

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Dale Parus (IC), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Diane Kooiker (HO), Lance Werner (KDL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Jessica Hunt (NG), Ron Suszek (MADL), John McNaughton (GRPL)
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain
Absent: Maggie McKeithan (OS), Rob Bristow (OG)

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31 by Lance Werner
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ron Suszek moved, supported by Dale Parus, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried.*
- 3) QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:** Carol had a few people ask about the new director at Patmos – she shared that the director has resigned after receiving verbal threats in public.
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Jessica Hunt moved, supported by Ron Suszek to approve the board minutes from July 11, 2024, *motion carried.*
- 6) FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) July Financials and Check Register: Ron Suszek moved, supported by Dale Parus, to approve the July Financials as presented - *motion carried.*
- 7) PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
 - a) No written report – but Lance shared that he spoke to the Alpena library about their current political situation. Lance also encouraged everyone to reach out if they are dealing with intellectual freedom.
- 8) DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
 - a) Carol shared that LLC has gotten new email and phone systems that have innovated the way the LLC team is working.
 - b) Carol also shared that now that LLC is moving beyond local needs, we can move forward with aspect of the strategic plan regarding the shared ILS.
- 9) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) Included for information.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Strategic Plan Update – table included to show progress. We are moving into year 3 of 3.
- 11) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) None.
- 12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) John McNaughton apologized for being late.
 - b) Ron Suszek shared that the Alpena community supported the library and refused the millage increase for the county.
 - c) Dale Parus had nothing to share.
 - d) Joe Zappacosta had nothing to share.
 - e) Diane Kooiker shared that Herrick’s end of summer party will be a fandom fair.
 - f) Jessica Hunt shared that everyone should thank their Youth Services librarians.
 - g) Lance Werner shared that KDL passed a millage, suggested Steve Mitchell for polling prediction.
- 13) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 14) ADJOURNMENT:** John McNaughton moved, supported by Jessica Hunt to adjourn at 9:46 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain