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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

### Siouxland Libraries

Prairie West Branch

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by Murtha.  
Members present: Adam Emerson, Lorie Hogstad, Jean Bender, Justine Murtha, Joel Rosenthal, County Commissioner Jen Bleyenbergh, and Library Director Alysia Boysen.  
Members absent:  
Staff present: Aldijana Bonander, Daniel Neeves, Nicole Norton, Sharlene Lien, Stephanie Bents  
Public present: Sue Ann Lang
2. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Hogstad and second by Rosenthal to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Emerson and second by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the May 14 meeting and June 11 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Review of financial and statistical reports.
  - a. Director Alysia Boysen reviewed budget and statistics. Capital: New courier truck has recently been received. Technology budget shows \$40k encumbered for Oak View patron induction for automated returns. Operating: working through magazine and newspaper renewals and determining based on customer need. Technology budget shows overspent by \$120k. That is due to a new contract that will replace current software and combine with another company. It's encumbered but won't be spent until next year. Statistical Report: physical circulation continues to trend downward while digital circulation increases. Programs still in high demand for all ages. This is typical during financially challenging times when families look for free entertainment. Question regarding K-5 programs down from this month last year. Reasoning due to spreading out programs over June and July because Reading Bridge programs are no longer available. Question regarding changes to grant funding through the Humanities Council and funding adult programming. We shouldn't experience much change based on grant funding.
5. Library Director and staff reports.
  - a. Director Report
    - i. Oak View update: Mayor TenHaken gave out a STICR rock to the Oak View team because of their efforts with the afterschool children. Over 50% fewer incidents and suspensions because of a proactive approach building relationships and staffing stations.
    - ii. Oak View renovation: bidding for renovation came back favorable. All requested improvements will move forward this fall. We will also use the Lansky donation to make improvements to the outdoor courtyard and make a usable Birth-5yrs space. We anticipate an August 18 closure for the renovation. We hope to reopen mid-December.
    - iii. Library budget update: needing to recalibrate due to property tax cap law. Alysia will make official announcements next week, as will the Mayor regarding budget impacts for 2026. Alysia will present budget to City Council on Aug 19 and to the joint City/County meeting the following Tuesday, Aug 25.
    - iv. Discussion about how Oak View staff could continue to serve the afterschool kids during the renovation.

- b. Summer Reading Update – Nicole Norton
  - i. Our biggest initiative of the year: May 23 through August 15. We extended the program for 2 additional weeks this year. Based on last year's statistics, we should surpass registrations and finishers. We are already beyond last year's numbers of finishers. There are a number of large cartooning programs throughout the system next week for school-aged children.
- 6. Public Input. (There was no public input.)
- 7. Unfinished Business. (There was no unfinished business.)
- 8. New Business.
- 9. Other.
  - a. Thank you to Joel and Lori for their time serving on the Library Board.
- 10. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 4:30 PM at the Hartford Branch.
- 11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

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Daniel Neeves, Library Staff

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Date Approved

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Alysia Boysen, Library Director