

Holdrege Area Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting May 6, 2025

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order in the community room at 4:02 pm. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the wall in the room. Members present were Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg, Anna Sertich, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, Maureen Epping, and library director Sierra Burrows. Sue Christensen was absent.

Consent agenda: The minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting, financial report, and accounts payable were all reviewed. A motion was made by Rosanna Meyer and seconded by Anna Sertich to approve the consent agenda. Affirmative votes were made from Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg, Anna Sertich, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

Public forum: No one was present for comment at this time.

New business: A discussion was held about the requests for proposals (RFP) from the top three architect firms that the committee chose. An additional meeting with each firm will be held to make the final choice on the architectural firm chosen for the new library.

The 2025-26 budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Lori Larson to approve the 2025-26 budget which includes all staff salary determinations. Annette Sindt seconded this motion. Affirmative votes were made from Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg, Anna Sertich, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

A motion was made by Lori Larson to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 4:38 pm. Annette Sindt seconded it. A motion was made to come out of executive session at 5:11 pm by Lori Larson and seconded by Rosanna Meyer.

The director review was discussed. A motion was made by Anna Sertich to approve the contract for the library director for the 2025-26 fiscal year with the salary determination. Lori Larson seconded this motion. Affirmative votes were made from Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg, Anna Sertich, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

Library director Sierra Burrows requested that the board authorize a request to get the Phelps County Foundation to cover the printing costs of \$2831.93 for the Summer Reading Program booklet. The board authorized her to obtain these funds from the Phelps County Foundation. Due to staffing issues with the July 4 holiday, library director Sierra Burrows asked the board for authorization to close the library July 5, 2025. A motion was made by Anna Sertich and seconded by Julie Johnson to approve closing the library on July 5, 2025. Affirmative votes were made from Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg, Anna Sertich, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping. Annette Sindt had to leave the meeting at the time of this vote.

Old business: A request for a staff merit increase was discussed. A motion was made to deny the staff merit increase request based on the 2025-26 salary determination by Lori Larson and

seconded by Rosanna Meyer. Affirmative votes were made from Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg, Anna Sertich, Annette Sindt, Julie Johnson, Bill Yochum, Lori Larson, and Maureen Epping.

Director's report:

1. Summer reading program will kick off on May 19. Booklets will be handed out to all pre-K through 12th grade students in Phelps County on May 5.
2. A request for a part-time library II assistant was presented to the board in collaboration with the budget.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anna Sertich at 5:30 pm and seconded by Julie Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Epping, secretary