

## Oscoda County District Library Board

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### OFFICIAL MINUTES

June 10, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD WAS  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT THE MAIN BRANCH OF THE OSCODA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY.

Call to order: 5:00 p.m. by President Stenzel.

Members Present: Stenzel, Rooker, McCauley, Benefiel, and Shumaker

Member Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Knepp, Wyatt Knepp, and Community Members

President Stenzel read aloud the mission and vision statements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pastor McMorris gave an opening prayer.

#### Approval of Agenda

With no changes or additions, the Agenda stands as presented.

#### Consent Calendar Items for May 13, 2024

**Item #1:** Unofficial minutes for April 8, 2024

**Item #2:** Credit Card Payment from April 22, 2024

**Item #3:** Huntington Bank Reconciliation April 2024

**Item #4:** March 2024 Profit and Loss statement (budget report)

**Item #5:** Closed session

The following items were removed from this month's consent calendar:

- Mercantile Bank MCA Reconciliation March 2024
- Mercantile Bank PFMMA Reconciliation March/April 2024

McCauley/Rooker Motion to approve the consent calendar for May 13, 2024.

**Roll Call:**

Benefiel: Aye  
McCauley: Aye  
Rooker: Aye  
Shumaker: Aye  
Stenzel: Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**Old Business**

**Technology Upgrades – Wyatt Knepp**

Board members received the pricing update in their packet.

Benefiel/McCauley Motion to authorize Director Knepp to purchase security cameras (Ubiquiti) as recommended by Wyatt Knepp-Information Technology Clerk.

**Roll Call:**

Benefiel: Aye  
McCauley: Aye  
Rooker: Aye  
Shumaker: Aye  
Stenzel: Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**Fairview Branch**

Director Knepp provided information from Otis about the building elevator. The elevator is full of black mold. If the elevator is to be decommissioned, it must be in working order and the mold must be remediated first. There still is water, possibly oil, in the pit. The elevator may need to be rebuilt which is costly. There are a number of inspections that must take place (quarterly/every 3 years).

**FY 2024-2025 Budget**

The annual budget hearing will take place in June. The budget for 2024-25 must be adopted by June 30, 2024.

**Hiring**

Director Knepp reviewed the existing pool of candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> clerk position along with three new submissions. She is recommending Beth Barron be hired as the 2<sup>nd</sup> clerk at clerk wages.

Benefiel/McCauley Motion to Hire Beth Barron as a full-time hourly employee at the rate of \$11.85/hour and be eligible for benefits after a 30-day evaluation provided she successfully passes a criminal background check. Her start date will begin after speaking with the Board's attorney.

**Roll Call:**

Benefiel: Aye  
McCauley: Aye  
Rooker: Aye  
Shumaker: Aye  
Stenzel: Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**Employment of Relatives**

Concern has been expressed about the hiring of Wyatt Knepp, Director Knepp’s son, as Information Technology Clerk. President Stenzel stated, that at the time of hire, the Board discussed that Director Knepp would not be Wyatt’s direct supervisor. He would report to Beth Barron (or other Board designee). And, she would report any issues directly to the Board.

There are no legal ramifications as per the Board’s attorney.

**New Business**

**June 10, 2024 Meeting Date**

Director Knepp stated she will be unable to attend the June 10, 2024 meeting. The Board decided it will meet on the regularly scheduled date.

**Social Media Policy – Discussion**

The current policy is out-of-date. The Board’s attorney will draft a new policy and it should be ready for a 1<sup>st</sup> read at the June or July 2024 meeting.

**Policy 1.005 – Freedom to Read Statement**

Board members received a copy of the statement in their packet.

Shumaker/Rooker

Motion to move POL. 1.005, Freedom to Read statement, to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

5 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion Carried.**

**Policy 1.010 – Library Bill of Rights**

Board members received a copy in their packet.

Rooker/Shumaker

Motion to move POL. 1.010, Library Bill of Rights, to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

5 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion Carried.**

**Budget Report**

**Review of Budget**

The Profit & Loss statement was emailed to the Board.

