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

Place: **Robert J. Parks Library, 6010 N. Steel Ave., Oscoda, MI 48750**
Date: **May 21, 2026**
Present: **Linda Eyer, Rick Rockwell, Sue Kingsbury, Dan Stock, Susan Synowiec, Kari Besancon and JoAnn Edwards**
Absent: Jerry Brown, Phyllis Klender, Thelma Van Brenk

1. **Call to Order**
   Meeting called to order at 4:39 pm by Chairperson Susan Synowiec.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   Rockwell and Eyer motioned and seconded approval of the agenda, as amended. Five (5) aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

3. **Public Participation and Reports from the Friends Groups**
   Eyer reported on the meeting with Standish Friends Group and Kingsbury reported on meeting with Tawas City Friends Group who is planning their book sale and the Summer Reading Program.

   Nathan Miller -- Audit Presentation from Stephenson & Company, PC.
   Nathan stated he is waiting for his partner to review the draft of the unmodified Audit before they can move forward. He distributed a Power Point document for the board to follow along as he reviewed the slides and explanations. Nathan clarified the highlighted variances, stating that our budget is being used wholly and appropriately. He reported that we will be receiving finished, bound audit booklets once approved.

4. **Board Comments**
   None

5. **Approval of the Minutes from the April 9, 2026 Board Meeting**
   Rockwell & Stock motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the April 9, 2026 Board Meeting. Five (5) aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report**
   Director Besancon explained which funds are included under digital resources. She noted that while it is encouraging to see many patrons fully utilizing their Hoopla allotment of 12 circulations (and in some cases exceeding it), the April cost alone of $5,400 is deeply concerning and not sustainable within the current budget unless resources are reallocated. The budget committee will need to meet.
   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; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; Five (5) aye and one (3) absent. Motion carried.

7. **Ratification of Bills**

   Kingsbury and Rockwell motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of **Voucher #26-09** dated April 16, 2026 in the amount of $419,374.95, **Voucher #26-10** dated April 23, 2026 in the amount of $16,214.27, **Voucher #26-11** dated May 7, 2026 in the amount of $39,881.22, and **Voucher #26-12** dated May 21, 2026 in the amount of $22,767.59.

   A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye. Five (5) aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

8. **Director's Report**

   Statistics and Reports

   Director Besancon reported on her experience at Leadership Academy. Besancon also explained her weekly (Tuesdays) on-line support meetings for new ILS Polaris. She reported on the Director's Think Tank meeting and the discussion on how our libraries can remain relevant today. The high cost of digital collections was discussed and the need for specific data to be considered appropriate budgeting.

9. **Old Business**

   A. **Polaris, Merit, USF, and MelCat updates**

      MelCat is live on Polaris now. Courtney and Arleen have been working on MelCat reports. They are researching patron codes with non-residents, however, Kari would like to wait till January 1st before charging non-residents for using our services.

   B. **Plainfield Update**

      Plainfield (Merit) will be adding fiberoptic in Hale. Kari will talk with Fred about the possible opening date of June 17th.

   C. **Reports of Committees**

      Rockwell reported having met with Dale Wiltse and reported that he is ready and willing to figure out the changes. We do need a game plan before we meet with City Council. Synowiec reported on the meeting about job descriptions, and these will be discussed at the next Personnel meeting.

10. **New Business**

    A. **Acceptance of the Audit for Year 2025**

       A motion for acceptance of the Audit for Year 2025 will be on the agenda for June 2026, after the completion of the printed Audit Report is received.

    B. **Summer Reading**

       Director Besancon will send another email to the branches explaining the summer reading programming with their budget being $1,200 for each branch. She expressed a need to start a committee, in the future, to plan summer reading programs for all the branches. The branches send us the bills for their summer reading. They are free to apply for grants to help pay for programs.

C. **Programming Grants**

The board reviewed two Programming Grants for the Iosco Historical Society, both co - sponsored by IADL. One for $1,000, projected monthly for September – December 2026 - Presenter, Lugene Daniels Lecture Series 2026;

and a second Programming Grant for $600, projected dates – Summer of 2026, monthly, Program Title: Hands on History 2026.

Other Grant Applications received: Mary Johnston Memorial Library submitted an application for their Program for Ric Mixter/Sole Survivor, Projected date – July 15, 2026 for $650.; Tawas City Library submitted an application for their Summer Reading Program for Pathway to Learning/Unearth a Story – Projected date beginning June 17, 2026.

Rockwell and Stock motioned and seconded approval of all grants presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye. Five (5) aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

D. **Board of Trustees Bylaws Amended and Restated Effective June 11, 2026**

Synowiec presented a draft of the Amended Bylaws.

Synowiec suggested a reporting template for the branches to describe the success and actions of their programs. Discussion to take place at Policies and Procedures meeting.

E. **Think Tank**

Director Besancon reported on the Think Tank conference she attended and the reorganizing conversations shared.

11. **Items for Next Agenda**
    - **A.** Approval of Audit for 2025
    - **B.** Programming Grants (if any)
    - **C.** Bylaws Approval

12. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Edwards

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Recording Secretary

A quorum of <u>**five**</u> 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, June 11, 2026 at 4:30 pm

at Mary Johnston Memorial Library

114 N. Court St., Standish, MI