

**Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 14, 2026**



**PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT LIBRARY**

- Call to Order** The regular meeting of the Presque Isle District Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Rogers City branch by Beach Hall. Board members present were Trustees Jennifer Altman, Art Nash, and Joni Rogers. Absent Mary Hentkowski, Terri Koss and Colleen Whitsitt. Staff present was Amber Alexander.
- Public Comment** None.
- Minutes** *Moved by Art Nash and seconded by Joni Rogers to approve the minutes from the December 2025 board meeting. All ayes.*
- Financial Statements** *Moved by Jennifer Altman and seconded by Art Nash to approve the quarterly financial statements. Roll call vote was unanimous.*
- Moved by Jennifer Altman and seconded by Joni Rogers to accept the Accounts Payable and Checks Printed since last board meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.*
- Directors Report** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Noir Series underway at the theater.  
Holiday Decoration Swap at the end of the month in Rogers City.  
Craft Club in Millersburg.  
Needle Felting in Grand Lake.  
The Posen sign has been installed but needs electrical work done.  
Grand Lake & Posen electric is all finished.  
Northland Library Cooperative Enhancement Grants funds have been to be used to purchase 2 new metal benches for outside the Rogers Theater, 18 Conference Room chairs for Rogers City, and 3 End caps where one is for the teen section in Rogers and the other two for Posen.  
New staffing at the theater, Makhenna Smolinski will be the new assistant manager, two new concessions workers will be hired by May.  
New Executive Board for RCCT after elections, they also have moved out most of their items from the front basement area. We will need to revisit the lease agreement soon and they may be looking for another reduction in rent.  
Michigan State Librarian, Randy Riley, passed unexpectedly.  
New sign for Rogers City quoted \$6,800 was discussed and tabled till February meeting.  
Quote for upper shelving in Millersburg at \$5,325 was discussed and tabled till February meeting. Will approach Supervisor for approval of shelving before next meeting.  
Funding for new signs and shelving will come from CFNEM.  
America250 grant has been submitted.  
CFNEM grant submitted for “Celebrate the Arts from the Blues to Shakespeare” with several productions involved.

- Old Business**                    *Moved by Jennifer Altman and seconded by Art Nash that 2025 Final Budget has been accepted. Vote was unanimous.*
- Moved by Jennifer Altman and seconded by Art Nash to move \$18,000 of the MI Class Interest to the MI Edge Building Fund. All ayes.*
- New Business**                    Case Township Lease Agreement, rent increased from \$500 to \$600 a month starting January 1, 2026.
- Moved by Jennifer Altman and seconded by Joni Rogers to authorize Amber to sign the new lease agreement with Case Township. All ayes.*
- Moved by Joni Rogers and seconded by Art Nash to accept the 2026 Budget. Vote was unanimous.*
- Moved by Art Nash and seconded by Jennifer Altman to use \$5,000 from the Avery Johnson Fund at CFNEM for the book collection. All ayes.*
- Other Business**                    *Moved by Art Nash and seconded by Joni Rogers to re-elect current Board Officers. Roll call vote was unanimous.*
- Next Board Meeting**            Next meeting will be held February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Rogers City.
- Adjournment**                    Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Altman