
MINUTES
Common Ground Food Co-op
Board Meeting
6:15pm-8:15pm Central Time
September 9, 2024

Call to Order

R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.

R. Taylor, Wang, Barnes, Montgomery, Muller, Hackler, and Parson were the voting members in attendance. G. Taylor was in attendance as an ex officio guest of the Board.

Guests/Owners

Chike Coleman, Debra Karplus, and Julia Cronin were in attendance.

Public Comment

There were none.

Agenda Amendments

The consent agenda was amended to include the July Treasurer's report, and other agenda items were amended to include the MORE Report and the updated tracking reports.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion. Muller moved and Barnes seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion approved.

MOO

Online and 50th Anniversary Celebration

The online meeting will take place on September 27th and the in-person event will be at Prairie Fruits Farm in early October.

Monthly Operations Report and Financials

Overview

G. Taylor gave the Board an guests an update on store changed and reviewed the MORE and financial reports which were previously made available to the Board. He reported on the new coolers and store reorganization. G. Taylor also stated that the store will carry Prairie Farms products and distribute communication to the owners stating Prairie Farms is a co-op, in addition to being a national brand.

GM Monitoring

The Board reviewed the EL B7 and EL B8 reports that G. Taylor previously made available.

Motion. Hackler moved and Muller seconded the motion to find EL B7 as in compliance as reported. Motion approved.

Motion. Montgomery moved and Barnes seconded the motion to find EL B8 as in compliance as reported. Motion approved.

2025 Board Budget Review

The Board reviewed the proposed Board budget for 2025.

Motion. Wang moved and Montgomery seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Board budget as presented. Motion approved with one abstention.

Committee Updates

Engagement

Muller outlined the proposed amendment to Board policy C7, Board Committee Principals, that will be reviewed in more detail at the new Board retreat.

Board Development

Parson outlined the Board Candidate meet and greet, held ahead of this meeting.

Action. R. Taylor, Parson, and Galewsky to meet to review the Board candidate election process.

Action. Montgomery to talk with Todd Wallace from NCG and set the date for the Board Retreat.

Executive Session

Motion. R. Taylor moved and Muller seconded the motion to enter Executive Session. Motion approved.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:01pm.

The Board left Executive Session at 7:39pm.

Motion. Wang moved and Muller seconded the motion to adjust G. Taylor's 2025 and 2026 compensation as discussed in executive session. Motion approved.

Following the September 27th elections, Hackler tendered his resignation to the Board, effective in the new Board year. The Board thanked Hackler for his service and wished him the best of luck in his endeavors.

The Board also thanks R. Taylor for his service before his time on the Board ends.

Actions. R. Taylor to discuss the open Board positions with Buckman and Sands so the website can be updated.

Closing

Newsletter Assignment

Muller will write an article about the upcoming election.

Other Tasks and Assignments

There were none.

Review of Action Items from This Meeting

Montgomery reviewed the action items from this meeting.

Board Bits Postlude

This month your Board is talking about the 2024 Board of Directors elections and the MOO!
Two major events coming up that are direct benefits and rights of YOUR ownership.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Adjourn

Motion. R. Taylor moved and Barnes seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.