

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MEETING
Minutes, August 27, 2025
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A White Pine Library Cooperative Board meeting was held on August 27, 2025, at Briggs District Library in St. Johns, MI.

Present: Amy Beckman, Lynne Clark, Christian Dunham, Tiffany Fiting, Corey Goethe, Amber Hughey, and Seth Randall. Also present were Kate Van Auken and Alison Blattner. Absent were Ruth Steele and Nicole Markel.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:14 pm by Vice President Amber Hughey.

Approval of Agenda: Tiffany Fiting moved, and Amy Beckman seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes: The June 2025 Board Minutes were presented. Tiffany Fiting moved, and Lynne Clark seconded to approve the June 25, 2025, Board Minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial reports and checklists for June and July 2025. Christian Dunham moved, and Tiffany Fiting seconded to approve the financial reports and ratify the June and July 2025 bills. The motion was carried.

Director's Report: Kate welcomed Seth Randall to the Board. Seth is fulfilling the term left vacant when the previous Director left the Pigeon District Library. His term will expire September 2026. See the Director's Report for more details: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/director_reports/director-report-aug2025.pdf

Coordinator's Report: No additional information was shared beyond what had already been discussed at Ad Council. See the Coordinator's Report for more details: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/office_report/office-report-aug2025.pdf

Old Business:

Peabody Update

Kate shared more details about the ongoing effort to update our ILL processes and procedures. Alison Blattner shared additional insight on conversations she has had with other WorldShare ILL participants as well as ILL service vendors. The original goal was to have the new platform go live by the end of 2025, but the date is now TBD.

New Business:

Positive Pay With Independent Bank

Kate described ongoing issues that WPLC is experiencing with Independent Bank's Positive Pay program. With Positive Pay, WPLC's checks are scanned upon cashing, and the payee line is matched against the name of the account it is deposited into. WPLC has faced a continuing increase of falsely flagged items listed as being a 'payee mismatch,' but the problem is actually with Positive Pay's technology. No instances of fraud have been detected since WPLC started with the program, and the monthly cost is not worth the frustration with the program. Kate Van Auken suggested that the Board vote to remove the service.

Christian Dunham moved, and Seth Randall seconded to remove White Pine Library Cooperative from Independent Bank's Positive Pay program. The motion was carried.

Amended 2024 – 2025 Budget

The Amended Budget for WPLC's 2024 – 2025 fiscal year was reviewed. Tiffany Fiting moved, and Lynne Clark seconded to adopt the 2024 – 2025 amended budget. The motion was carried.

Proposed Budget 2025 – 2026

The WPLC 2025 – 2026 Proposed Budget was presented to the Board for approval. Christian Dunham motioned, and Seth Randall seconded to adopt the 2025 – 2026 proposed budget. The motion was carried.

Plan of Service 2025 – 2026

The WPLC 2025 – 2026 Plan of Service was presented to the Board for approval. Corey Goethe motioned, and Amy Beckman seconded to approve the 2025 – 2026 Plan of Service. The motion was carried.

Public comments and announcements:

Kate reminded the Board that registration is open for the October 1, 2025, Annual Meeting at Saginaw Valley State University.

Amber Hughey, Bridgeport Public Library, shared that a local Saginaw artist had done a spray paint mural program for their younger patrons. The library is now planning to put it on display for the community.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2025, at Saginaw Valley State University in University Center, MI.

Other Important Dates: MLA Annual Conference- October 29th – 31st, 2025.

Adjournment: Tiffany Fiting moved, and Lynne Clark seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm. The motion was carried.