

GRAIN TRAIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Candidate Statements 2026

JASON LAPOINTE

EDUCATION: BS - Environmental Science

Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors of Grain Train Co-op?

To be a direct voice for the co-op. I appreciate the neighborhood grocery store aesthetic of Grain Train and the products it provides to the community.

What are you passionate about? How could we see that passion in action in your day-to-day life?

Our environment is my passion. My career is responsible for assessing our regional environment for reducing impacts to human health and other environmental aspects.

Describe an experience where you worked on a team. What did you offer the team? How did you compromise for the team's benefit?

Throughout my career, I have been on many teams that completed a variety of goals. My current team manages contaminated properties throughout northern Michigan. Our main responsibility is to assess any risk posed to human health and the environment when contamination is present at a property. To help make effective decisions, the team orchestrates peer reviews to assist with the decision process. Compromising is a product of the peer review process. For example, a peer may have a more thorough risk assessment than others.

Do you have other experiences that you see as being related to the work of the Board?

Currently a member of the Planning Commission and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of East Jordan.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

Thank you for the opportunity to apply. I wish the other candidates the best.

