

Oscoda County Library Board

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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

March 14, 2022

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD WAS HELD ON
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE MAIN BRANCH OF THE OSCODA COUNTY LIBRARY

Call to Order: 5:01 p.m. by President Stenzel.

Members Present: Stenzel, King, Benefiel, and Shumaker

Member Absent: Emig

Others Present: Amy Knepp and Tony Radjenovich (MERS)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

The minutes from the February 21, 2022 regular meeting and March 2, 2022 special meeting stand approved as presented.

Appointment

Tony Radjenovich – MERS

Mr. Radjenovich addressed the Board with regards to termination of the MERS retirement plan. He stated the following:

- a district library does not qualify as a municipality.
- the district library must have a municipality to guarantee the cost.
- a defined benefit will be available to the recipient for as long as he/she is alive.

He brought a document, “MERS Retirement Board Termination Policy & Procedure” and referred to several phases with regards to termination.

Moving completely away from MERS to a new successor means attorneys from both parties must complete all legal documents.

Board members reiterated that complete termination of the MERS plan is the route they wish to take.

Additional MERS Discussion

One of the Board’s attorney, Mindi Johnson, emailed the names of two possible entities that could offer comparable retirement plans upon termination of the MERS plan.

Anne Seuryneck, the Library’s district library attorney, said the Oscoda County Library and the Oscoda County District Library can co-exist until the district library is finalized.

King/Benefiel Motion to move forward with termination of retirement plan with MERS and complete a transfer of assets to a comparable plan.

4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

District Library - Update

The Board is waiting for the county's attorney to review the district library agreement. A resolution will need to be passed by both the county and township. Once this happens, the Oscoda County Library Board will meet and pass a resolution to form the district library. The resolution will then be sent to the State Librarian for final approval.

COVID-19

Based on the latest CDC guidelines, Director Knepp asked if daily health screenings should be continued. The Board agreed that the daily screening could be discontinued.

The Board discussed the state of COVID-19 currently.

King/Benefiel Motion to rescind the previous mask mandate.

4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

King/Benefiel Motion to follow current CDC health protocols and guidelines.

4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

Masks are recommended but not mandated. And, if an employee is sick, stay home.

New Business

Oscoda County Library Board Resolution to Approve District Library Agreement

The Board received a copy of the proposed "Oscoda County District Library Formation" resolution.

Budget Report

Review of Budget

A copy of the budget will be available at the April 2022 meeting.

Review of Transmittals

The Board reviewed several months of transmittals.

Approval of Bills

King/Benefiel Motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$7,160.06.

Roll call vote:

- Benefiel – Aye
- King – Aye
- Shumaker – Aye
- Stenzel – Aye

4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

Director’s Comments

Director Knepp will be absent from the June 2022 meeting.

Correspondence

None

Board Member Comments

President Stenzel will be absent from the July 2022 meeting.

Northland Board Advisory Comments

None

Commissioner Liaison Comment

None

Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the **Fairview** Branch of the Oscoda County Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Shumaker – Secretary

2022 Meeting Dates – All meetings are held on a Monday.

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| • January 10, 2022 – Mio | • August 8, 2022 - Mio |
| • February 21, 2022 – Mio (date change from February 14, 2022) | • September 12, 2022 - Mio |
| • March 14, 2022 – Mio | • October 10, 2022 - Fairview |
| • April 11, 2022 - Fairview | • November 14, 2022 – Mio |
| • May 9, 2022 - Mio | • December 9, 2022 (Friday) – Mio – Annual Potluck with Staff |
| • June 13, 2022 - Mio | • December 12, 2022 – Mio |
| • July 11, 2022 - Fairview | |