

HARRISON DISTRICT LIBRARY - BOARD MEETING

Director, Bissonnette
Assistant Dir. Loomis
President, House
Treasurer, Foote
Secretary, Winters
Trustee Anderson
Trustee Hoyt
Trustee Wood

UNAPPROVED

Regular Meeting – Regular meeting on March 24, 2026.

Call to order: 9:35 am.

Roll Call:

President Nancy House: Present. Treasurer Rick Foote: Present. Secretary Mary Winters: Absent. Trustee Debra Hoyt: Absent. Trustee Rachel Anderson: Present. Trustee Diane Wood: Present.
Library staff: Library Director Sheila Bissonnette: Present. Assistant Director Nick Loomis: Present.

Approval of consent agenda items: Treasurer Rick Foote made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Diane Wood supported the motion: Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Library Director Sheila Bissonnette provided an update on the library system migration, noting that most of the major challenges have now been resolved. She also briefed the board on the current situation at the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative (MMLC). MMLC is losing several large members, putting the cooperative's future at risk. Member libraries are currently working to direct the MMLC board to restructure both its governance and staffing. If the cooperative does not successfully restructure, HDL may be forced to join a different library cooperative. In addition, Sheila shared that HDL was awarded a \$10,000 Libraries Transforming Communities grant through the American Library Association.

Old Business:

- A. **Library update:** Nick Loomis updated the board on recent facility improvements. The door to the community room was removed due to ongoing issues affecting both its functionality and security, particularly in the afternoons. After a community member had an accident involving the door, several attempts were made to repair it, including replacement, but the door remained unstable. Full removal of the door was the best solution. This door is rarely used and is not an emergency exit. Terry removed the door and finished the area with drywall. Terrin Wale began replacing damaged boards on the ramp to the community room. Due to time constraints and weather, only a few boards were replaced; the remaining boards will be replaced when conditions allow. Nick and Sheila also met with Tiffany Loafman regarding her and her sister-in-law Tori's interest in providing landscape maintenance. They discussed tasks for the start of the season, including replacing plants, relocating existing plants, and planting the new flower beds south and east of the building. They will focus on maintenance of the landscape, weeding and watering, but will also be available on an as-needed basis throughout the season to address any landscaping issues.

New Business

- A. **Review & approval of revised FY budget 2025-2026:** It was moved by Trustee Rachel Anderson to approve the revised budget as presented. Treasurer Rick Foote provided support. Ayes all, motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Questions and comments from board members:

Adjournment: Trustee Diane Wood made the motion to adjourn. Treasurer Rick Foote provided support. The March 24th, meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

The next meeting will be on April 28, 2026 at 9:30 am

Library Director, Sheila Bissonette