

River Market Community Co-op
Board of Directors

Minutes of Regular Meeting - January 14th, 2025

River Market Community Co-op and Zoom

Attendance:

Directors Present:

In-person: David Mickelson, Luke Engel, Karen Hulstrand, Judy Murphy, Amanda Hanlon, and Stephen Munasinghe

Via Zoom: Meghan Hatalla, and Julie Luna

Directors Absent:

Randy Gutzmann

The Directors present constituted a quorum.

Others Present:

Brad Lee, Owner, Sara Morrison, River Market Community Co-op (RMCC) General Manager (GM), and Grace Lehne, RMCC Board Administrative Assistant (BAA)

Call to Order

Mr. Engel called the January 14th, 2025 meeting of the RMCC Board of Directors to order at 6:02 p.m.

Owner Comments and Points of Order

Mr. Engel acknowledged that an owner, Mr. Lee, was attending. Mr. Lee spoke about his admiration for bulk products and asked about the future of our bulk section. Mr. Engel called for any points of order to be added. No points of order were added.

Consent Agenda / Pulled Reports

Mr. Engel then called upon directors to identify reports for removal from January's Consent Agenda. No reports were pulled. Mr. Mickelson moved to accept the consent agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Munasinghe, and approved by the board.

BOD/GM Open Discussion

Ms. Morrison opened the floor for questions about the General Manager's Report. Discussion was had about the upcoming CCMA conference, and bulk products.

B.7: Communication with the Board

Ms. Morrison opened the floor for questions about the B.7 report. Questions were asked about the process for approving new owners. Mr. Munasinghe moved to accept the B.7 report, which was seconded by Mr. Mickelson and approved by the board.

B.8: Logistical Support

Ms. Morrison opened the floor for questions about the B.8 report. Ms. Hulstrand moved to accept the B.8 report, which was seconded by Ms. Murphy and approved by the board.

Assign C & D Reports

Mr. Engel led the assignments of the C and D reports.

Logistics for Spring Retreat

The board picked 4/27/2025 as the tentative date for the Spring Retreat.

C-Share Redemption

Mr. Engel spoke about the potential redemption of C-Shares back to C-Share holders. Mr. Engel explained the different shares involved in cooperatives. Ms. Morrison summarized prior C-Share campaigns that River Market had offered. The board discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks of redeeming C-Shares back to C-Share holders.

Pulled Reports

No reports were pulled.

Board Check-in

The board discussed check in items including upcoming events. The Growth and Engagement committee will discuss plans to celebrate the international day of the cooperative, 7/5/2025. The board will not hold Coffee with the Board in January.

Executive Session

Mr. Engel opened the Executive Session. The Open Session resumed upon the Executive Session's conclusion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Ms. Hanlon, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by Grace Lehne, RMCC Board Administrative Assistant