

**Whiting Public Library
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 8, 2025**

Board Members Present:

Walter Wachel, President
Ashley Sudar, Vice President
Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary
Amy Holmes, Treasurer
Daniel Catlin, Board Member
Scot Kokandy, Board Member
Estela Waszak, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

Others:

Montserrat Inglada, Director
Laura Lopez, Recording Secretary

Public:

Mary Kershner, 2108 Lincoln Ave., Whiting, Indiana

A notice of the Regular Board Meeting was uploaded to the Library's website on July 3, 2025. The notice was also posted at the Ohio Avenue entrance on July 3, 2025.

Mr. Wachel, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session – June 10, 2025

Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Executive Session be approved as submitted.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Cowley

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – June 10, 2025

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Report from Officers and Other Board Members

None

Director's Report

√ Upon review, all expenditures for June 16 – July 15, 2025 were approved.

√ Funding for Overdrive and Evergreen will remain in place. Additionally, E-rate support for broadband and Connect IN - which is federally subsidized -will continue. However, supplemental funding previously provided by the State Library will no longer be available.

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√ Due to recent service and staffing reductions, some training and resources, including INspire, may be impacted. While scaled back, INspire will continue to maintain a comprehensive collection of databases for patron use.

√Mike has obtained a repair estimate for the flagpole in the amount of \$2,692.37. As previously discussed, we are evaluating alternative solutions due to the significant expense associated with crane usage, which is a frequent requirement given the flagpole's size. We will continue gathering quotes and assessing options, providing further updates as we progress.

√The library received the invoice for the heating unit replacement by Premistar completed in December 2024 in the amount of \$37,400.00.

Mrs Cowley moved:

THAT the board approve payment of \$37,400 to Premistar for the replacement of the heating unit.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Kokandy

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Personnel

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2026 Budget Calendar - corrected:

Mr. Kokandy moved:

THAT the 2026 Budget Calendar be approved as corrected.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Holmes

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Maintenance Contract Renewal, Omni Office Equipment

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the Board approve the maintenance agreement renewal with Omni Office Equipment for a one-year period at a cost of \$3,580.00.

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Maintenance Contract Renewal, Premistar

Mr. Kokandy moved:

THAT the Board accept the recommendation of the director to renew the HVAC maintenance agreement with PremiStar at an annual cost of \$8,590.00.

SECONDED by : Mrs. Holmes

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Contract Renewal, InfoExpress

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the Board approve the contract renewal with InfoExpress at an annual cost of \$5,716.00.

SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy

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Commitment to join Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access

Mr. Kokandy moved:

THAT the Board approve the Resolution for Commitment to Join Public Library Internet Consortium, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

SECONDED by : Ms. Sudar

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

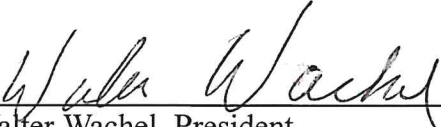
Adjournment

Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy

ACTION: Meeting Adjourned 6:40 p.m.



Walter Wachel, President



Daniel Catlin, Board Member




Ashley Sudar, Vice-President



Scot Kokandy, Board Member



Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary



Estela Waszak, Board Member

Amy Holmes, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lopez

Reviewed by: Mary Lu Cowley, Board Secretary