

Okanogan River Cooperative Association
DBA Tonasket Natural Foods Co-Op
May 22, 2026
LOCATION: COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

Members Present: Peggy Tofte President, River Jones Vice President, Joyce Charlene Rich Secretary, Thom Speidel, Annie Keir, Anne McDonough, Sabrina Sofia, *ex officio*. This constitutes a quorum. Not present was Ron Jones-Edwards Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 1:02PM by President Peggy Tofte.

Guest: Phil Gleason

Agenda: River moved to approve of the agenda Thom seconded.

Minutes: Charlene read the minutes from the retreat. Annie moved to approve of the minutes, Peggy seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Sabrina gave the treasurer's report on the Improvement Fund which is currently \$12,000.

Store Report: Sabrina read the store report.

Committee Reports:

FINANCE: Thom, Julie and Summer spent an entire day on our books. Summer will take over our bookkeeping. She waited until our accountant gave us results from the last three months. Thank you for getting a reasonably good P & L and Balance sheet out to us. We continue to have problems with all the numbers, but we are getting closer to solving the problems.

MARKETING: Discussed the continuing need for marketing. Pasquale is working on our signs. To put out for the public view.

Thom is planning a group of young members for a brainstorming session.

GARDEN: Charlene will continue with the garden this season. Peggy helps with watering and planting. Anne will help water later in the summer. Charlene is announcing at the membership meeting she is retiring from the garden in 2027. We are looking for a volunteer to step up.

EVALUATION: Ron and Peggy will plan an evaluation for Sabrina. Included will be employee evaluations for Sabrina. This provided good feedback during the last evaluation in 2024.

Old Business: None

New Business: Annie will do snow cones on Founders Day. Thanks Annie.

River and Sabrina to schedule a time to add River as a third person at P1FCU.

The co-op did okay at the Spring Barter Faire. Pasquale used his booth for merchandise. Thanks everyone who helped at the Faire.

We wait to see if we will receive any money from the Barter Faire Grant. Sabrina sent an application. If we do, she plans on using those dollars to close the store for cleanup and doing some remodeling projects.

Anne reported the highway department still hasn't returned her calls regarding the cleanup sign on highway 20.

We have many projects to complete this season. The awning looks great. Thanks to all who worked on this, we appreciate how great it looks.

Next project will be the sidewalk cement work. Peggy has a list of volunteers who may be able and willing to do this. It is our responsibility to take care of our sidewalks. The winters are hard on them.

We tabled the 50th Anniversary discussion.

Discussed the Membership Meeting details. Food will be provided in the backroom. Voting needs to take place on various board members. Thom wants to do a brainstorming session. Sabrina will have financial paperwork to hand out.

Annie moved to go into Executive Session Thom seconded the motion at 2:50PM. Notes will be posted in our board book. Closed executive session at 3:20pm by Peggy Tofte, president.

Meeting was resumed and next meeting will be June 14, 2026 our Membership Meeting @ the Community Cultural Center @ 1pm in the backroom.

Board members are showing up at noon to prepare for the meeting.

Peggy Tofte, President, adjourned the meeting at 3:25pm.

Respectively Submitted

Charlene Rich, Secretary