Northland Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.
Otsego CountyLibrary

Introduction of Members:

Members Present:
Amber Alexander (Presque Isle District Library)
Val Meyerson (Petoskey District Library)
Cheyenne Wilcox (Fife Lake Public Library)
Nellie Danke (Suttons Bay-Bingham District Library)
Linda Adams (Northland Library Cooperative)
Brice Bush (Cheboygan Area Public Library)
Sacha Webborn (Crooked Tree District Library)
Jacqueline Skinner (Otsego County Library)
Monica Peck (Boyne District Library)
Denise Bearre (Alcona County LIbrary)
Ryan Deery (Charlevoix Public Library)
John Roberts (Kalkaska County Library)
Michele Howard (Traverse Area District Library)
Dawn Lavanway (Jordan Valley District Library)
Kelsey Rutkowski (Indian River Area Library)
Amy Knepp (Oscoda County District Library)
Susan Warner (Wolverine Community Library)
Jennifer Thomet (Interlochen Public Library)
Tanya Procknow (Mackinaw Area Public Library)

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair, Monica Peck.

Approval of Agenda:
M. Howard made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. R. Deery seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:
V. Meyerson made a motion to approve the April 15, 2026 minutes as presented. K. Rutkowski seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Financial Reports:
Linda Adams reviewed the financial reports emailed in the meeting packet.

M. Howard made a motion to approve the FY25-26 proposed budget amendments recommendation to the board. A. Alexander seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

M. Howard made a motion to approve the FY26-27 proposed budget recommendation to the board. A. Alexander seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Directors Report:
Linda Adams reviewed her report emailed in the meeting packet.

Business:

- **Director Position:** M. Howard made a motion to recommend Stacy Pasche as the candidate for the Northland Director to the board. V. Meyerson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Other business:** B. Bush and V. Meyerson gave an overview of the needs of the PAC2 consortium to operate as a committee of Northland Cooperative. Foster Swift attorney Michael Zahrt joined the meeting via Zoom at 11 am to present a memorandum of understanding regarding the legal process for consideration. R. Deery proposed to accept the bylaw amendment for board consideration. Discussion of the memo ensued and members were encouraged to send all questions and concerns to V. Meyerson.
- **Board Positions:** Board positions were accepted as presented in rotation; Class 2: Mackinaw - T. Procknow, Class 3: Alcona - D. Bearre, Class 4: Kalkaska - J. Roberts.
- **Dates and locations for FY26-27 meetings:** Otsego County Library will continue to host the Northland meetings and dates will be determined on a rotational basis of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Round table discussion:
No questions were emailed to Linda for the round table discussion. Topics discussed included Hoopla alternatives, master/space utilization plans, OverDrive Advantage overview opportunities, “Guests” at your library, and MeL visiting patrons.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:50 a.m.
The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Otsego County Library on Thursday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brice Bush, Cheboygan Area Public Library