

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

Place: **Au Gres Community Library, 230 N. Mackinaw, Au Gres, MI**

Date: **August 13, 2026**

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Rockwell and Stock motioned and seconded approval of the agenda, as amended. Seven (7) aye. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation and Reports from the Friends Groups

Kingsbury reported a successful Tawas City Library book sale and summer programs that drew over 324 participants, exceeding past years' numbers.

Synowiec reported that the Whittemore Friends of the Library will sponsor a back-to-school program to provide local children with school items including backpacks and tennis shoes. The group also plans to sponsor a Halloween magic show, to include free pizza and books.

4. Board Comments

None

5. Approval of the Minutes from the July 9, 2026 Board Meeting

Klender and Eyer motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2026 Board Meeting. Seven (7) aye. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

There was some discussion regarding the changes in Hoopla and Libby circulations.

Also noted were the extra explanations in line with the added account numbers on the Profit and Loss statement.

Van Brenk and Kingsbury 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. Motion carried.

7. Ratification of Bills

Klender and Kingsbury motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #26-18 dated July 19, 2026 in the amount of \$17,993.76, Voucher #26-19 dated July 30, 2026 in the amount of \$20,566.44 and Voucher #26-20 dated August 13, 2026 in the amount of \$25,107.31.

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. Motion carried.

8. Director's Report

Statistics and Reports

Besancon reported on her meeting with the Mayor of Omer and the applications received for the new position for the Omer Library.

Suggestions for eliminating the hundreds of old, weeded books continue to be welcome.

9. Old Business

A. Polaris, Merit, USF, and MeLCat updates

USF Funding concerns in Director's Report.

Barcodes issues due to different codes from MelCat and Polaris.

B. Board Opening Update

Director Besancon reported that a small number of candidates sent in their letters of interest and suggested that the Board Members make the recommendation to the county.

C. Staff Survey Results

Synowiec reported that she received twelve (12) responses back. The results will be compiled for the next board meeting.

10. New Business

A. Board Reappointments

Chairperson, Synowiec read a letter from Trustee, Phyllis Klender, stating her request not to be reappointed at the end of her term in December 2026.

B. Omer Update

Director Besancon reported on her meeting with the Mayor of Omer, Mayor Raushi Which was a productive and positive meeting.

C. Schedule Budget Committee Meetings

Need Budget draft to back-up the L-4029. Budget meeting scheduled for August 20th at Headquarters.

D. Schedule Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

Policy/Personnel Meeting scheduled for August 17, 2026 at Omer Library.

E. Besancon Contract

Contract will be discussed at the Policy/Personnel Meeting on August 17, 2026.

F. Programming Grants (if any)

None

G. Appointment to Policy/Personnel Committee

Kingsbury has been appointed to the Policy/Personnel Committee.

11. Items for Next Agenda

A. Public Hearing, Budget DRAFT and L-4029

B. September Millage Distribution

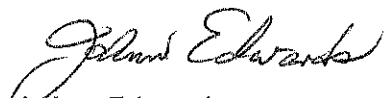
C. Reports of Committees

D. Programming grants (if any)

12. Adjournment

Chairperson, Susan Synowiec adjourned the meeting at 5:44 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, September 10, 2026 at 4:30 pm

Headquarters

120 W. Westover, East Tawas, MI