

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
BOARD MEETING  
Minutes, December 1, 2021  
Approved March 2, 2022**

*A meeting of the White Pine Library Cooperative Board was held on December 1, 2021, at the Alma Public Library.*

**Present:** John Sheridan, Lorrie Taylor, Jessica Little, Charlie Mitchell, Corey Goethe, Jamie Paille, TJ Smith. Also present: Kate Van Auken, Alison Blattner, and Carmen Schepeler. **Absent:** Ann Trierweiler, Jeanette Morrish, Barbara Bush, and Pam Williams.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am.

**Audit Review:** Carmen Schepeler discussed the results of the audit via Zoom. The process went smoothly and no disagreements were recorded with management. Questions and comments were made at the end by Kate regarding oversight in a two-person office and segregation of duties. She and Alison will establish this plan to ensure proper procedures are followed. Kate stated that extra oversight from the Board is appreciated. Carmen stated she will send resources aimed to ensure a transparent two-person office to Kate.

**Agenda:** Jamie Paille moved and TJ Smith seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was carried.

**Minutes:** Charlie Mitchell moved and Jamie Paille seconded to approve the October 6, 2021 board minutes. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Board reviewed the financial reports and checklist. Jessica Little moved and TJ Smith seconded to approve the financial reports and ratify the bills for October 2021. The motion was carried.

**Directors Report:** Kate presented the Director's Report for November. Some topics discussed included ARPA and BALA funds, and State Aid. More can be found at: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/director\\_reports/director-report-dec2021.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/director_reports/director-report-dec2021.pdf)

**Old Business:** Plan of Service for 2021-2022 was approved by the Library of Michigan.

**New Business:** MLA Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 1, 2022, and is slated as an in-person event. Rising case numbers of COVID and general illness were noted, and concern was raised over whether the event will be in person or not.

**Other:** TJ Smith asked about the Open Meetings Act status concerning meeting virtually/hybrid. MLA is working with GCSI (our lobbying firm) and a state legislator about the possibility of a potential update to the Open Meetings Act for digital options. Corey Goethe agreed. Jessica Little raised concerns over the ability for citizens out of a committee's jurisdiction to join online meetings and disrupt business

**Public comments and announcements:** There were no public comments.

**Adjournment:** Jessica Little moved, and Charlie Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried.

**Next Meeting:** February 23, 2022, location to be determined.