

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
BOARD MINUTES – Official  
Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.  
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Ron Suszek (MADL), Diane Kooiker (HDL), Lance Werner (KDL), John McNaughton (GRPL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Dale Parus (IC), Jessica Hunt (NG), Maggie McKeithan (OS)  
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Ann Langlois  
Absent: Abby Black (OA), Rob Bristow (OG)

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by John McNaughton.
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Dale Parus, 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:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Ron Suszek, to approve the board minutes from March 13, 2025 *motion carried*.
- 6) FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - a) March Financials and Check Register: Diane Kooiker moved, supported by Lance Werner, to approve the March Financials as presented - *motion carried*.
- 7) PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - a) John brought up a discussion of standards. LLC has a standards committee established but is still finding its footing – we need to consider what its purpose is, what we can suggest, how to make it applicable to all size libraries, etc. It will be re-approached. A discussion ensued about what data would be important regarding staffing, collections, etc.
  - b) John also suggested that we put on a refresher course regarding how to share politically actionable information and what we are allowed to say. A discussion ensued regarding the legality of sharing information.
- 8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - a) Carol shared an anecdote from Pete Buttigieg.
- 9) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a) Advisory minutes included for information.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) *Board Development* – John will be reaching out to board members to work on developing presentations based on their expertise.
  - b) *IMLS* – The statewide IMLS committee met to discuss the situation. No one from IMLS or MCLS has reached out to the library of Michigan. Carol emphasized that RIDES is not paid for through IMLS funds, it is funded through Lakeland fees – it will not go away. Several groups are meeting to discuss the situation. We are in a state of flux, and must play it by ear.
- 11) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - a) Mary Cook shared that Gary Byker received a \$10k grant for accessibility.
- 12) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
  - a) Jessica Hunt shared that Deb Bose, a former GRPL employee and board member and former Grant director, passed away on March 24. She will be missed.
- 13) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, **May 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.**
- 14) ADJOURNMENT:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Jessica Hunt, to adjourn at 10:05 - *motion carried*.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Amber McLain