



Library Board Meeting
Wells County Public Library
200 W Washington St Bluffton, IN 46714
Small Meeting Room
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Meeting Minutes
6:30pm

1. Call to Order Steve Tabor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Consent Agenda: Deb Johnson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented , Joe McFarren seconded the motion- the vote was unanimous
 - a. July 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Librarian's Report 2 new hires
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. July 2026 Register of Claims
3. August 1-11, 2026 Register of Claims Lauren Andrews made a motion to accept the Register of Claims in the amount \$30,163.76. Seconded by Joe McFarren and passed unanimously
4. Correspondence- Thank you note received by Kelly Wagers of River Terrace for the Dementia kits
5. Staff Report-Shelving Department-Stephanie – Stephanie showed the board the sorting/shelving room, explaining the process of receiving the books- described the process of checking the books for damage/notes and the repair process. Reported there are 5 employees all part time except for 1.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Building
 - b. Budget
 - i. Budget Calendar and MLGQ
 - c. Policy and By-laws
 - i. Employee Benefits Policy
 - d. Public Awareness/Outreach
 - i. New Board Members: Mike Murray and Barb Kampschmidt
 - e. Nominating
 - f. Director Evaluation
7. Unfinished Business
8. Personnel Business
 - a. New Hires – Yergler moved for 2 new hires to be accepted, 2nd by D Johnson
9. New Business Approval to accept the 2027 budgets was made by McFarren with Yergler 2nd – passed unanimously
 - a. Approve 2027 Salary Resolution 26-03
 - b. Approve 2027 Rainy Day Budget
 - c. Approve 2027 Operating Budget
 - d. Approve 2027 Bond & Interest Budget
 - e. Approve 2027 LIRF Budget
 - f. Approve Notice to Taxpayers-Form 3 Johnson made motion to approve McFarren 2nd
 - g. Building Insurance Quote for Renewal Yergler moved to accept Quote from Auto Owners with a 2nd from McFarren
10. Other Items for Consideration
 - a. Director Updates MacNeill stated there was a meeting set for 8/20 for training. Additional training is set for the week of Street Fair/it is determined Evergreen training is free. They will

be clearing out old records before transfer to Evergreen. Library will be closed on 11/6 and going live with Evergreen on 11/7

11. Roundtable Tabor reported the Director Evaluation didn't transfer in Google Drive/will be working on it

12. Next Meeting Announcements:

a. Regular Meeting– Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 6:30pm at Bluffton

i. Public Hearing on 2027 Budgets

13. Adjournment Tabor called the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Annual Meeting to follow immediately.

Steve Tabor, Board President

Dayle Mentzer, Board Secretary

Board Members and Appointing Information

Steve Tabor-President-Appointed by: Bluffton-Harrison MSD-Term: 8/16/2023-8/15/2027

Joe McFarren-Vice President-Appointed by: Wells County Commissioners-Term: 8/16/2024-8/15/2028

Deb Johnson-Treasurer-Appointed by: Bluffton-Harrison MSD-Term: 8/21/2022-8/21/2026

Dawn Ulfing-Secretary-Appointed by: Norwell and Southern Wells Schools-Term: 8/16/2022-8/15/2026

Matt Yergler-Board Member-Appointed by: Wells County Commissioners-Term: 8/15/2021-8/15/2025

Lauren Andrews-Board Member-Appointed by: Wells County Council-Term: 8/16/2024-8/15/2028

Dayle Mentzer-Board Member-Appointed by: Wells County Council-Term: 8/16/2025-8/15/2029