

**LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center**

Present: Ron Suszek (HDL), Jessica Hunt (NG), John McNaughton (GRPL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Rob Bristow (OG), Lance Werner (KDL)

Lakeland Staff Present: Ann Langlois, Amber McLain

Absent: Maggie McKeithan (OS), Abby Black (OA), Interim (MADL), Matt Lubbers-Moore (SF)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by John McNaughton.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Rob Bristow, 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 April 9, 2026 – *motion carried.*
- 5) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - a) April 2026 Financials and Check Register: Lance Werner moved, supported by Ron Suszek, to approve the April 2026 Financials as presented - *motion carried.*
- 6) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
 - a) John McNaughton announced that Carol Dawe has announced a date for her retirement – September 30, 2027. The board will be getting a committee together as soon as possible to give the board ample time to find a suitable replacement.
- 7) **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
 - a) Carol shared that delivery and the ILS will be discussed at the advisory meeting directly following this board meeting. She also shared that she believes that clarifying the roles of boards, directors, staff, etc makes stronger libraries and she is always available to conduct that development training at your library.
- 8) **COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS**
 - a) Advisory Council Minutes from March 12, 2026 included for information.
- 9) **ONGOING / NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) *Delivery* – Carol acknowledged that there have been bumps along this transition, and shared that one of the drivers hired for our delivery routes left the position, which led to the need to bring on someone new and untrained, which led to a spate of issues that are being ironed.
 - b) *ILS Next Steps* – Carol asked the board what other information they would need to make a decision regarding the vote for an ILS (should Advisory vote to move forward) – Lance Werner suggested that the board get a demo and a breakdown of customer service workflows. Jessica Hunt asked for further information on the web functionality.
- 10) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Jennifer Salgat asked why we aren’t going to the system that KDL has to work with them. Carol explained that the ILS Evaluation Committee evaluated all options, compared it against what we have now, and against the results of our wishlist survey from our members.
- 11) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
 - a) Lance Werner shared more information with the group regarding the recent ransomware attack at KDL. He also shared information about an upcoming event.
- 12) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 13) **ADJOURNMENT:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to adjourn at 10:00 A.M. - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by, Amber McLain