

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Chairman Ron De Bruyne with the following committee members present: Leon Kukanich, Mary Platner, Charles Rayala, Jr. and Erv Teichmiller.

Others present during this meeting: Jim Trojanowski, representing the Northern Waters Library System; Diana Anderson, Director, Olsen Memorial Library; Ida Nemecek, Director, Plum Lake Library; Shirley Harrison, Trustee of the Presque Isle Library; Fern Madden, Trustee of the Presque Isle Library; Cherie Sanderson, Director, Boulder Junction Library; June Franzen, Phelps Library; and Vilas County Clerk David Alleman.

Open meeting notices and quorum present verified by the Chairman.

**Approve Library Committee agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:**

Motion by C. Rayala, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Teichmiller to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voting aye. Carried.

**Approve Library Committee minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting:**

Motion by C. Rayala, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Kukanich to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

**Introductions:**

The Chairman at this time called for introductions from all sent.

**Northern Waters Library Service 2009 funding request and annual service agreement – resolution to County Board:**

The Chair asked J. Trojanowski to explain to the committee the services that NWLS provides. J. Trojanowski stated that NWLS was one of 17 such library systems state wide. He further listed services provided to system residents. He stated that the NWLS funding request was increased for 2009 by \$250.00, primarily due to fuel costs. Motion by C. Rayala, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Teichmiller to approve the annual agreement between Vilas County and the Northern Waters Library Service including their 2009 funding request of \$18,271.00 and to send this to the County Board in the form of a resolution. All voting aye. Carried.

**2009 funding request – Vilas County libraries:**

2009 funding for area libraries was discussed. C. Rayala felt that the amount could not be increased due to tight County finances. E. Teichmiller felt that in the long term this financial aid should increase. He also questioned the fact that the payments are disproportional on a per capita basis, favoring smaller population towns. He questioned how the present allocation of the library funding was arrived at. C. Rayala replied that the original intent of the aid was to encourage the formation of libraries in the towns, and that all of the towns with the exception of Arbor Vitae now had their own libraries or were involved jointly in a library system. He also felt that the aid should be increased when financially feasible, as the libraries were primarily organized and operated by hard working volunteers. M. Platner also felt that funding should increase, but realized that the current fiscal conditions preclude adding more dollars to the library budget. Motion by C. Rayala, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Kukanich to approve funding of \$2,800.00 for each of the 14 towns and the City of Eagle River for a total of \$42,000.00 for 2009, to be divided equally between all libraried Vilas County towns and the City of Eagle River. All voting aye. Carried.

**2009 Act 420 library support payments:**

The Clerk presented Act 420 billings from the Minocqua Public Library and the Rhinelander District Library for 2007 circulations. The Clerk stated that he had copies of both systems' Dept. of Public Instruction 2007 reports that verified the circulation numbers used to compute the payments. Total due for 2007 is \$43,505.18. The committee entered into a general discussion regarding the Town of Arbor Vitae's non-librariated status and the history of Act 420 as it pertained to Vilas County. D. Anderson of the Olsen Memorial Library announced that approval had been obtained by their board and the member towns, accepting Arbor Vitae into their library system. She had a letter from the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction that disapproved of that action. She stated that she disagreed with the reasons enumerated in that letter. J. Trojanowski said that the letter was advisory. She further stated that this agreement would be ready for committee and County Board approval in September, 2008. The Clerk said that as soon as the County Board approved the agreement, he would notify the Minocqua and Rhinelander libraries so that future Act 420 billings to Vilas County would cease. C. Rayala pointed out that the County would still be billed for most of 2008.

**2009 Library Committee budget workshop:**

The committee repeated their intent to present to the Finance & Budget Committee the following 2009 budget requests.

Northern Waters Library Service:	\$18,271.00
Aid to Vilas County Libraries:	\$42,000.00

After further discussion regarding Act 420 expenses, a motion was made by E. Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Rayala to request that the Finance & Budget Committee place \$43,505.18 in an outlay account to pay 2007 Act 420 expenses. All voting aye, with the exception of M. Platner, who abstained from voting. Carried.

**Letters and Communications:**

J. Trojanowski recommended that Vilas County develop an updated county wide library plan. He will send a copy of the previous plan to the Clerk. E. Teichmiller asked if county wide library data was compiled. J. Trojanowski said that he had that data, and that he would also send that to the Clerk.

**Future meeting dates:**

The next meeting will be held at the Courthouse on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by L. Kukanich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Rayala to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk