

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

Place: Administrative Offices, 120 W. Westover St., East Tawas MI 48730

Date: October 9, 2025

Present: Linda Eyer, Phyllis Klender, Rick Rockwell, Dan Stock, Susan Synowiec, Karl Besancon and JoAnn Edwards

Absent: Jerry Brown, Sue Kingsbury, Thelma Van Brenk

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:33 pm by Chairman Rick Rockwell.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Klender and Synowiec 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

Synowiec reported on the two programs held at the Whittemore Library. Both programs were well attended with Genealogy seeing ten participants and Extension - Canning Venison and Meats having fourteen participants.

Stock reported that Ed Davis is stepping down as president of the Friends group, after fifteen years.

4. Board Comments

No comments.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Note: November meeting time will be 2:00 p.m.

Stock and Eyer motioned and seconded approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2025 Board Meeting. Five (5) aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

Klender and Synowiec motioned and seconded approval of the Treasurers Report.

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

7. Ratification of Bills

Synowiec and Eyer motioned and seconded approval of the ratification of Voucher #25-31 dated September 18, 2025 in the amount of \$73,509.66, Voucher #25-32 dated September 11, 2025 in the amount of \$21,980.20 and Voucher #25-33 dated October 9, 2025 in the amount of \$24,756.88.

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

8. Director's Report

Statistics and Reports

Circulation was discussed. No significant changes were noted.

9. Old Business

A. Horizon/Polaris and MelCat updates

Director Besancon reported on the Horizon/Polaris trainings that she and Courtney Wellnitz have been attending online. Training on these new programs will be necessary for all staff at each of the branches.

B. Website Update

Director Besancon reported on changes that will be needed on the new website

C. Manuals Update

Director Besancon indicated that the manual is nearing completion.

10. New Business

A. Approval of the 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

Note: Meetings in November 2025, January 2026 and February 2026 begin at **2:00 pm** at the Administration Headquarters.

Eyer and Klender motioned and seconded approval of the 2026 Board Meeting Schedule. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; and Susan Synowiec, aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

B. Programming Grants

Synowiec and Stock motioned and seconded approval of the Tawas City Library Programming Grants for Tea and Talk Book Group, Monthly Story Time, Adult Digital Learning, and Chess/Scrabble event, Co-Sponsored by IRESA and the National Honor Society.

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

C. State Budget Update

Director Besancon reported that the allocation news on the State Budget is very good.

D. Think Space Conference Series

Director Besancon explained the benefits of the MLA sponsored conference.

Eyer and Klender motioned and seconded approval for Director Besancon to attend the conference. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Linda Eyer, aye; Phyllis Klender, aye; Dan Stock, aye; Rick Rockwell, aye; and Susan Synowiec, aye. Three (3) absent. Motion carried.

E. Board Member Appointment Request

Requests for reconsideration for current members, Sue Kingsbury and Linda Eyer, will be made at the next meeting.

F. Merit Network Quote for Plainfield Township Library Move

John Cargo secured a quote from Merit Network regarding the move of the IADL technology from the current Plainfield Township Library location to the new location at Eagle's Point. Discussion about who is responsible for moving IADL inventory to continue at next meeting.

11. Items for Next Agenda

- A. Programming Grant Applications – Final 2025**
- B. 2025 – 2026 Budget Approvals and End of Year Motions**
- C. 2026 Programming Grant Applications**
- D. Procedure for Director Evaluation**
Director Besancon requested a list of goals that the Board recommend she focus on for the next year.
- E. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Board Positions**
- F. Manuals Approval**
- G. Plainfield Update**

12. Adjournment

Chairperson Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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, November 13, 2025,
at 2:00 pm at Administrative Headquarters.