

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2025, Willmar Library Multipurpose Room

Committee members present: Duane Anderson, Mitch Kling, John Winter, Bill Paterson, Eric Rudningen, Bill Thyne, Scott Peterson, Dale Anderson, Cheryl VanOrt, Randy Stafford. Absent: Kurt Stranberg and Greg Thole. Admin Staff: Laurie Ortega, Director. Guest: Andrew Bregar, Head Librarian, Willmar.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Rudningen. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Paterson, seconded by Winter.

Minutes of February 20, 2025, Finance Committee were approved on a motion by Kling, seconded by Duane Anderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

A. The February 2025 Financial Report was approved on a motion by Winter, seconded by Stafford.

B. Bills and Check Registers were approved on the same motion by Stafford, seconded by Dale Anderson.

Personnel Committee: New Hires – The following new hires were approved on a motion by Paterson, seconded by Duane Anderson: Delilah Alvarado, Library Asst. I, Willmar
Eva Sohl, Library Asst. II, Litchfield

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2025 Committee Appointments: The list of 2025 committee appointments was approved on a motion by Stafford, seconded by Kling.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

A. 2024 Audit: The audit is in process and director does not expect anything unusual. A representative from Westberg Eischens will present the audit at the April 17th board meeting.

B. Annual Report: Ortega is working on finishing up the annual report for submission to the state by the due date of April 1st.

C. IMLS Federal Funding: In light of the executive order signed this week to shut down the Institute of Museum and Library Services, there has been some concern over how the loss of these federal funds would impact MN libraries. Those funds go directly to the state and are dispersed from there. Ortega distributed a flyer illustrating how the state distributes those dollars to Minitex and other programs such as the Braille and Talking Book Library and how loss of these dollars would affect library service in MN.

OTHER: Next board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. (Finance Committee @ 6:30) Executive/Finance Meetings: May 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:31 p.m.
Recording Secretary – Laurie Ortega