Library Board Meeting
Wells County Public Library
200 W Washington St Bluffton, IN 46714
Small Meeting Room
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Meeting Minutes
6:30pm

1. Call to Order McFarren called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. Public Hearing on the 2027 Budget- no public present
3. Public Input - no public present
4. Consent Agenda: Correction made to 8/11/26 minutes, correcting Tabors name from Joe to Steve- Move was made by Steve Tabor to accept consent agenda as presented/2nd by Matt Yergler
    a. August 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
    b. Librarian's Report
    c. Treasurer's Report
    d. August 2026 Register of Claims
5. September 1-8, 2026 Register of Claims Andrews made a motion to accept the Register of claims in the amount of $19,796.53 2nd by Mentzer- passed unanimously
6. Correspondence – no correspondence received
7. Staff Report- One Book One County – Annette - presented on the One County One Book program (OBOC)- committee of 8, narrowed down from 16 books to select "The Guernsey Library and Potato Peel Pie Society" They had 100+ in attendance for an ice cream social on 9/1/26.
8. Committee Reports
    a. Building
    b. Budget
        i. Budget Calendar and MLGQ (AVGQ) MacNeill reported that there was an additional $15,000 in LIT for '27
    c. Policy and By-laws
        i. Internal Control
    d. Public Awareness/Outreach
        i. SRP Stats- Summer Reading program stats were shared
    e. Nominating
        i. New Treasurer- Andrews announced she is stepping down from the board for personal reasons/Barb Kampschmidt accepted the nomination for treasurer Tabor made a motion to accept the nomination 2nd by Andrews
        ii. Board Committees – the board committees were presented
        iii. Board Calendar – Tabor made a motion to approve the calendar 2nd by Yergler
        iv. Board Member information – a few address corrections were made
    f. Director Evaluation
9. Unfinished Business
    a. Standards of Patron Behavior – Discussion over scooters use and charging was had- a motion to approve change of policy regarding scooter/scooter charging was made by Tabor/ 2nd by Andrews
10. Personnel Business - no new personnel info
11. New Business
    a. Approval of changes to the Disaster Recovery Plan – Andrews made motion to approve as written/2nd by Tabor
    b. Resolution 26-04 Indiana Internet Consortium Commitment- Tabor made motion to approve as written/Yergler 2nd
12. Other Items for Consideration
    a. Director Updates – MacNeill reported they are starting to have weekly meetings on Evergreen. Library will be closed Street fair week with Evergreen training taking place- carpet cleaning will also be happening. MacNeill discussed Evergreen for the new members – stating it will save the library approx. $80K a year- and that the library will be in a consortium with 140 additional libraries to share their book catalog.
13. Roundtable

14. Next Meeting Announcements:
    a. Regular Meeting– Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:30pm at Bluffton
        i. Adoption of 2027 Budgets
15. Adjournment McFarren called the meeting closed at 7:22pm

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-Board Member -Appointed by: Norwell and Southern Wells Schools-Term: 8/16/2026-8/15/2030
Matt Yergler-Vice President-Appointed by: Wells County Commissioners-Term: 8/15/2025-8/15/2029
Lauren Andrews- Treasurer -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

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Joe, McFarren, Board President

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Dayle Mentzer, Board Secretary