

LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES – Official
Thursday, date at 9:30 a.m.
At the KDL Service Center

Council Members Present: Elyshia Hoekstra (OC), Stef Reed (MG), Joe Zappacosta (SM), Carol Dawe (LLC)

Lakeland Staff Present: Amber McLain (LLC), Carol Dawe (LLC)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:55 AM by Elyshia Hoekstra.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Cierra Bakovka moved, supported by Matt Lubbers-Moore to approve the agenda - *motion carried*.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Matt Lubbers-Moore welcomed Reilly as the new director at Dorr, and Betty Adams as the new director at MADL.
 - b) Teresa Kline shared that Fennville got a grant to digitize their bound newspapers.
 - c) Cierra Bakovka shared that Henika has received a grant towards their expansion project, contingent on passing a millage.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kevin Meyer moved, supported by Betty Adams, to approve the Advisory Council minutes from June 11, 2026 – *motion carried*.
- 5) **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS:** None.
- 6) **BOARD REPORT:** Nothing to report.
- 7) **ILS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Ann shared that the annual patron purge will be coming in late August. The patron fines purge will also be happening soon.
- 8) **MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** Amber shared that BiblioCommons has had some connectivity issues. If you experience an error, refresh and try again, but let Amber know. She also shared that PLOUD libraries may have some issues with their Patron Point forms, so she encouraged them to check them.
- 9) **COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None.
- 10) **OTHER REPORTS:**
 - a) **MLA:** James Pugh shared information regarding the 2027 MLA annual conference, including information about the sessions and keynote speakers. Mary Johnson added that MLA is looking at starting up a Library Trustee Training initiative and certification program. MLA is also coming up on its 135th Anniversary. Abby Black shared that Lance Werner of KDL received a grant for local Ordinances regarding intellectual freedom.
- 12) **NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a) *ILS Migration Project* – Ann shared the current status of the ILS project, how the Lakeland team is working with Clarivate on the beginning of this transition to translate our current Sierra information to Polaris information. A discussion regarding differentiated logins ensued.
 - b) *Caucus/Election discussion for September/October* – A discussion regarding the caucus for board positions and officers for advisory ensued. If you are interested, let Carol know before the September meeting.
 - c) *Operating Budget and Cost per Library Discussion and Vote* – A discussion regarding the delivery charge increase ensued. Carol explained that the ILS transition, not having to hire drivers, and not having to pay healthcare for those employees means that the cost will balance out. Mary Johnson moved, supported by Virginia DeMumbrum, to approve the Operating Budget and Cost per Library – *motion carried*.
- 13) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a) Mary Johnson announced that MADL increased summer reading participation by 34%.
 - b) Ellen Peters shared that one of OL's staff members will be presenting at MLA. OL is also dropping Hoopla at the end of the month – Maggie McKeithan praised Loutit's FAQ page regarding the topic.

- i) A discussion regarding digital material strategy ensued.
 - c) Betty Adams from MADL shared that MADL will be hosting Dave Eggers in November.
 - d) Dorr is going to be hosting "Plates and Pages" – a programs in which Michigan authors share a meal with local families and discuss their works.
- 14) **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday September 10, 2026, following the 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting at Kent District Library Service Center.
- 15) **ADJOURNMENT:** Matt Lubbers-Moore moved, supported by James Pugh, to adjourn at 10:57 AM - *motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,
Amber McLain