

## Holdrege Area Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting February 3, 2026

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order at 4:02 in the community meeting room in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act posted on the north wall of the room. Board members Annette Sindt, Cindy Woollen, Bill Yochum, Maureen Epping, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson and Julie Johnson, and Library Director Sierra Burrows were present. Wendy Townley and Scott Larson, representing Strawhecker, and Matt Kreutzer, representing CMBA, participated via Zoom. Board members Rosanna Meyer, Cassie Ehrenberg and Anna Sertich did not attend.

**Consent Agenda:** The minutes from the January 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 Lori Larson. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Annette Sindt, Cindy Woollen, Bill Yochum, Maureen Epping, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson and Julie Johnson.

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

**New Business:** Director Burrows updated the board on her progress preparing the annual report. It will be presented to the City Council at their meeting on February 17th at 6:00 pm and to the County Commissioners meeting at 9:00 am on the 24th. Two board members will participate in those presentations. Other board members are encouraged to attend.

Mini-meetings, peer-to-peer meetings, are being scheduled for next week, the 9th through the 13th. Director Burrows reminded board members of the email she sent out requesting assistance to complete scheduling and confirming those meetings.

There is no update on the new logo.

**CMBA Update:** CMBA is working on the new visuals. They should be ready next week.

**Strawhecker Update:** Wendy discussed the ongoing review of volunteer names for committees and provided a brief explanation of the five committees that will be formed. She explained that the committee chairs will become members of the steering committee. She is preparing materials for the mini-meetings and will deliver those by email, probably by tomorrow. Ryan is updating the file on grant options, making note of their upcoming submission dates.

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

- All of the window blinds have been removed, so hopefully, the odor issue is finally resolved. Offices are being relocated back upstairs.
- The new library survey, designed by the NE Library Commission, is now ready. The survey needs to be completed by April 1st.
- Thank you letters for give2GROW donors have been mailed.
- New programming and partnerships are being added. For example, a local homeschool group recently partnered with the library for a 3D printer tutorial.
- Sierra and Alyssa will be attending a Summer Library Program workshop tomorrow.

- Jessica and Alyssa will be allotted 2 hours per week to take classes to earn the NE Library Commission Public Library Certification. Sierra is testing this approach with the goal of proposing it as a standard for all staff (excluding the shelver and custodian).

Upcoming LPC meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays: February 10, 17, and 24th at 4:00 in the library conference room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:12. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:00 pm in the library conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Christensen, secretary