

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

Place: Whittemore Library, 483 Bullock, Whittemore, MI

Date: July 10, 2025

Present: **Jerry Brown, Linda Eyer, Sue Kingsbury, Phyllis Klender, Rick Rockwell, Dan Stock, Susan Synowiec, Thelma Van Brenk, Nathan Miller, CPA, 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 Van Brenk 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

Synowiec reported that the Whittemore Library Ice-cream Social was a successful event hosting about ten (10) visitors and the next 50-50 drawing at the Whittemore Racetrack is coming up on July 19th.

Stock reported concern about the Robert J. Parks/Oscoda Library SNAP funded gardens program continued funding for next year and informed the Board that a brand-new member offered to fund the garden next year.

Kingsbury reported that the Kids' summer programs at the Tawas City Library are going very well, with attendance being high. She explained that City of Tawas paid for the teachers to help with the program.

Nathan Miller, CPA – Audit Presentation from Stephenson & Company, PC

Nathan Miller presented the reports to the Board of Trustees and explained each section.

As reported, the audit reflects no loss in 2024 and explained the value of clarification of the District's plans for the balance of budget. He recommended the District continue forward-looking to plans for the future of the District Library.

Revenues and expenses were discussed with expenses being consistent. Most revenue is from property taxes. Noted was the increase to digital resources which makes sense in today's world. Miller suggested recommendations remain the same as last year - it would not be cost-efficient to hire additional staff to complete financial statements.

ITEM 4. BOARD COMMENTS

No comments

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12, 2025 BOARD MEETING

Synowiec and Klender motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2025 Board Meeting. Eight (8) aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 6. TREASURERS REPORT

Director Besancon reported that the cost of magazine subscriptions have increased substantially.

She discussed the continuation or discontinuation of some of the subscriptions especially considering the magazines available on Libby. Besancon is also concerned about the difficulty of tracking circulation.

Brown 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.

ITEM 7. RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS

Stock and Kingsbury motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #25-21 dated June 19, 2025 in the amount of \$42,225.88, Voucher #25-22 dated June 23, 2025 in the amount of \$6,701.62, and Voucher #25-23 dated July 3, 2025 in the amount of \$21,740.85, and Voucher #25-24 dated July 10, 2025 in the amount of \$6,159.88. 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 spoke of the experiences with the children's programs and all the fun that was had.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horizon, Merit, USF and MelCat Updates

1. Horizon/Polaris Update

Director Besancon reported that Polaris will be uploaded in August. We will have access to Polaris and see what needs to be tweaked. Besancon believes the branches will enjoy having some control over their own information.

The courts will support USF, per Besancon. It appears we will lose roughly \$5.8 million for MelCat beginning October 1, 2026, which will have a catastrophic and long standing negative impact on MelCat.

B. Website Update

Everything is in for the website. Creating code now. It's coming soon.

C. Plainfield Library Update

The Township board voted yes to move to Eagle Pointe.

Divided decision – but it's not our decision. Kari plans to visit and tour the new place for library.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of the Audit for the Fiscal Year 2024

Synowiec and Brown motioned and seconded approval of the Audit for the Fiscal Year 2024. 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.

B. Lost Item Processing Fee Removal of Overdue Material

Synowiec and Stock motioned and seconded approval of the removal of all district charged and current processing and eliminate the \$5.00 processing fee going forward. . 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.

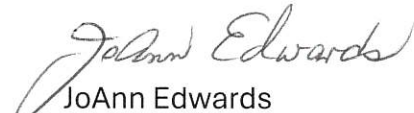
ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reports of Committees – tabled for the August meeting.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 5:34 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, August 14, 2025, at 4:30 pm
at the Tawas City Library**