

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, June 20, 2024. President Kalil called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Board Members Present: Braton, Caroon, Durant, Ebinger, Geray, Holecek, Jacobson, Kalil (*President*), Nelson, Shastri, Titera, Willhite (via phone), Wood.

Board Members Absent: Johnson, Menard.

Others Present: Lynch, Sprynczynatyk, Linda Schell

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Kalil suggested a few wording changes to the discussion about LARL providing \$250,000 for furnishing for the Regional Office and Moorhead staff to clarify, this included adding 2024 to the funds approved in January and changing a typo from undersigned to undesignated.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With 41.67% of 2024 complete, LARL spent 40.20% of budgeted expenses. Revenues are at 47.20% of budget due to LARL billing Signatories quarterly. Accounting fees are at 73.91% of budget due to the 2023 audit being paid for.

(Wood/Nelson) Move to approve the application for State FY2025 Regional Library Basic System Support. MCU.

(Ebinger/Caroon) Move to approve the Final Report for State Regional Public Library System Arts and Cultural Heritage Program for FY2022 funding year. MCU.

Sprynczynatyk discussed Draft #3 of the 2025 Preliminary Budget. There was only one small \$600 change to Salaries from Draft #2. The changes from the 2024 budget are estimated increases in salaries of 4% and health insurance of 10%. LARL will have Union negotiations later this year, so the actual salary increase won't be known until then and health insurance rates are usually found out in August. Library Materials are increased 2%. Capital Expenses decreased by \$49,000 due to budgeted savings for new building expenses in 2024 that aren't budgeted for 2025. LARL will be asking Signatories for a \$50,000, 1.77% overall increase.

(Willhite/Ebinger) Move to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget Draft #3. MCU.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lynch discussed her written report.

MOORHEAD COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY REPORT

Caroon discussed the ground-breaking ceremony took place two weeks ago. The event went well and was highly attended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kalil discussed the Moorhead library ground-breaking ceremony.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Becker County (Kalil, Nelson)

Nelson reported that the City of Detroit Lakes has several trolls around town which has been a big event for the city.

Breckenridge (Holecek)

Chalkfest at the Library is coordinated with the cities of Wahpeton and Breckenridge and has resulted in a lot of participation.

Clay County (Ebinger)

Provided an update regarding a long term juvenile psychiatric unit in the county. The money didn't go anywhere in the Legislature. They are looking at doing a more economical building, but will need to wait another year before making a bonding request.

Clearwater County (Titera)

Arn Kind did a program in Mahnomen about D-Day. 94 people attended the 3 hour program.

Crookston (Menard-absent)

No report

Detroit Lakes (Wood)

Construction is going on in the Library parking lot.

City of Mahnomen (Durant)

No report.

Mahnomen County (Geray)

No report.

Moorhead (Caroon, Johnson, Shastri)

Shastri discussed the Moorhead Library has seen increase usage. The Summer Library Experience events have been highly attended.

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Norman County (Jacobsen)

Norman County doesn't have an Administrator or a Facilitator. The Board took action to create a Facilitator and Human Resources position. They are hoping to fill the position soon.

Polk County (Willhite)

No report

Wilkin County (Braton)

No report.

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

The conference is coming up in October. The keynote is a Youth Librarian who is an internet sensation.

Northern Lights Library Network (Holecek, Schell)

They met last Saturday, they approved a preliminary budget and RLBS application. Strategic planning is starting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23.