

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

Place: Plainfield Township Library, 220 N. Washington, Hale, MI 48739

Date: May 8, 2025

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

Absent: **Linda Eyer, Phyllis Klender**

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rockwell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Six (6) aye, two (2) absent. Motion carried.

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

Plainfield Township Library Manager, Cheryl Tyler, welcomed the board members and guests to the library.

Two members of the Friends of the Library, in attendance, introduced themselves.

Plainfield Township Supervisor, Fred Lewis, introduced himself and talked about the possibility of moving the library location to the Eagles Point Community Center (old Hale High School building) this fall. Discussion regarding the pros and cons of this move was generated. Mr. Lewis explained that the public have been invited to share their input on the relocation.

No motion or vote was made regarding the move or the expenses associated with the relocation.

ITEM 4. BOARD COMMENTS

Sue Kingsbury reported that the Friends of the Tawas City Library picked up trash all over town for Earth Day, and earned a gift certificate for their fine work.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of April 10, 2025, BOARD MEETING

Synowiec and Van Brenk motioned and seconded approval of the April 10, 2025, minutes. Six (6) aye, two (2) absent. Motion carried.

ITEM 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Van Brenk and Stock motioned and seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kingsbury, aye; Synowiec, aye; Brown, aye; Rockwell, aye; Van Brenk, aye; Stock, aye. Eyer, Klender: absent. Motion carried.

ITEM 7. RATIFICATION OF THE BILLS

Kingsbury and Synowiec motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #25-15 dated April 17, 2025 in the amount of \$406,684.06, Voucher #25-16 dated April 24, 2025 in the amount of \$16,335.77, and Voucher #25-17 dated May 8, 2025 in the amount of \$51,653.62. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kingsbury, aye; Synowiec, aye; Brown, aye; Rockwell, aye; Van Brenk, aye; Stock, aye. Eyer and Klender: absent. Motion carried.

ITEM 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circulation statistics were reviewed and discussed.

Kari reported on the completion of the inventory at the Au Gres Library and the goal to complete all branch inventories by end of October.

Technology Report – John Cargo's report was reviewed.

Questions about finding a solution to making Huron Shores Genealogical Society's newspaper archive more searchable was considered. This extensive work would be costly, require additional research, and ultimately be the responsibility of HSGS.

Adult Services Report – Arleen Wood's report was reviewed.

Several programs are planned and continue to be prearranged for the year. Arleen will become a member of Develop Iosco which is a great marketing tool.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Horizon, Merit, USF and MelCat Updates

1. Horizon/Polaris Update

Director Besancon shared information regarding VLC and their decision to purchase Polaris.

2. USF, MelCat and IMLS Update

Besancon had a Director's meeting with MelCat. Mel has been defunded as of the end of March, but could possibly be funded by about 50% next year.

B. Website Update – Logo and Branding

A link to view the new IADL website was sent to the Board. The Board of Trustees are encouraged to review the website.

C. Summer Reading Program (SRP)

Director Besancon clarified that the Summer Reading Programs will be paid for with the SRP budget and that budget has sufficient funds to cover the costs. Branches are also receiving support from the Friends Groups of the Libraries.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

A. One Library Card Initiative

Director Besancon presented the pros and cons of the One Library Card Initiative. Questions and concerns were communicated regarding the services for our patrons. VLC has 50 libraries associated with them and were unable to answer many concerns. This initiative will remain tabled for the time being.

B. Strategic Planning Committee Update

The report reveals interesting data that should be shared with our local government offices, municipalities, and units. All IADL branches will receive copies. The data revealed three (3) goals we need to work on:

- **Enhancing community engagement and connections**
- **Evolve our core library services, operations and spaces**
- **Investing in our library staff and our leadership**

Marketing is also something we need to work on, especially with young people.

C. Approval of Programming Grants

One grant request from the Mary Johnson Memorial Library for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame presentation with projected date of July 30, 2025 was presented.

Another grant application from the Tawas City Library for Pathway to Learning – stories and crafts with giveaways for six weeks in June and July was presented.

Kingsbury and Synowiec motioned and seconded approval of both program grants.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kingsbury, aye; Synowiec, aye; Brown, aye; Rockwell, aye; Van Brenk, aye; Stock, aye. Eyer, Klender: absent. Motion carried.

ITEM 11. NEXT AGENDA

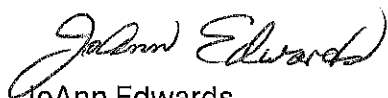
A. Audit from Stephenson and Company - Expected in June

B. Update - Adult Programming - Arleen

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm

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, June 12, 2025, at 4:30 pm
at Omer Little Eagles Nest Library.