

**Minutes, Northland Library Cooperative Board of Trustees.  
May 21, 2008, Indian River Area Library, Indian River, MI.**

**Attending: Rita James, Marcia Armstrong, H. Grace Micketti, Mayford Meixell,  
Marcia Monette, LaVerne Greenwood, Hugh Conklin, Phil Curtiss.**

**Absent: Karen Heide.**

**Staff: Roger Mendel, Interim Director**

**Visitors: Janis Stevenson, Cindy Lou Poquette, Karen Sherrard.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rita James called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Roll Call:** By sign in.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Agenda:** After addition of item 8 regarding rescinding of restriction of legal fees, and change of position in agenda of report on joint meeting in Saginaw, **motion by Hugh Conklin to accept agenda as amended, second by Marcia Monette. Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes: Moved by Grace Micketti, seconded by Marcia Armstrong that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.**

**Financial statements for period ending April 30, 2008:** Mayford Meixell and Roger Mendel discussed financial statement with explanation of ways in which it varies from previous reports that we were more familiar with. **Motion by Marcia M. to approve and file, seconded by Phil Curtiss. Motion carried.**

**Restriction of Legal fees: Moved by Mayford Meixell to release restricted funds in amount of \$200,000 that had been set aside for legal fees (no longer needed) Second by Hugh Conklin, Motion carried.**

**Advisory Council Report:** Karen Sherrard, Cindy Lou Poquette and Jan Stevenson all reported favorable views from the Advisory council on the direction the cooperative is moving.

**New Business:**

On the decision of Alpena County and Curtis Twp. Libraries, to move to Superiorland Cooperative: **Resolution to accept withdrawal of Curtis Twp. Library by Marcia Monette, second by Marcia Armstrong. Motion carried.**

**Resolution to accept withdrawal of Alpena Library by Phil Curtis, seconded by Grace Micketti, Motion carried.**

Cindy Lou Poquette having indicated her willingness to house and schedule use of the Mobile Internet Lab, that facility will transfer from Alpena to Indian River Library.

Roger reported on the well attended Mini Rural conference. No action needed.

**Fund Balance Cooperative Library Enhancement Project:** The report and recommendations of the Fund Balance Distribution Committee were heard and discussed, with questions about alternatives considered being answered in some detail. **Phil Curtis moved to approve a Library Enhancement project as proposed with \$250,000 of the fund balance, based on a Northland fund balance distribution overview using current members of the coop only, and determining shares by length of time in the coop and percentage of population. Seconded by Marcia Monette. Motion approved.**

**Report on joint meeting of directors and board chairs, held May 19 in Saginaw.** 9 of the 12 coops were represented. The next meeting to continue the discussion regarding the future of cooperatives will be held on June 20.

**Update on waiver:** Because of the uncertainty of state funding, it has been indicated that we will be able to obtain a waiver to continue operations as a cooperative without a full time director for 2008-2009. The advisory council approves continuing with present arrangement of virtual office and part-time contract with Roger (MMLC).

**Motion to adjourn by Phil Curtiss, seconded by Grace Micketti. Approved.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted**  
**LaVerne Greenwood, Secretary.**