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**Lapeer District Library  
Regular Meeting of January 15, 2026  
Lapeer American Legion  
Minutes**

**26R.01.01 Call to Order:** by Kari Kohlman at 10:00 a.m.

**26R.01.02 Roll Call:**

Bonnie Lawrence	County (Elba Township)	12/31/2028	Present
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
Chris VanBelle	County (Oregon Township)	12/31/2029	Present
Carol Brown	Mayfield Township	12/31/2029	Present
Bill Marquardt	City of Lapeer	12/31/2026	Present

**Quorum is 4. There are   7   Board members present.**

Also present are T. Denney (Library Counsel), Kara Haight (Assistant Director for Technical Services), members of the press and approximately 20 members of the community.

**PRAYER/PLEDGE** – Led by board member.

**26R.01.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda:** Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**26R.01.04 Public Comments:** 4 community members spoke.

**Board Reports:**

**26R.01.05 Treasurer:** Tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a treasurer and finance committee meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**26R.01.06 Finance** No meeting.

**26R.01.07 Personnel (Director Search)** Statement by attorney Denney about marital question during candidate interview. Discussion about entering into negotiations with candidate, Stephen Banister. Motion to enter into negotiations with candidate contingent on a background check. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Roll call vote: Bonnie Lawrence – no, Kari Kohlman – yes, Peggy Brotzke – yes, John DeAngelis -yes, Chris VanBelle – yes, Carol Brown- yes, Bill Marquardt- no. The motion passes.

**Lapeer County Report:**

**26R.01.08** No report given.

**Unfinished Business:**

**26R.01.09 Motion to amend Article VI section 5 of Bylaws, reorganize agenda for board regular meetings, as per Proposed Amendment language.** Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve, Carol Brown seconded Motion passed.

**26R.01.10 Motion to amend Article VI Section 5 of Bylaws, remove “Lapeer County Report” from agenda on regular board meetings, per the proposed Amendment presented.** Kari Kohlman shared she spoke with Lapeer County Commissioner Gary Howell who said it was okay to remove. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded Motion passed.

**26R.01.11 Motion to amend FOIA fee policy** Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve, Carol Brown seconded Motion passed. Roll call vote: Bonnie Lawrence – yes, Kari Kohlman – yes, Peggy Brotzke – yes, John DeAngelis -yes, Chris VanBelle – yes, Carol Brown- yes, Bill Marquardt- no. The motion passes.

**26R.01.12 2026 Board Meeting Schedule** Discussion about changing location of meeting to Oregon Township Hall. Discussion of removing December date and adding in August date. Motion to move the location of the meetings to Oregon Township Hall. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

**26R.01.13** Motion to approve the schedule with the change of adding in August 20 and removing December 17 meeting. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

**26R.01.14 Further Discussion of Polaris** Peggy Brotzke asked for further discussion of Polaris ILL system. Kara Haight shared updates and correspondence with Polaris representative about questions.

**New Business:**

**26R.01.15 New Member Introduction** New member Chris VanBelle was welcomed.

**26R.01.16 2026 Board Committee Appointment – Search Committee** Peggy Brotzke

motioned to keep current members of the search committee, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

- 26R.01.17 2026 Board Committee Appointment – Finance Committee** Peggy Brotzke motioned to keep Peggy Brotzke and Carol Brown on the finance committee, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.18 2026 Board Officer Appointments – Secretary** Carol Brown nominated Peggy Brotzke. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.19 2026 Board Officer Appointments – Treasurer** Kari Kohlman nominated Bonnie Lawrence. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.20 2026 Board Officer Appointments – Vice Chair** Chris VanBelle nominated Kari Kohlman. Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.21 2026 Board Officer Appointments – Chair** Peggy Brotzke nominated Chris VanBelle. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.22 2026 Credit Card Approvals** Question from board about staff using credit cards. John DeAngelis motioned to approve, Carol Brown seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.23 February/March Staff Training Closures** Kara Haight explained the need for staff training for Polaris. Dates are expected to be February 26 and February 27. Motion to approve closure for staff training on Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27. Bill Marquardt motioned to approve, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.
- 26R.01.24 Motion to Change Identification of Library Sections** Edits needed in motion under section III(M) should read unreasonably and Section V(B)(6) should have the age set at 5. Motion to Change Identification of Library Sections with the noted changes. Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve, Carol Brown seconded Motion passed.

#### **Staff Reports**

**26R.01.25 Assistant Director for Technical Services** A written report was submitted. Kara Haight spoke about the continued Polaris training, material ordering and potential staffing needs.

**26R.01.26 Director** No director at this time.

#### **Communications:**

**26R.01.27** January/February Newsletter

**26R.01.28** December Circulation Report

**26R.01.29** Motion to amend Article VI section 5 of Bylaws (2)

**26R.01.30** Motion to amend FOIA fee policy

**26R.01.31** Motion to Change Identification of Library Sections

## Friends Report (3-6-9-12)

- 26R.01.32** Since there was no December meeting, Kari Kohlman gave the friends the chance to speak at this meeting. Bryan Cloutier, president of the deAngeli Friends shared plans to approve the 2026 programming wish list from LDL staff at the Friend's annual meeting.
- 26R.01.33** Six board members gave comment. Board Member Kari Kohlman asked the Assistant Director to update bylaws and policies in light of Board-approved changes over the last year and to present to the Board for the next Board meeting, along with updating the bylaws and policies changed on the website to reflect the revisions approved.

## MMLC Report:

- 26R.01.34** Bill Marquardt reported back after attending the MMLC meeting in January. Shared that the MMLC board voted to approve a contract with Woodlands Library Cooperative for consulting services for the MMLC Strategic Plan, with Cooperative Director Kate Pohjola Andrade as the consultant. the MMLC Board of Trustees approved the revised Plan of Service. Bill Marquardt shared the MMLC board will be meeting at the deAngeli Branch Library on Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 PM and invited the public and board to attend.
- 26R.01.35** **Public Comments:** 8 community members spoke.
- 26R.01.36** **Adjournment:** Bill Marquardt motioned to adjourn at 11:58 AM. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**Next Regular Meeting:  
Oregon Township Hall  
February 19, 2026  
10:00 A.M.**

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Kara Haight – Recorder

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Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

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**MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE LAPEER DISTRICT  
LIBRARY BYLAWS TO REORGANIZE THE LAPEER DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD  
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETINGS**

**(NOTE: this Motion for an amendment to Bylaws must be presented to the Library Board  
1 regular meeting prior to when it receives a vote.)**

In order to provide the Lapeer District Library Board with an opportunity to informatively respond to public comments, I \_\_\_\_\_ move that the Lapeer District Library Board amend the Lapeer District Library Bylaws to reorganize its regular meeting agenda to provide for the "Board Comments or Request for Information" agenda item to take place immediately after the second "public comment" agenda item and immediately before the "adjournment" agenda item.

1. **This Motion** is [*circle no more than 1 option and insert name (if applicable)*]:

A. **Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

B. **Fails for lack of support.**

2. **This Motion** received the following votes [*write in number of aye votes and nay votes*]:

Aye (yes) Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nay (no) Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **This Motion** took place on the [*insert date*]: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **This Motion** [*circle no more than 1 option*]: **Passed / Failed.**

**MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE LAPEER DISTRICT  
LIBRARY BYLAWS TO REMOVE THE "LAPEER COUNTY REPORT" AGENDA  
ITEM FROM THE LAPEER DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD AGENDA  
FOR REGULAR MEETINGS**

**(NOTE: this Motion for an amendment to Bylaws must be presented to the Library Board  
1 regular meeting prior to when it receives a vote.)**

Due to the fact that the "Lapeer County Report" agenda item is no longer utilized by the County of Lapeer to provide a report to the Lapeer District Library Board, I \_\_\_\_\_ move that the Lapeer District Library Board amend the Lapeer District Library Bylaws to remove the "Lapeer County Report" agenda item from its agenda for regular meetings.

1. **This Motion** is [circle no more than 1 option and insert name (if applicable)]:

A. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

OR

B. Fails for lack of support.

2. **This Motion** received the following votes [write in number of aye votes and nay votes]:

Aye (yes) Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nay (no) Votes: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **This Motion** took place on the [insert date]: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **This Motion** [circle no more than 1 option]: **Passed / Failed.**

**MOTION TO CHANGE IDENTIFICATION OF LIBRARY SECTIONS**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to more accurately reflect the demographic that the respective sections of the Library is intended to serve, I move that the sections in the Lapeer District Library be identified as the section for children, teens and adults, respectively. Additionally, library staff is directed to update signs within the District Libraries to reflect this change. I further move that the following policies be modified to reflect this change as follows:

**Patron Behavior Policy:**

Section III(M): the last sentence of this section be changed to read as follows:

Adults may read aloud to children in the Children's Area, provided that they are reading in a voice that would not reasonably disturb others.

Section V(B)(6): changed to read as follows:

Children ages 3 and under must be within the visual contact of a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver at all times, including during programs and visits to the restroom. Children ages 3 and under may not be left in the Children's Services Department alone.

**Material Selection Policy:**

Section II: the second sentence of this section be changed to read as follows:

This statement of Policy applies to all Library Materials in the collection, including adult, teen and children.

Section IV: the second sentence be changed to read as follows:

That staff operates within the areas of service to children, teens and adults.

**This Motion** received the following votes [*write in number of aye votes and nay votes*]:

**Aye (yes) Votes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nay (no) Votes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This Motion** took place on the [*insert date*]: \_\_\_\_\_.

**This Motion** [*circle no more than 1 option*]: **Passed / Failed.**