

River Market Community Co-op
Board of Directors

Minutes of Regular Meeting - February 11th, 2025

River Market Community Co-op and Zoom

Attendance:

Directors Present:

In-person: David Mickelson, Luke Engel, Karen Hulstrand, Judy Murphy, Julie Luna, Meghan Hatalla, and Randy Gutzmann, Stephen Munasinghe

Via Zoom: Amanda Hanlon

Directors Absent:

None

The Directors present constituted a quorum.

Others Present:

Gayle Knutson, Owner 400797, 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 February 11th, 2025 meeting of the RMCC Board of Directors to order at 6:01 p.m.

Owner Comments and Points of Order

Mr. Engel acknowledged that an owner, Gayle Knutson, was attending through Zoom. Gayle spoke about the library in Marine on St. Croix in relation to the selection process for round-up recipients. 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 February's Consent Agenda. No reports were pulled. Mr. Mickelson moved to accept the consent agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Luna, 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 strong sales growth in January and the impacts of World Snow Sculpting.

B.1: Financial Condition

Ms. Morrison opened the floor for questions about the B.1 report. Questions were asked about Margin Minus Labor. Ms. Luna moved to accept the B.1 report, which was seconded by Ms. Murphy and approved by the board.

B.4: Ownership Rights

Ms. Morrison opened the floor for questions about the B.4 report. Mr. Mickelson moved to accept the B.4 report, which was seconded by Mr. Munasinghe and approved by the board.

Board Budget Priorities

Mr. Munasinghe led a discussion about the Treasurer's Report and the board's budget priorities. The board discussed adding a budget line for owner engagement to more accurately categorize expenses, and increasing the board travel budget for FYE2026 to send multiple board members to the 2026 Consumer Cooperative Management Association (CCMA) conference. The board discussed the value of Columinate.

CCMA Participation Discussion

Board members discussed the 2025 CCMA conference in Duluth, MN. Multiple board members expressed interest in attending the conference.

Pulled Reports

No reports were pulled.

Board Check-in

The board discussed check in items including monitoring surveys to be completed and upcoming events.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Luna moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Mickelson, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by Grace Lehne, RMCC Board Administrative Assistant