

**Ozark Natural Foods**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2026 Meeting**  
Tuesday February 24th, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Cannon McNair, Megan Knutson, Nick Carson  
Kim Bryden, Paige Hammer, Jacob Sheetsley  
Kerri McMahan, Joshua Youngblood,

Board Members Absent: Ariel Fox

Staff Members Present : Dennis Hanley

**Consent Agenda:**

- **Motion** to approve the January consent agenda was **made, seconded, and carried unanimously.**

**Floor Report:**

President's Report:

- Cannon reported that he feels the board and store leadership/operations are working very well together and the energy has been great.

GM Report & Monitoring Report

- Dennis appreciated the staff for their hard work in January including working through two large storms.
- The co-op is growing talent and its reflected within the store.

**Board Decisions & Q&A**

B3- Financial Conditions

- Dennis reported compliance on B3 Financial Conditions.
- The Board reviewed the report prior to the board meeting and asked applicable questions.
- **Motion** to accept B3 Financial Conditions as presented was **made, seconded and carried unanimously.**

**Board Reports**

Perpetuation Committee

- Megan reported the committee met and discussed the dates for opening nominations for new board members which will be March 2nd. Printed applications will be available once the dates are open.
- Committee also discussed taking on some of the Onboarding/Training for new board members.

Outreach Committee

- Jacob reported the committee hosted two events recently, both of which were very successful. Meet your Producer and Meet your Neighbor, both were well attended.
- The next Trailside Cleanup will be Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12:00pm.

Finance Committee

- Nick reported the committee met and discussed patronage and went a little deeper into finances over the past few months.

### Policy Committee

- Josh reported the committee fixed the reporting calendar and updated dates, etc.
- The committee drafted the Treasurer policy to present to the board for voting/decision.

### **Discussions**

#### Secretary + Treasurer Role/Policy

- The Policy committee created language for a dedicated Treasurer role and presented it to the Board for approval.
- **Motion** to adopt the Treasure Role Policy D9 and to adjust the order of policies accordingly was **made, seconded and carried unanimously.**
- **Motion** to open the table for nominations **was made, seconded and carried unanimously.**
- Nick Carson was nominated and accepted the nomination of Board Treasurer. **Motion** to elect Nick Carson as the Board Treasurer was made **seconded and passed unanimously.**
- Kerri McMahon was nominated and accepted the nomination of Board Secretary. **Motion** to elect Karri McMahon as Board Secretary was **made, seconded, and passed unanimously.**

#### Columinate CBLD Contract Options

- The Board discussed options for renewing the Columinate CBLD contract.
- Kim will research additional options including interviewing other consultants and present to the Board before making a decision.

#### Patronage Refund

- Dennis presented a timeline for potentially distributing a patronage refund. Dennis presented his proposal based on Q4 financial results, B3 Financial conditions report, and the audit and taxes being filed in April. By May Dennis will be able present a proposal based on the above figures/financials for Board approval.

#### CCMA Attendance

- CCMA will take place in May. Kerri and Paige will attend as the newest board members. Arial is also able to attend if she so chooses.

#### Big River Co-op Helena, AR

- Joshua is working with Big River Co-op as they work to open a location in Helena, Arkansas. This is only the second co-op in Arkansas.

#### **Policies for review/discussion:**

- D5- Board Monitoring

#### **Upcoming meeting dates**

- March 24<sup>th</sup>- March monthly meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:19 p.m.**

**Member Comments:** No member comments