

## **September 3, 2024 Holdrege Area Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

The regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order in the library conference room at 4:00pm. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the bulletin board in the conference room. Members present were Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Anna Sertich, Julie Johnson, Annette Sindt, Bill Yochum, Maureen Epping, and interim director Diana Urbom. Lori Larson arrived at 4:05 pm. Absent were Sue Christensen and Jennifer Sand.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the August 6, 2024 board meeting printed in the agenda were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Anna Sertich and seconded by Rosanna Meyer. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Anna Sertich, Julie Johnson, Annette Sindt, Bill Yochum, and Maureen Epping.

**Public forum:** Darla Bergman was present and inquired about potential sites for the new library.

**Financial report:** The financial report, printed in the meeting agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Annette Sindt and seconded by Anna Sertich to approve the financial report. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Anna Sertich, Julie Johnson, Annette Sindt, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

**Approval of bills:** The monthly bills, listed in the expenses and vendor detail and balance sheets were reviewed and approved following a motion made to approve by Lori Larson and seconded by Anna Sertich. The motion passed with affirmative votes from all members present: Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Anna Sertich, Julie Johnson, Annette Sindt, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

**New business:** Discussion was held regarding whether or not to adopt a consent agenda for the board meetings. This would combine the approval of minutes, financial report and approval of bills to one vote instead of three. A motion was made to implement a consent agenda (for approval of minutes, financial report, and approval of bills) by Rosanna Meyer and seconded by Julie Johnson. The motion passed with affirmative votes from all members present: Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Anna Sertich, Julie Johnson, Annette Sindt, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

The by-laws for the library board of trustees were discussed and reviewed. They will be tabled and discussed at the next meeting.

The Friends of the Library (FOL) storage policy was reviewed and discussed.

**Old business:** Diana Urbom, interim library director, will contact Chase credit card to cancel the credit card that has the previous director's name on it. A new card has already been obtained with just the library name on it.

The new building initiative was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The "smell" is still in the library, but the city has put roof sealant on and the carpet has been removed from the director's office in an effort to get rid of the "smell."

The approval of the Raptorology program on October 17 at the Ag Center is pending until after the meeting tonight (September 3).

**Executive session:** A motion was made at 4:53 pm by Anna Sertich and seconded by Annette Sindt to go into executive session to discuss the director search. A motion was made by Anna Sertich and seconded by Annette Sindt to come out of executive session at 5:17 pm.

**Interim Director report:**

1. The August 19, 2024 audit went well. The auditors inquired about why the county is not contributing the 40% that is agreed upon in the Interlocal agreement. The board will follow up on this.
2. An internet outage occurred on the morning of August 19 at the library. Quotes for fiber optic internet will be brought to the next meeting. Grants may be available to help with this.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rosanna Meyer and seconded by Annette Sindt. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Epping, secretary