Minutes of the Fairbury Public Library Board

Wednesday, August 5, 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, Linda Dux. Stan Smith and Teresa Sammartano. Our director Debbie Aden was also present.

3.There were no comments from the public.

4.The July 1st minutes were reviewed. Linda made a motion to approve the minutes. Stan seconded. Votes were as follows: LeAnn, yes; Kristin, yes; Teresa, yes; and Stan, yes. Motion carried.

5.The Director's Report

Building:

-Fairbury Glass installed the new emergency door on the east side

-Dave with Superior water had to replace a broken valve in the control box. The valves were all about 30 years old so he replaced them all so he would not have to dig the box up again in the future as the others failed.

-Hired Tom Bramhall to clean out the volunteer walnut trees and cut off and kill the lilies on the south side of the building. Walnuts are toxic to lilies and it is too hard to clean the lily beds out. For now, we are just going to put mulch down and figure out next spring what we can plant that will fill in the space a little, but be easy to clean around. Unfortunately, when they were cleaning out the walnut trees they got too exuberant and cut out my burning bushes on the west side. They were supposed to stay. We will need to replant those as they helped hide the staircase and looked so nice in the fall.

-Petersen's had to unclog a very clogged women's toilet. Also changed the filter in the water fountain.

Technology:

- No report

City Business:

-No report

Library events and programming:

- Eleven summer reading participants attended the summer series movie "The land before time" that the library sponsored.

- Only 18 people attended the Jeffs Gone M.A.D. summer party

- September 1 Amber Frew from Grit & Grace Flower farm will present "Behind the Blooms," an evening about flowers, farming, and operating a small business

-Storytime, LEGO club, and STEM will be starting up again in August

Director activities and other happenings:

- The Board reviewed and re-approved the Solicitation and Display Policy at the June 3 meeting. No changes were made.

- New vendor to purchase weeded books. Buy the Box will send boxes, pay for shipping, and give us $10/box for any used books that have an ISBN number. We'll see how long that lasts.

- Teresa Sammarato's request to join the Board was approved by City Council.

6.Bills in the amount of $11,165.42 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; Kristin, yes; Teresa, yes; and Stan, yes. Motion carried.

7. Current Business

Debbies annual review was discussed and agreed upon by all board members. Kristen filled it out stating that Debbie exceeds in all areas. Each board member then signed the evaluation form.

Debbie will be attending the NLA/MPLA conference in Omaha in October.

There was no further discussion. The next regular meeting will be September 2, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnn Krause