

# Holdrege Area Public Library Board April 1, 2025 Meeting

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order in the community room at 4:00 pm. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the wall in the room. Members present were Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, Maureen Epping, and library director Sierra Burrows. Anna Sertich was absent.

**Consent agenda:** The minutes from the March 4, 2025 meeting, financial report, and accounts payable were all reviewed. A motion was made by Bill Yochum and seconded by Sue Christensen to approve the consent agenda. Affirmative votes were made from Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, and Maureen Epping.

**Public forum:** There was no one present for comment at this time.

**New business:** A new budget committee was formed. Members will be Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, and Rosanna Meyer.

At 4:11 pm the library board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Rosanna Meyer made a motion to close the executive session and Julie Johnson seconded it. The board went out of executive session at 4:35 pm.

A motion to table the merit raise increase request until the next board meeting was made by Lori Larson and seconded by Annette Sindt.

A discussion about the delay in mail services resulting in late fees for some bills occurred. A motion was made by Lori Larson to give the authorized signers permission to be able to pay the bills with a check or on-line. Annette Sindt seconded it. Affirmative votes were made by Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, and Maureen Epping. Sue Christensen stepped out for a few minutes when the vote took place.

A discussion was held regarding the microfilm machine and the repairs not being effective in fixing the problems. Costs of replacing the machine or digitizing the microfilm collection were discussed. Lori Larson made a motion to move toward digitizing the library's microfilm collection. Rosanna Meyer seconded it. Affirmative votes were cast by Sue Christensen, Cassie Ehrenberg, Rosanna Meyer, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, and Maureen Epping.

**Old business:** A new county library board member has been confirmed until 2028.

The new building initiative was discussed. An architect proposal was reviewed, and it was decided to get a few more proposals before deciding on which one is best.

The building smell is still present. The offices have moved to the basement for the time being. The cabling project is done and the city has scheduled the roof to be replaced this spring.

**Director's report:**

1. Policy 1.3.18.6 was reviewed.
2. A request for a library assistant was presented to the board and will be presented in more detail at the next meeting.
3. A contract has been signed with Glenwood with E-rate services to transition the library to fiber internet. We are currently waiting for funding approval before the transition can fully take place.

**Adjournment:** Annette Sindt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Julie Johnson seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Epping, secretary