

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

Place: Omer Little Eagles Nest Library, 201 E. Center, Omer, MI

Date: June 12, 2025

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

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Rockwell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Eight (8) aye. Motion carried.**

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUPS**

Audit Presentation by Nathan Miller of Stephenson & Company, PC is postponed until the next meeting July 10, 2025. Copies of the audit draft have been provided to the board members.

Synowiec reported the Whittemore Friends of the Library will have their June 24<sup>th</sup> Ice-Cream Social and will hold their annual 50/50 drawing at the Whittemore Speedway Track during the Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> races.

Kingsbury reported on the planned dates of Tawas City F.O.L. book sales. She also described some of the activities for children planned for the summer.

**ITEM 4. BOARD COMMENTS**

No comments

**ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 8, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

**Stock and Brown motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the May 8, 2025 Board Meeting. Eight (8) aye. Motion carried.**

**ITEM 6. TREASURERS REPORT**

**Klender and Eyer motioned and seconded approval of the Treasurers Report.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows: Jerry Brown, aye; Linda Eyer, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; and Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Motion carried.**

Director Besancon discussed the possibility of needing to adjust the Automation and Membership Budget – to be discussed at the next Budget meeting.

**ITEM 7. RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS**

**Stock & Synowiec motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #25-18 dated May 22, 2025 in the amount of \$18,235.98, Voucher #25-19 dated June 5, 2025 in the amount of \$19,660.19, and Voucher #25-20 dated June 12, 2025 in the amount of \$17,067.91. (Noted: Voucher #25-18 total is less by \$178.62 due to voided check) A roll call vote was taken as follows: Jerry Brown, aye; Linda Eyer, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; and Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Besancon explained that web and computer usage statistics are up due to additional users from outside of the libraries.

## **ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Horizon, Merit, USF and MelCat Updates**

#### **1. Horizon/Polaris Update**

Director Besancon expects additional freedom with Polaris, although the transition will be time consuming. We are still waiting for the Court of Appeals decision regarding USF.

#### **2. MelCat and IMLS**

Director Besancon explained that it appears we will keep our MelcCat and Rides but we could lose our databases. She is also concerned about the reliability of Rides.

### **B. Website Update**

No updates.

### **C. Summer Reading**

Several exciting programs are going on at most of the branches.

### **D. One Card Initiative**

Director Besancon explained that she is not comfortable with the idea of the One Card Initiative at this time. We are free to vote NOT to participate if that is the decision.

## **ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Audit for Fiscal Year 2024 moved to July 10, 2025 Board Meeting**

### **B. Approval of Programming Grants**

Four (4) Grant Applications were presented – all for Oscoda

**Kingsbury and Synowiec motioned and seconded approval of the four (4) applications.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows: Jerry Brown, aye; Linda Eyer, aye; Sue Kingsbury, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Susan Synowiec, aye; and Thelma Van Brenk, aye. Motion carried.**

### **C. Oscoda Press Digitization**

Stock reported on the information he secured regarding the digitization and storing of the newspapers. Director Besancon reported on the information she and John Cargo learned. This process will need additional exploration and assistance.

### **D. Plainfield Township Branch Library**

Fred Lewis, Plainfield Township Supervisor, requested a Letter of Support from the Iosco-Arenac District Library Board of Trustees to apply for a \$50,000 grant to make repairs and improvements to the building at Eagles Pointe in Hale.

The Board stated the letter of support and relocation decision is up to the township and not this Board and therefore, the Board of Trustees decided not to take action at this time. It was noted that the Library Board will support the decision of the township after it is done. The subject will be revisited after township's decision.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 5:37 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, July 10, 2025, at 4:30 pm  
at the Whittemore Library  
483 S. Bullock, Whittemore, MI 48770**