Library Board Meeting
Wells County Public Library
200 W Washington St Bluffton, IN 46714
Small Meeting Room
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Meeting Minutes
6:30pm

1. Call to Order 6:30 by McFarren
2. Public Input no public present
3. Consent Agenda: approved as presented by Tabor/2nd by Kampschmidt
    a. September 8, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
    b. Librarian's Report
    c. Treasurer's Report
    d. September 2026 Register of Claims
4. October 1-13, 2026 Register of Claims approval of $155,678 by Tabor/2nd by Yergler
5. Correspondence – nothing to report
6. Staff Report- Spanish Collections/Brochures-employee Stephanie Rinkenberger presented on the number of books available in different languages including Spanish, French and German, with the bulk of them being in Spanish. A few employees are bi-lingual in Spanish and able to assist Spanish speaking patrons. The new program Evergreen can be set up in different languages.
7. Committee Reports- nothing new on the committee repots to report at this meeting.
    a. Building
    b. Budget
        i. Budget Calendar and MLGQ (AVGQ)
    c. Policy and By-laws
        i. Proposed Policy Changes
    d. Public Awareness/Outreach
    e. Nominating
    f. Director Evaluation
8. Unfinished Business – no unfinished business reported
9. Personnel Business - nothing new to report
10. New Business
    a. Resolution 26-05 Appropriation Reduction for Rainy Day and LIRF -approved by Tabor/2nd by Mentzer
    b. Adopt 2027 Budgets – Resolution 26-06 for Appropriations and Tax Rates-Form 4- approved as written by Tabor/2nd Murray
11. Other Items for Consideration
    a. Director Updates- Grant proposal for book festival 2027- 2nd Sat in October – approval to apply for the grant by Yergler/2nd Tabor
12. Roundtable
13. Next Meeting Announcements:
    a. Regular Meeting– Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 6:30pm at Bluffton
14. Adjournment by McFarren at 7:09 pm

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Joe McFarren, Board President

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Dayle Mentzer, Board Secretary

Board Members and Appointing Information

Steve Tabor-Board Member-Appointed by: Bluffton-Harrison MSD-Term: 8/16/2023-8/15/2027
Joe McFarren-President-Appointed by: Wells County Commissioners-Term: 8/16/2024-8/15/2028
Mike Murray-Board Member-Appointed by: Bluffton-Harrison MSD-Term: 8/16/2026-8/15/2030
Barb Kampschmidt-Treasurer-Appointed by: Norwell and Southern Wells Schools-Term: 8/16/2026-8/15/2030
Matt Yergler-Vice President-Appointed by: Wells County Commissioners-Term: 8/16/2025-8/15/2029
Lauren Andrews-Board Member -Appointed by: Wells County Council-Term: 8/16/2024-8/15/2028
Dayle Mentzer- Secretary -Appointed by: Wells County Council-Term: 8/16/2025-8/15/2029