

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
7:00 pm
601 7th Street, Fairbury, NE 68352

1. The regular meeting of the Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by president, Kristin Vaughn. Notice of this meeting was posted in advance in the Fairbury Journal News. The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as required by law.

2. In addition to the president, Kristin Vaughn, members present were Sarah Moorman and Stan Smith. Warner Krumme and LeAnn Krause were absent. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3. There were no comments from the public.

4. The May 6 minutes were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

5. The Director's Report

Building:

- Weathered the wind storm without any damage to trees or property.

Library events and programming:

- 152 second graders from Central Elementary took a "field trip" to the library before school was out to learn about summer reading

- Jeffs Gone M.A.D. hosted a local children's book author. 18 people attended.

- Summer reading has taken off. There is a lot happening in June: Dinosaur program at the Bonham, crafts for kids and adults, a "Gardening for Color" program, library sponsored "Land Before Time" movie during the Bonham summer movie series, prizes for reading and participating in activities, and an end of the summer Jeffs Gone M.A.D. party.

Director activities and other happenings:

- With school out and summer reading starting May 11, gate count, computer users, and circulation are way up! There were also a lot of new and renewed cards for the month.

- Mango still did not get any use in May.

- The Board reviewed and re-approved the *Collection Development Policy* at the May 6 meeting. Language was added regarding the management of digital collections.

- Quarterly Foundation Board meeting was held May 11. The Foundation raised \$1,305 from the Jefferson County Gives event. The money has been allocated for future outdoor improvements.

- For the 2025-26 school year, 29 ESL students attended classes twice a week at the library. They all gained at least 4 levels in reading/listening. Three have tested out and are now working on their GED. Their instructor for the last year, Ilene Foster, will not be returning in the fall. SCC is still planning continuing the classes with a new instructor.

- State budget cuts have caused the Library Commission to lose funding (45,000k) for Overdrive magazines. Our patrons average around 76 magazine checkouts/month. Members of the Nebraska Overdrive Consortium are working with the Commission to try and find a fair way to distribute the cost between participating member institutions based on population, usage, or a combination of each. Depending upon the decision, it might not cost us anything more, or it could be up to \$200/year, in addition to the \$500 annual fee we currently pay.

- Terms will end July 1, 2026 for Library Board members Sarah Moorman and Warner Krumme. Sarah was appointed two years ago to finish Eric Borch's term when he moved out of state and has elected not to continue on the Board. Warner has also elected not to remain on the Board citing health reasons.

- Debbie attended CASTL in Hebron where technology in libraries was discussed.

6. Bills in the amount of \$2,668.33 were reviewed. A motion was made by Stan that the bills be approved and paid as written. Sarah seconded. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business

-The board reviewed the *Solicitation and Display Policy*. No changes were recommended. A motion was made by Stan that the policy be approved as written. Kristin seconded. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

-Resignations accepted from Warner Krumme and Sarah Moorman

-Request for Linda Dux to be appointed to the Board. Kristin motioned. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Sarah, yes. Motion carried.

8. Announcements or Other Discussion

Next regular meeting will be July 1, 2026

9. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Aden