LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MINUTES – Official
Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
Kent District Library Service Center

Present: Matt Lubbers-Moore (SF), Ron Suszek (HDL), Jessica Hunt (NG), Lance Werner (KDL), John McNaughton (GRPL), Carol Dawe (LLC), Rob Bristow (OG), Abby Black (OA), Maggie McKeithan (OS)
Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain, Ann Langlois
Absent: Doug Hughes (MADL)

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 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 Abby Black, to approve the board minutes from May 14, 2026 – *motion carried.*

5) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
   a) May Financials and Check Register: Rob Bristow moved, supported by Ron Suszek, to approve the May Financials as presented - *motion carried.*

6) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
   a) Nothing to Report.

7) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
   a) Carol reported that she has been very busy with smoothing out kinks with delivery and working on next fiscal year's budget. She also reported that the Kristin Hannah event at Van Andel was incredible.

8) **COUNCIL/COMMITEE REPORTS**
   a) Approved Advisory Minutes from April 9, 2026 included for information.

9) **NEW BUSINESS:**
   a) *Polaris Demo* – Danette Fullmer introduced the Polaris product via Teams meeting. She emphasized that while Sierra is geared towards all sorts of libraries (specialized, academic), Polaris is geared towards public libraries of all sizes. Maisam Nouh then gave a demonstration of the Polaris app, web catalog, and web client. Features such as room bookings, event functionality, and customization between libraries. Danette then closed out the demo with a discussion of the migration process and change management.
   b) *ILS Migration Discussion and Vote* – Matt Lubbers-Moore moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to move forward with migrating the ILS to Polaris. Carol shared that a migration to a new ILS would fall in line with Lakeland's mission of Leading, Learning, and Lending. Maggie McKeithan noted that shifting to this migration would be a significant savings in the budget. Roll Call vote: Matt Lubbers-Moore (SF) - yea, Ron Suszek (HDL) - yea, Jessica Hunt (NG) - yea, Lance Werner (KDL) - yea, John McNaughton (GRPL) - yea, Carol Dawe (LLC) - yea, Rob Bristow (OG) - yea, Abby Black (OA) - yea, Maggie McKeithan (OS) – yea. Doug Hughes (MADL) – absent.

10) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
   a) Mary Johnson asked about pre-training for the transition. Ann shared that the sandbox for Polaris is open and available for experimentation and will be indefinitely. Amber shared that training development is underway and will be a process that involves libraries from the start.

11) **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
   a) Lance Werner shared information about the Kristin Hannah event and the wrap-up from the ransomware attack against KDL.

12) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, July 9, 2026**,** at 9:30 a.m. at Kent District Library Service Center.

13) **ADJOURNMENT:** Lance Werner moved, supported by Rob Bristow, to adjourn at 10:26 - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain