



The Lapeer District Library will be the community's destination for resources, education, technology and connection.

**Lapeer District Library  
Regular Meeting of February 19, 2026  
Oregon Township Hall  
Minutes**

**26R.02.01 Call to Order:** by Chris VanBelle at 10:00 A.M.

**26R.02.02 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 25 members of the community.

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

**26R.02.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda:** Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve with the change to agenda that Adornment should be after Board Comments or Request for Information, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**26R.02.04 Public Comments:** 6 community members spoke.

**Board Reports:**

**26R.02.05 Treasurer:** Bonnie Lawrence, board treasurer, moved to pay bills from January 12, 2026 – February 19, 2026: Checks 15901-15923 from General Checking for \$36,056.88; from Online Bill Pay for \$18,514.81; and Payroll Checking for \$82,461 for a grand total of \$137,033.01. Bonnie Lawrence motioned to pay the bills, John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**26R.02.06 Finance** Bonnie Lawrence announced there would be an additional Finance Committee meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 10 A.M. at the LDL Administration Building to audit the checks from the cancelled December board meeting.

**26R.02.07 Personnel (Director Search)** Kari Kohlman made the motion to dissolve the Personnel (Director Search). John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

**26R.02.08** John DeAngelis shared he had spoken to city manager Mike Womack and Lapeer City Hall is limited to 35 chairs.

**New Business:**

**26R.02.09** *None.*

**Staff Reports**

**26R.02.10 Assistant Director for Technical Services** A written report was submitted. Kara Haight spoke about the upcoming Polaris migration and branch closure, that State Aid had been completed and submitted and LDL received the previously announced Carnegie Grant check.

**26R.02.11 Director** *No report.*

**Communications:**

**26R.02.12** February/March Newsletter

**26R.02.13** January Circulation Report

**26R.02.14 Friends Report (3-6-9-12)** *No report.*

**26R.02.15 MMLC Report:** *No report.*

**26R.02.16 Public Comments:** 5 community members spoke.

**26R.02.17 Board Comments or Request for Information:** Five board members gave comment. Chris VanBelle introduced new LDL Director Stephen Banister.

**26R.02.18 Adjournment:** Kari Kohlman motioned to adjourn at 11:17 A.M. John DeAngelis seconded. Motion passed.

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

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Kara Haight – Recorder

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Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

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Chris VanBelle – Chair

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