

Ozark Natural Foods
January Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 28th, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Joshua Youngblood, Ben Ozanne, Colleen Pancake
Danielle Dotson, Hayden Henningsen, John Bailey

Staff Members Present: General Manager, Mike Anzalone

Consent Agenda:

- Approve Minutes for January 25, 2017
- Request from heir to refund ownership of deceased owner Leigh Taylor.
- **Motion** to accept Consent Agenda was **made, seconded and passed unanimously.**

Floor Reports

President's Report:

- President and General Manager interviewed by Walton College of Business Honors College for ONF study.
- President suggested telephone meetings with CDS consultant, Thane Joyal include Vice President and Secretary.
- President is requesting consent from the Board to send historical Ozark Natural Foods information, including Board minutes, planning documents, photos, marketing materials and key decisions to the University of Arkansas archives.

GM Report:

- Owner Equity Drive in January was deemed successful, with over \$19,000 in owner payments received.
- General Manager continues to coordinate with management regarding new ENDS interpretation.
- GM is working with Fayetteville Public Schools and UA Agriculture and Sustainability for the creation of a food hub to provide produce to area schools.
- Details about new competition in the market in Springdale and Fayetteville.

Reporting and Board Decisions

B1 Staff Relations

- The Board received the report prior to the meeting.
- The Board discussed the report and asked questions.
- **Motion** to accept B1 Staff Relations was **made, seconded and passed unanimously.**

Board Candidate Packets

- Prior to meeting, Board received the proposed changes for review.
- Board discussed the information and reviewed dates relevant to the 2017 election cycle which will be reflected in revised packet.
- **Motion** to approve Board Candidate Packet with changes was **made, seconded and passed with five ayes. One member up for re-election abstained.**

Linkage Committee

- Committee Chair Colleen Pancake discussed February 13, 2017, *Dinner with the Board*.
- Dinner was well attended, and a vast amount of feedback was received.
- Next *Dinner with the Board* is June 13, 2017.

Policy Committee

- Committee Chair John Bailey distributed copies of proposed changes to D1, D8 and D13.
- The Board reviewed and discussed potential changes.
- Motion to approve proposed policy changes to D1, D8 and D13 was **made, seconded and passed with five ayes.**

Nomination Committee

- Committee reviewed entire Board Candidate Packet and brainstormed possible interim Board members.

Discussions

Board Training and CCMA

- President will present at Consumer Cooperative Management Association (CCMA) conference in June. Suggested GM attend conference as well.

Expansion Opportunities Benton County

- General Management updated Board with potential expansion opportunities in Benton County.
- GM has proposed *old-time co-op* model for expansion. Suggested renovating a house to suit small-scale retail needs. Purchasing property will be contingent on Board approval.

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Board Policies for review/discussion:

- D14-Board Benefits

Upcoming meeting dates

- March Meeting-March 27th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Owner Attendance

Linda Ralston
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Owner Comments

Disclaimer: Owner comments are a welcome line of communication between owners and the board.

All owner comments are the personal views and opinions of the named owner and do not reflect the ownership as a whole. The board does not guarantee a response or rebuttal owner comments. The board takes all owner comments under advisement.

Linda Ralston: Suggested the Board build a bridge with ownership. Ralston feels the Board does not know the owners.