

**Minutes of the
North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC)**
Regular Quarterly Meeting via TEAMS
March 27, 2026
1:00 PM Central Time
A TEAMS Meeting Online

Call to Order:

Volunteer Chair Kelly Kornkven called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M. Central Time.

Council Members Present:

Chair Traci Lund, President Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Kelly Kornkven, Tressa Graves, Michele Seil, Tim Dirks, State Librarian Mary Soucie, and Recorder Joanie Sanda

Council Members Not Present:

Austin Lafferty, Vice Chair Andrea Placher, Jessica Smette

Review of the agenda:

There were no corrections or changes to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chair Kornkven asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There were no additions or corrections noted. The August 6, 2025, and February 27, 2026, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

State Library Report:

A small spelling error was noticed and corrected on the State Librarian Report for October-December 2025. Bethany Rants has accepted the grant coordinator position. Soucie shared the new NDSL logo that is a subtle book image that also encompasses the state and uses its color pallet.

Old and New Business:

Library Vision Grants

General grant information:

The grant funds available to be awarded were increased from \$120,000 to \$150,000. We received \$14,006 in small grant and \$180,779 in large grant applications. Webgrants is ready to go. We will utilize the system for our Tribal Library Grant opportunity which will open in April.

Tribal Library Grants

There is \$50,000 available for tribal library grants and there are 5 tribal academic institutions. The maximum will be \$15,000.

Library Vision Grants Regular - Small

Tim Dirks moved, seconded by Jason Bedsaul to approve the following small library grant applications:

- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library 1,999.00
- Cavalier Public Library 1,281.00
- Community Alternative High School Library 1,950.00
- Leach Public Library 750.00
- Lisbon High School Library 500.00
- Northern Cass Public School Library 1,462.00
- Turtle Lake-Mercer Public Library 1,900.00
- Washburn Public Library 884.00

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

Tim Dirks moved, seconded by Michele Seil, to not fund the following small library grants applications:

- Heart of America Library 800.00
- Maddock Community Library 530.00
- New Town Public Library 1,950.00

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

Library Vision Grants Regular - Large

Traci Lund moved, seconded by Tim Dirks, to approve the following large library grant applications:

- Casselton Public Library 9,900.00
- Central Valley Public School Library 5,561.00
- Clara Barton Elementary School Library 8,500.00
- Griggs County Library 5,000.00
- Halliday Public Library 5,000.00
- Kindred Public Library 5,330.00
- Mayville Public Library 5,000.00
- Memorial Middle School Library 2,000.00
- South High School Library 3,533.00
- Underwood Public School Library 7,500.00

- Washburn Public School Library 8,204.00
- West Fargo Public Library 9,675.00

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

Jason Bedsahl moved, seconded by Samantha Pechtl, to not fund the following large library grant applications:

- Cavalier County Library 2,800.00
- Dakota College at Bottineau Library 9,816.00
- Edna Ralston Public Library 3,000.00
- Forman Public Library 10,000.00
- Harvey Public Library 10,000.00
- Hazen Public Library 3,881.00
- Iris Swedlund School & Public Library 9,823.00
- Morton Mandan Public Library 10,000.00
- Washington Elementary School Library 4,235.00
- Wishek School & Public Library 10,000.00

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

Tim Dirks moved, seconded by Traci Lund, to fully approve Ashley Public School Library 4,895.00 pending verification of guidelines.

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

Jason Bedsahl moved, seconded by Traci Lund, to fully fund the Carrington City Library grant in the amount of 9,936.00.

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Abstain: Michele Seil. Motion carries.

Kelly Kornkven moved, seconded by Tressa Graves, to fully fund the Lake Region Public Library application in the amount of 7,190.00.

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

Tim Dirks moved, seconded by Samantha Pechtl, to fully fund the North Dakota State University application in the amount of 10,000.00 pending clarification that no university staff will be paid as part of the grant funding per the grant as proposed.

Ayes: Tim Dirks, Michele Seil, Tressa Graves, Kelly Kornkven, Jason Bedsaul, Samantha Pechtl, Traci Lund. Motion carries.

The total grant amount funded is \$117,950.

Announcements:

The next NDLC quarterly meeting will be held on June 19 from 11AM-1PM online.

The next quarterly meeting will be in July. The suggested site for the meeting is Williston with site visits in Watford City and Tioga.

Adjournment:

Volunteer Chair Kelly Kornkven adjourned the meeting at 4:43 P.M. Central Time.