

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

Present: Ron Suszek (HDL), Doug Hughes (MADL), Matt Lubbers-Moore (SF), Maggie McKeithan (OS), Jessica Hunt (NG), John McNaughton (GRPL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Abby Black (OA), Rob Bristow (OG),

Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Ann Langlois

Absent:

- 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 Abby Black, 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 Ron Suszek, to approve the board minutes from March 12, 2026– *motion carried.*
- 5) **2025 AUDIT REPORT: Matt Holland, Gabridge & Co –**
 - a) Matt Holland from Gabridge & Co summarized the 2025 LLC Audit report. An unmodified opinion was issued. Lance made the motion, supported by Rob Bristow, to approve the 2025 Audit Report as presented – *motion carried.*
- 6) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) **March 2026** Financials and Check Register: Matt Lubbers-Moore moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to approve the March 2026 Financials as presented - *motion carried.*
- 7) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
 - a) Nothing to report.
- 8) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
 - a) Delivery will be discussed under ongoing business further down this agenda. Carol shared that a MERS information session will be held on May 21. Carol also shared that the Governor shared MI Library Finder in her recent email blast regarding literacy – the Cooperative directors will be sending her a letter regarding the role of libraries in literacy and to ask her to look at State Aid Funding.
- 9) **COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS**
 - a) Official Advisory Board Minutes from Feb 12, 2026 included for information.
- 10) **ONGOING NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Delivery Update
 - i) Questions from the membership will be answered at the Advisory Council meeting directly following this meeting.
 - ii) Same Day Delivery will be hiring new drivers that will be dedicated to LLC delivery. They will shadow the current LLC drivers during their last week. LLC is hiring a new sorter to pick up any time Terry would have spent hiring. Tisha Smith has been made Head Sorter, and she will handle supplies delivery, sorting, etc. Nick Heimler will do some facilities work for a few hours a week and the shifting of budget will allow for some increased IT hours as well.
- 11) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Riley Bower from Dorr mentioned that Dorr has a Michigan authors fair and invited everyone to attend.
- 12) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) Matt Lubbers-Moore shared that Fruitport received a \$16,000 grant and will be opening a secondary location that will be a program space and used book sale run by the Fruitport Friends Group.

13) NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.

14) ADJOURNMENT: Lance Werner moved, supported by Abby Black, to adjourn at **9:48-** *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain