

HOLDREGE AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING- August 1, 2023

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order by President John Sauder in the conference room on August 1, 2023 at 4 pm. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the bulletin board in the conference room. The following members were present: John Sauder, Shirley Butz, Julie Johnson, Rosanna Meyer, Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Maureen Epping, and director Mike Burris. Absent were Jennifer Sand and Sandi Ericson.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Sue Christensen and seconded by Annette Sindt to approve the minutes. Motion passed by roll call vote with members present.

Public forum: Members of the public were given an opportunity to comment and no concerns or comments were submitted.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed as printed in the agenda. It was moved by Rosanna Meyer and seconded by Sue Christensen to approve the financial report. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of bills: The monthly bills, listed on the balance sheet and expenses by vendor report were reviewed by the board. Annette Sindt made a motion to approve the bills and Shirley Butz seconded. Motion carried by all members present.

Business: A proposed draft to amendment II, section 9 was issued and will be discussed at next month's meeting. The board is currently working on filling the vacancy on the board. Hopefully by next month that spot will be filled. The air conditioning isn't working in the children's area. Mike had a company come and look at the air conditioning unit and they stated that it needs replacement. He will present the cost of this to the city. It was noted that the by-laws are to be reviewed annually and next month the board will conduct the annual review of them. Director Mike Burris proposed replacing and upgrading the staff computers. He asked the board for permission to grant the request to use money from the depreciation fund to do so. A motion was made by Rosanna Meyer to allot a maximum of \$10,000 from the depreciation fund to replace the staff computers. John Sauder seconded it.

Motion carried by all members present.

Director's report:

1. The summer reading program was a great success.
2. The library is working with the Holdrege Chamber of Commerce to create and organize a Creative District in Holdrege. Public meetings will be held on August 1 and 9 at the library to discuss this and August 11 at the Nebraska Prairie Museum.
3. It was strongly suggested to the board to watch some short web video series to obtain continuing education (CE) units for the library.
4. The library will be audited on August 4. Mike will report to the board on the experience and the findings.
5. Programming in August at the library is taking a break so that staff can plan programs for the rest of the calendar year.

Annette Sindt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Sauder seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Epping