

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE**  
**BOARD MINUTES – Official**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: John McNaughton (GRPL), Ron Suszek (MADL), Diane Kooiker (HDL), Matt Lubbers-Moore (SF), Rob Bristow (OG), Abby Black (OA), Lance Werner (KDL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Maggie McKeithan (OS), **Jessica Hunt (NG)**  
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Ann Langlois  
Absent: None

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. by John McNaughton.
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Ron Suszek, to approve the agenda as presented - *motion carried*.
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to approve the board minutes from January 8, 2026 – *motion carried*.
- 5) FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - a) January Financials and Check Register: Lance Werner moved, supported by Abby Black, to approve the January Financials as presented - *motion carried*.
- 6) PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
  - a) John McNaughton had nothing to report.
- 7) DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
  - a) Carol announced that the Suburban Library Cooperative has found a new director that will be starting in early March. Carol shared that the ILS Eval Committee is moving forward with the process, headed by Ann Langlois, in looking at a new ILS. She also shared that the Library Cooperatives of Michigan is putting a program on regarding the paths, barriers, and benefits of being a District Library. A millage workshop is also upcoming.
- 8) COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS**
  - a) Advisory Council Minutes from November 13, 2025 included for information.
- 9) ONGOING/NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) *Strategic Plan Update* – Lance Werner moved, supported by Abby Black, to approve the quarterly strategic plan updated – *motion carried*. Discussion ensued about expanding the strategic plan to include the new ILS process (IF we decide to move forward) as well as sustainability.
  - b) *Survey Discussion* – A discussion ensued regarding the survey process, what the board would like to see from the process, etc. For surveys, things like having concrete goals for what the data will be used for, keeping in mind that the results are not necessarily encompass someone’s full experience with Lakeland, it may be colored by a singular experience.
- 10) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
  - a) None.
- 11) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
  - a) A sort celebration of the day getting longer ensued.
- 12) NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 13) ADJOURNMENT:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Abby Black to adjourn at 9:50 - *motion carried*.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Amber McLain