HEARTLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

GOVERNING BOARD

Lake Placid Public Library – Meeting Room

1069 US Hwy. 27 N., Lake Placid, FL

Minutes to the July 29, 2026 Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at a.m. Invocation led by 10:32 a.m. Invocation was led by Jeannie Palacios and pledge was led by Brad Goodbread.

ROLL CALL:

Jeannie Palacios Chair Hardee County; Commissioner; Commissioner Judy Schaefer Vice-Chair DeSoto County; Brad Goodbread Treasurer Okeechobee County; Lauri Benson Desoto County; Commissioner Kenny Miller Hardee County; Terri Moorehouse Glades County; Nicole Drake Hardee County; Nancy Griest Okeechobee County; Vikki Brown Coordinator Heartland

Also Present: Linda Waters Librarian DeSoto County; Regina Ussery Librarian Hardee County; Kresta King Librarian Okeechobee County; Cynthia Acevedo Highlands County ; Matt Gammill Okeechobee County.

Absent: Sue Rood Highlands County; Commissioner Arlene Tuck Highlands County; Commissioner Hattie Taylor; Glades County Denise Whitehead Okeechobee County.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Notice of Public Meeting: Notice was properly given.

Additions to Agenda: Vikki informed the Board of the addition of the Informational Table of Contents for Guidebook

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Terri, seconded by Lauri. Unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION:

i. **None**

CONSENT AGENDA: None

ACTION AGENDA:

Jeannie opened up the discussion of the next steps of the Coordinator position with Vikki explaining the options for the immediate Coordinator needs that are available in the packet. Linda discussed that Kresta has mentioned she would fill the spot. Kresta shared that she would be interested in a temporary capacity and prefers the option of keeping Vikki as a consultant. Linda stated that she will support in any capacity than way she can.

Brad moved to appoint Kresta interim Coordinator for the Heartland Library Cooperative and Vikki as a consultant.

Seconded by Judy and unanimously passed.

Linda suggested a committee form to research the details of the full-time coordinator position. At the direction of the Chair, a committee was formed with the assignment of bringing back information for the August 19, 2026 meeting.

The members chosen for the committee are:

- **DeSoto – Linda Waters, Chair of Committee**
- **Glades – Garnett Ahern**
- **Hardee – Nicole Drake**
- **Highlands – Bari Lotts**
- **Okeechobee – Nancy Griest**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1) Sonya Chapa Resignation
2) Vikki Brown Resignation
3) Table of Contents for the Coordinator Guidebook

Next Meeting is **Wednesday, August 19, 2026,** at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
Jeannie Palacios adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vikki Brown