

Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board
Wednesday, July 1, 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 LeAnn Krause and Stan Smith. Our newest board member, Linda Dux, was also present. Director Debbie Aden and prospective Board member Teresa Sammartano were also in attendance.

3.There were no comments from the public.

4.The June 3rd minutes were reviewed. Stan made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda seconded. LeAnn abstained. Votes were as follows: Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Linda, yes. Motion carried.

5.The Director's Report

Building:

- Fairbury Glass replaced the broken plate glass window in the hallway
- The new emergency door is here. We are just waiting to schedule a time to install it.

Technology:

- No report

City Business:

- Budget proposal for 2026-27 requested.

Library events and programming:

- Four summer reading kid's crafts events held with a total attendance of 181
- Fourteen/adult crafts events held with a total participation of 81
- "Stomp, Chomp, Roar!" dinosaur program @the Bonham. 135 attended the free event.
- "Gardening for color" Ne Extension program held at the library with 25 in attendance.
- 22 people counted flags around town for a chance to win a patriotic prize package
- Next month the summer reading program is sponsoring the summer series movie "The land before time"and Jeffs Gone M.A.D. are hosting a summer party

Director activities and other happenings:

- As would be expected this time of the year, gate count and circulation are way up.
- The Board reviewed and re-approved the Solicitation and Display Policy at the June 3 meeting. No changeswere made.
- A decision was reached regarding the Overdrive magazines subscription pricing. Fairbury will be paying \$150 more/year in addition to the \$500/year subscription to Overdrive.
- Linda Dux's request to join the Board was approved by City Council.
- Budget proposal for 2026-27 completed. Request for Board approval on the July 1 agenda.

6.Bills in the amount of \$5,000.12 were reviewed. A motion was made by Linda that the bills be approved and paid as written. LeAnn seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Stan, yes; Kristin, yes; and Linda, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business

- Debbie had the 26-27 budget proposal done for the board to review. She will take it to the city next week.
- Teresa Sammartano was invited to join the board. She accepted. Debbie had a letter to be signed by Kristin and sent to the city for approval ready to go.

8. Announcements or Other Discussion

Next regular meeting will be August 5, 2026.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause