

The Mission of LARL is to enrich lives and strengthen communities.

**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Full Board was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Ahmann, Caroon (online), Durant, Grimsley, Jacobson, Kalil (*President*), Larson, Shastri, Titera.

Board Members Absent: Briggs, Ebinger, Holecek, Schell, Willhite, (open Moorhead position).

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2021 FULL BOARD MEETING

Shastri noted the minutes state it was an online meeting, but in fact the meeting was in person.

(Grimsley/Larson) Move to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Full Board Meeting as correct. MCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 66.67% of the year complete, 64.09% of budgeted expenses have been spent. Regional Library Telecom Aid is at 142.24% of budget due to additional funding received.

(Larson/Ahmann) Move to authorize the Regional Library Director and Finance/HR Director to submit the Final Report and documentation of actual expenses for FY2021 Regional Telecom Aid (RLTA). MCU.

(Jacobson/Durant) Move to approve the application for FY2022 Regional Telecom Aid (RLTA). MCU.

(Durant/Larson) Move to authorize the Regional Library Director and Finance/HR Director to submit the Report of Results Accomplished for the FY2021 Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) Grant. MCU.

Sprynczynatyk report that LARL's health insurance cost increase for 2022 will be 1.22%. LARL also found out that RLBSS funding will be \$546,180, over \$11,000 more than was budgeted.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynch discussed the written report in the board packet.

Lynch shared a presentation by Terry Kalil about the Becker County Friends of Library sailboat project.

Lynch discussed that the current President, Vice President and Treasurer have been on Executive Committee for 5 years and the LARL bylaws only allow for 5 consecutive years of service.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Shastri discussed the open positions coming up on the Executive Committee and called for volunteers to fill the several open positions on the Executive Committee coming up in 2022.

Grimsley requested that he be part of the Finance Committee in 2022.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kalil discussed her research regarding per diem received by various LARL board members. The board suggested LARL pay a \$60 per diem to each LARL Board member who does not already receive a per diem from the Signatory they represent. Sprynczynatyk will contact each LARL Board member to determine which individuals don't already receive a per diem and add per diems to the LARL budget for 2022.

(Grimsley/Larson) Move that effective January 1, 2022, LARL will pay a per diem for each meeting attended, to board members who don't receive a per diem from the Signatory they represent. MCU.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Grimsley, Kalil)

No report.

Breckenridge (Holecek - absent)

No report.

Clay County (Ebinger - absent)

No report.

Clearwater County (Titera)

Lynch attended the Clearwater County Fair.

Crookston (Briggs-absent)

No report

Detroit Lakes (Schell - absent)

No report

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City of Mahanomen (Durant)

Kari Kirshbaum, who was the Interim City Administrator has been offered the City Administrator position. The Library has received almost \$200,000 for updates, including a new roof and a lift to the upper level.

Mahanomen County (Ahmann)

The new County Administrator CJ Hall has started.

Moorhead (Caroon, Shastri, one open position)

The legislature gave Moorhead the approval to ask for a ½ cent sales tax to pay for a new library/community center. The mayor has put together a task force to plan for the sales taxes on the ballot next fall. The hybrid meeting room equipment has been installed. The Friends are going to have their first book sale after COVID starting in October.

Norman County (Jacobson)

No report.

Polk County (Willhite - absent)

No report.

Wilkin County (Larson)

City of Breckenridge has a new school referendum on the ballot this fall.

MN Library Association/Library Trustee and Advocates Section (Kalil)

The convention is coming up and will be virtual.

Northern Lights Library Network (Schell/Holecek)

No report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.