

Holdrege Area Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting December 2, 2025

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order at 4:01 in the community meeting room in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act, posted on the north wall of the room. Board members Cassie Ehrenberg, Annette Sindt, Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, Cindy Woollen, Rosanna Meyer, Julie Johnson, and Sue Christensen, and Library Director Sierra Burrows were present. Board members Maureen Epping and Anna Sertich arrived late: Maureen shortly after the vote on the consent agenda and Anna following the vote to Approve Policy 1.6.2.

Consent Agenda: The minutes from the November 6th meeting, the financial report, and the accounts payable report were reviewed. A motion made by Bill Yochum to approve the consent agenda was seconded by Annette Sindt. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Cassie Ehrenberg, Annette Sindt, Lori Larson, Bill Yochum, Cindy Woollen, Rosanna Meyer, Julie Johnson, and Sue Christensen.

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

New Business: Annette Sindt made a motion to approve Policy 1.6.2 Holidays dealing with holiday scheduling. Seconded by Rosanna Meyer, the motion passed with affirmative votes from Cassie Ehrenberg, Annette Sindt, Maureen Epping, Lori Larson, Cindy Woollen, Bill Yochum, Julie Johnson, Rosanna Meyer, and Sue Christensen.

Director Sierra Burrows distributed and reviewed copies of the newly created HAPL Strategic Plan.

There was no update from CMBA. They are awaiting completion of the feasibility study being done by Strawhecker. A meeting of the Library Planning Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th at 4:00 in the library conference room when the completed feasibility study will be presented. Representatives from CMBA will attend that meeting to receive Strawhecker's report with the library board members.

Strawhecker is continuing to assist with grant applications that are due in December.

Director's Report: Sierra presented the director's report.

- The odor, thought to be eliminated following the roof repair, has returned. The issue is under investigation.
- Through the Nebraska Library Commission, the library was able to enroll in a free Amazon Business Prime account that has been helpful. The library is currently working through several vendor transitions.
- In addition to grant applications related to the building project, staff members are also applying for grants related to their areas of oversight.
- Work continues, and is near completion, to make the library fully cloud-based. The library is awaiting the requested assistance from City/County IT.
- A variety of professional development, partnerships, and community outreach events are being scheduled.
- Initial logo sketches should be ready for review within the next few weeks.

- Several banks have provided information, but some have not yet replied. When information is complete, a decision will be made as to how to best protect the deposits of library funds.
- Sierra reviewed some adjustments she has had to make to her work schedule for the week of December 8-12th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 following a motion by Anna Sertich and seconded by Bill Yochum. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm in the library board conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Christensen, secretary