

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Willmar Public Library Multipurpose Room

The June 12, 2025, meeting of the Pioneerland Library System board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Eric Rudningen. Roll call was taken and introductions were made.

Admin Staff present: Laurie Ortega, Executive Director

Guests attending: Jake Fejedelem, Renville County Head Librarian

The agenda was approved on a motion by Stafford, seconded by Golde.

Minutes of the April 17, 2025, Board meeting and the May 15, 2025, Executive/Finance meeting were approved on a motion by Winter and seconded by Stafford.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **The May 2025 Financial Report** was approved on a motion by Kling, seconded by Peterson.
2. **Bills and check registers** were approved on a motion by Stafford, seconded by Thyne.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: New Hires - No new hires

POLICY COMMITTEE – Policy Reviews

1. Capitalization & Depreciation Policy – The draft of the Capitalization & Depreciation policy was approved as written on a motion by Stafford and seconded by Fritsche.
2. Remote Work policy – On a motion by Thyne, seconded by Thole, the Remote Work draft was tabled until the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY26 RLBSS Application: Approval to sign and send the FY26 RLBSS funding application in to the state was given on a motion by Stafford and seconded by Cacka.

B. 2026 Funding Requests: The director is beginning work on sending 2026 funding request letters to cities/counties. The Finance Committee is recommending a 5% funding increase, the same as in 2025. Following discussion, motion was made by Stafford, seconded by Fritsche, to approve a 5% funding increase request for 2026. Motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- A. Legislative Update - Not much to report. No funding issues for library systems. Legacy appropriation for next biennium is slightly less than previous, however not a major change. The \$1M infusion for Minitex that was in the education bill did not make it through – so there will continue to be conversations around Minitex services in light of potential changes to IMLS and federal funds.
- B. Otherwise, business as usual. Libraries have been busy with kicking off the Summer Reading activities and programs.

OTHER

- A. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. (Finance @ 6:30)

Executive/Finance meetings: July 17, August 21, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:30 p.m.

Recording secretary, Laurie Ortega