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**Lapeer District Library
Regular Meeting of March 20, 2025
Lapeer Center Building
Minutes**

25R.03.01 Call to Order: 5:30pm by K. Kohlman
25R.03.02 Roll Call:

Bill Marquardt	City of Lapeer	12/31/2026	present
Vacant	County	12/31/2028	absent
Kari Kohlman	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2027	present
Peggy Brotzke	Lapeer Township	12/31/2028	present
John DeAngelis	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2027	present
Perry Valle	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2025	present
Carol Brown	Mayfield Township	12/31/2025	present

Quorum is 4. There are 6 Board members present.

Also present are K. Haight (Technical Director), and J. Gillis (Recorder). Also present were members of the press and 75-100 members of the community.

25R.03.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of agenda: J. DeAngelis asked to add a discussion of corporate counsel and two other items to the agenda. K. Kohlman asked to remove the correspondence from L. Fromwiller from new business. Motioned by J. DeAngelis. Seconded by C. Brown. Motion passed.

25R.03.04 Consent Agenda: The chair summarized the four points of the consent agenda. Motioned B. Marquardt. Seconded by P. Valle. Motion passed.

25R.03.05 Public Comments: K. Kohlman reminded the public about the behavioral expectations of the public from the library bylaws. 16 people spoke.

Board Reports:

25R.03.06 Treasurer: P. Valle, board treasurer, moved to pay bills from February 21, 2025 – March 20, 2025: Checks 15555-15609 from General Checking for \$26,389.72; bill pay from General Checking – Online Bill Pay for \$20, 258.92; and bill pay Payroll Checking – Online Bill pay for \$117,711.25 for a grand total of \$164,359.89. Seconded by J. DeAngelis. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

25R.03.07 Finance: No report given.

Lapeer County Report:

25R.03.08 No report given.

Unfinished Business:

25R.03.09 There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

25R.03.10 Acceptance of D. Brigatti Resignation. Motioned by P. Brotzke. Seconded by J. DeAngelis. Motion passed.

25R.03.11 Introduction of new member (C. Brown). No action required.

25R.03.12 List of Search Firms for Director Position: Bradbury Miller Associates, John Keister & Associates, Destiny Executive Search Groups, Inc. No action required.

25R.03.13 2025 Board Committee Appointments – The **Finance Committee** will be comprised of P. Valle, K. Kohlman, and P. Brotzke. Motioned by J. DeAngelis. Seconded by C. Brown. Motion passed.

25R.03.14 2025 Board Office Appointments – P. Valle was nominated by B. Marquardt to serve as **treasurer**. Supported by P. Brotzke and K. Kohlman. Motion passed.

25R.03.15 Ad Hoc Committees – K. Kohlman recommended the formation of a Search Committee and a Policies and Bylaws Committee. Board members should email her if they are interested in serving on a committee.

25R.03.16 Corporate Counsel - J. DeAngelis motioned to replace Foster & Swift with the Denney Group; he would like to use local counsel instead to keep the money in the community. P. Valle said the library has the best group for library counsel in Michigan and saw no reason to change. B. Marquardt asked what experience the Denney Group has with libraries. He noted that library law is different from other kinds of law. He appreciated the fact that the Denney Group is local but worries that it is not in the library's best interest to use them. J. DeAngelis said that pricing was the same but there would be no travel time fees. B. Marquardt called for a roll call vote. K. Kohlman, J. DeAngelis, P. Brotzke, C. Brown voted for; P. Valle, B. Marquardt voted against. Motion passed.

25R.03.17 Amend the Bylaws to add **prayer and the U.S. pledge of allegiance** after the roll call at meetings (motioned by J. DeAngelis). K. Kohlman said this must be submitted in writing and deferred the matter to the next meeting.

Staff Reports

25R.03.18 Assistant Director for Technical Services A written report was submitted.

25R.03.19 Director Vacant.

25R.03.20 Facilities A written report was submitted.

Communications:

25R.03.21 Resignation Letter – D. Brigati, Director

- 25R.03.22** Email from J. Whisner, Destiny Executive Search Group
- 25R.03.23** Email FOIA Request and Library Response
- 25R.03.24** February Circulation Report
- 25R.03.25** LDL Newsletter

Friends Report (3-6-9-12)

- 25R.03.26** K. Rhykus reported that Sunday, March 23 will be the annual meeting held at the deAngeli Library. The Spring Book Sale will be held at the CFI from March 31- April 5.

Board Comments or Request for Information:

- 25R.03.27** P. Brotzke requested information about the library website. K. Haight to follow up. P. Brotzke addressed rumors about book banning, burning, and restricting access. J. DeAngelis welcomed C. Brown as a new board member.
- 25R.03.28** **MMLC Report: none**
- 25R.03.29** **Public Comments:** 12 people spoke.
- 25R.03.30** **Adjournment:** K. Kohlman moved to adjourn. P. Valle seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56.

**Regular Meeting: Lapeer Center Building
April 17, 2025
Finance Committee 4:30 p.m.
Full Board 5:30 p.m.**

Jan Gillis – Recorder

Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

John DeAngelis – Chair