

**IOSCO-ARENAC DISTRICT LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

Place: Administrative Offices, 120 W. Westover St., East Tawas, MI 48730

Date: April 9, 2026

Present: **Linda Eyer, Rick Rockwell, Sue Kingsbury, Phyllis Klender, Dan Stock, Susan Synowiec, Thelma Van Brenk, Kari Besancon and JoAnn Edwards**

Absent: **Jerry Brown**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairperson Susan Synowiec.

Rockwell and Klender motioned and seconded approval of the agenda, as amended.

Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent. Motion carried.

2. Public Participation and Reports from the Friends Groups

Eyer reported on the upcoming programs for National Library Week, celebrated April 19th through April 25th, including a Library breakfast for the workers on the 21st. Kingsbury reported on the events planned for the next few weeks at the Tawas City Library, including special crafts for children. Synowiec described the Easter Egg Hunt held in Whittemore that was fun and well-attended.

3. Board Comments

None

4. Approval of the Minutes from the March 12, 2026 Board Meeting

Eyer and VanBrenk motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2026 Board Meeting. Seven (7) aye. One (1) absent. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

Director Besancon defined the Automation and Internet Access expense categories.

Kingsbury and Eyer motioned and seconded approval of the Treasurers Report.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

6. Ratification of Bills

Klender and Kingsbury motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #26-07 dated March 26, 2026 in the amount of \$24,262.53, and Voucher #26-08 dated April 9, 2026 in the amount of \$32,655.50.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye and one (1) absent. Motion carried.

7. Director's Report

Statistics and Reports

Director Besancon noted concern about changes with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance. Besancon also shared her thoughts about powerful questions shared at the Director's Think Tank meeting and how our libraries can remain relevant today.

The high cost of digital collections was discussed and the need for specific data to consider appropriate budgeting.

8. Old Business

A. Polaris, Merit, USF, and MelCat updates

Director Besancon reported that Courtney and Arleen completed the MelCat training and how it will change with Polaris.

B. Report from Bylaws Subcommittee

The Committee met and reported their suggestions to the current bylaws including:

- a) Update every 2 years;
- b) Add our mission
- c) Job descriptions made more clearly
- d) Explain our liabilities – potential obligations that impact us as a district.
- e) Oath of office

The committee will draft their proposed bylaws and email to the board for review and suggestions.

C. Approval of Programming Grants (if any)

1. **Plainfield Twp. Library/Friends of the Library:** Captain Andrew Hendrickson/Fishing in Our Great Lakes. Date: May 16, 2026; 2-5 pm – Resource Center Hall.
Rockwell and Kingsbury motioned and seconded to approve the Plainfield Twp. Library Program Grant. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye and one (1) absent. Motion carried.
2. **Arenac County Historical Society;** Co-sponsors: Au Gres Community Library; Lois Sprengnether Keel presenting "The Hello Girls." Co-Sponsors: Date: June 23, 2026; 7:00 pm – ACHS Museum
Rockwell and Klender motioned and seconded to approve the Arenac County Historical Society Program Grant. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye and one (1) absent. Motion carried

9. New Business

A. April Millage Distribution

Rockwell and Kingsbury motioned and seconded to approve the distribution of the April Millage checks. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell; aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Seven (7) aye and one (1) absent.
Motion carried

B. Global Road Warrior Presentation

Director Besancon presented the new Global Road Warrior database. It is now available on our website.

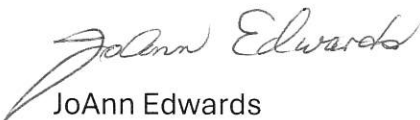
10. Items for Next Agenda

- A.** Nathan Miller – Audit Presentation from Stephenson & Company, PC
- B.** Committee Reports
- C.** Summer Reading
- D.** Adult Programming Grants (if any)

11. Adjournment

Chairperson, Susan Synowiec adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JoAnn Edwards
Recording Secretary

A quorum of **five** is needed to conduct business.

If you cannot attend or need directions, please call Kari or JoAnn at 989-362-2651.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CALENDARS/PLANNERS.

REMINDER-The next meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 4:30 pm

at Robert J. Parks Library

6010 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI