

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – OFFICIAL
Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Diane Kooiker (HO), Ron Suszek (MADL), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Lance Werner (KDL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Maggie McKeithan (OS), Rob Bristow (OG), Kerry Fountain (IS/IV), John McNaughton (GRPL)

Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Ann Langlois

Absent: Dale Parus (IC)

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Lance Werner.
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Maggie McKeithan moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** There were no questions from members.
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Maggie McKeithan moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to approve the board minutes from November 9, 2023 - *carried*.
- 6) FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) November & December Financials and Check Register: Ron Suszek moved, supported by Maggie McKeithan to approve the November & December Financials as presented - *motion carried*.
- 7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - a) Lance spoke about the evaluation process for Carol as the Cooperative director.
 - b) Lance also spoke about the sub-committees of the board and their appointees.
 - c) Lance informed the board that the Kent County Commission did not re-appoint Shirley Bruursema, therefore she is no longer an ex-officio member of this board.
- 8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a) Carol spoke about the need for more consistent communication, and encouraged everyone to read the minutes and reports that LLC puts out.
 - b) Carol also encouraged everyone to take part in the advocacy day coming up.
 - c) Carol also highlighted an event that TLN is hosting on race and encouraged attendance.
- 9) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) None
- 10) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a)
- 11) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) Diane Kooiker – Herrick is finishing up the first phase of their renovation and hoping to be done within a month. Completed renovations projected by September.
 - b) Ron Suszek – None
 - c) Joe Zappacosta – Currently conducting a needs assessment and then will set goals, focusing on the annex building that Hackley owns.
 - d) Maggie McKeithan – Maggie shared news on Spring Lake's renovations and also shared a book called *I Didn't Think of It That Way* by Monica Guzman.
 - e) Rob Bristow – None
 - f) Kerry Fountain – Kerry shared that IS/IV is also deep in renovations.
 - g) John McNaughton – None, but happy to see everyone in person
 - h) Lance Werner – KDL is calling 2024 the year of gratitude and is focusing on the loneliness epidemic. KDL is also focusing on esports.
- 12) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.

13) ADJOURNMENT: John McNaughton moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to adjourn at 9:52 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain