasket Chamber of Commerce meeting They discussed tourism and the food bank. She will continue to attend these meetings when they have them.

The next Board meeting will be November 21,2025 @1pm at the Community Cultural Center. (The finance meeting is the same day, November 21,2025 in the basement of the co-op @ 11am)

Adjourned: Peggy Tofte, president adjourned the meeting @2:58pm.

Respectively Submitted

**Charlene Rich
Secretary**