**Review of Transmittals**

Transmittals will be presented at the June 2024 meeting.

**Approval of Bills**

Rooker/Stenzel Motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,986.14.

**Roll Call:**

- Benefiel: Aye
- McCauley: Aye
- Rooker: Aye
- Shumaker: Aye
- Stenzel: Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence**

None

**Board Member Comment**

None

**Public Comment – Limited to three (3) minutes per person**

The public is to provide their name and address as per the Board’s Public Comment Policy.

The following members of the public addressed the Board with their concerns and comments:

1. April Wilson 1563 N. Abbe Rd., Fairview – see attached comments labeled #1 following these minutes
2. Rick Shepard 412 Shepard St., Mio
3. Sarah Haines – declined to provide address or city
4. Christopher Cesarz – Comins
5. Antonio Florio – Mio
6. Jesstina Durfee – Luzerne
7. Tamara Butler – Luzerne
8. Deb Niles – Mio
9. Arissa Handrich – Fairview
10. Tom Stewart – Fairview
11. Diane Beek – Mio
12. Dan Haines – Fairview
13. Sandy Weaver – 2137 Reber Rd., Fairview

**Director’s Comment**

None

**Closed Session**

Rooker/Benefiel      Motion to go into closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to review a written legal opinion from the Oscoda County District Library attorney, Anne Seurnck of FosterSwift.

(Note: This is allowable under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act.)

5 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion Carried.**

At 6:09 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session.  
At 6:42 p.m., the Board came out of Closed Session.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.  
The next regular meeting will be held June 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Oscoda County District Library.

*Signature on file*  
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Dawn Stenzel, President  
Oscoda County District Library Board

*Signature on file*  
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Deb Shumaker, Secretary  
Oscoda County District Library Board

**2023-2024 Meeting Dates – All meetings are held on a Monday unless there is a need to change the meeting date.**

## **Attachment #1**

**Please give these to any members that were unable to attend.**

I want to first thank you for taking the time to hear the communities concerns. My name is April Wilson and I am here to ask that the Library adhere to a neutral stance on religion, spirituality practices, and on the LGBTQ agenda. I would like the LGBTQ agenda to be labeled as religious and it needs to follow the same guidelines that you place on other religions.

Because this board represents a community organization please take into account the viewpoints of the whole community and not merely your own. So please take a moment to consider my reasoning to include the LGBTQ agenda as religious.

I say that the LGBTQ agenda is religious because it is led by a god named Pride or also known as Hybris in ancient religion. According to my beliefs it is something other than a God. However, because of this reason, there is a push for inclusion within our nation. This god of pride desires to be worshiped and it creates an illusion to its worshipers that they have control and power themselves. This god gets its power by confusion of reality, violence, and arrogance. It preys on the weak, broken, and unknowing to support it all the while it screams love.

When community organizations introduce and publicize LGBTQ ideas to our children that organization is agreeing with their model of education which goes against my beliefs. This belief is a lie and a rejection of truth. This lie is not something to be pushed upon anyone.

However, to the people entangled with this agenda you will feel attacked because your identity is wrapped up in it but that is not my goal. This is not towards the people of the library nor the people entrapped by this lie but it is against the government's agenda that wishes to harm children and attack my beliefs all the while vilifying anyone who speaks truth. This is a dangerous agenda that threatens people if they choose not to follow. This is a nationwide form of gaslighting and people who agree with it knowing and unknowingly support an abuser to abuse its victims.

So because of differing viewpoints of the community, I would hope that the library would work to promote the truth first and foremost to protect children. Because If truth has to be forced upon anyone in a coercive manner it is not truth. Truth will always exist whether people accept it or not. Truth is based on facts. But this is anything other than the truth. The truth is God longs for everyone to know the truth and that they are already enough.

So to end my statement I am asking that all religious, spiritual, and the LGBTQ religion go through the same guidelines and none of it be promoted, preferred, or publicized by the library and for it to be placed within your policy as so. However if you choose against it, I also want it

stated within policy that you must be willing to publicize and promote my beliefs even when they differ from yours to maintain equality.