Grain Train (GT) Natural Food Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting – Sept. 15, 2026
Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/91283382662) | Time: 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Katie Hartlieb, Erik Hagstrom, Paula Welmers, Lindsay Hall, Greg Fuller, Margaret McBride, Catherine Atchison, Michael Walter (CEO), Sean Miller (staff), Mindy Taylor (staff, virtual)

Absent: Kendall Hornsby and Jason LaPointe

Ends Statement

Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative exists so that our community is inspired to make well-informed, healthy choices that support both people and planet.

Meeting Called to order
- Called to order at 5:35 p.m. — Quorum determined.

Preliminaries:
Agenda Review/Modification - The agenda was modified to add a conversation on code of conduct. This discussion was put under General Business

Open Member Forum - N/A

Consent Agenda
August Meeting Minutes

C4 and C8
Paula made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Maggie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Decisions:
CEO September Report
Michael gave a report to the board and shared the co-op recently hit 4,000 owners. Patronage is also running smoothly and the Petoskey store has started the install of its new produce cooler.

B7 and B8
Discussions on the bylaws and board admin roles were had between Michael and the board.
***Eric made a motion to accept the September and B7/B8 report. Cathy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

General Business:

Boyne City Renewal

Maggie made a motion to give Michael the go ahead to renew the Boyne City store's lease. Greg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CCMA Q&A

Cathy talked about her time at CCMA. The board was able to ask questions about her time at the conference.

Committee Updates

Paula made a motion to accept the updated charter of the education committee. Lindsay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CBLD/Consultant Plan Review

Paula made a motion to continue with the two consultants the board as contracted with in 2027 and to reconsider in 2028. Eric second. Motion passed unanimously.

SWOT Analysis

Code of Conduct

Board Education

Audit Education

Steven Brokish from Wegner CPA met with the board to discuss its audit and go over any raised questions.

Closed Session

Cathy made a motion to move into closed session. Maggie second. Motion passed unanimously.

Cathy made a motion to end closed. Paula second. Motion passed.

Closings

Adjourned- ***Erik made a motion to adjourn. Lindsay seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.***