

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees
July 19, 2023**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Ambelang at 5:00 p.m. in the Virginia O. Smith Meeting Room at the Chippewa Falls Public Library.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Rasmus

Members Absent: Newton

Others Present: Director Joe Niese, Confidential Administrative Assistant Deb Braden

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Drehmel seconded by King to approve the agenda. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

4. Disposition of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of June 14, 2023.

Motion made by Jones seconded by Drehmel to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of June 14, 2023. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

5. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2023 budget after July 18, 2023.

Motion made by Jones seconded by King to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2023 budget after July 18, 2023. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Rasmus. Motion carried.

6. Public Appearances

none

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Management Report

Director Niese talked about highlights from the Management Report. The Book Bike was a great hit at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Jessi Peterson, Sue Rada, Samantha Carpenter and Friends volunteer Jackie Reich staffed the Library booth at the Fair. Programming is strong during the summer months and well received.

9. Current Business

a) Election of Officers

President Ambelang opened the floor to nominations. Motion made by Martell, seconded by Jones to re-elect Ambelang as President. Motion made by King, seconded by Drehmel to move to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. New President is Ambelang.

Motion made by King, seconded by Martell for Jones for Vice-President. Motion made by Drehmel, seconded by Rasmus to move to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. The new Vice-President is Jones.

Motion made by King, seconded by Rasmus for Newton for Financial Secretary. Motion made by King, seconded by Jones to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. New Financial Secretary is Newton.

b) Approval of MORE Budget

Director Niese explained the MORE Budget and presented explanations of about the increase in the amount to be paid in 2024.

Motion made by Jones, seconded by King to approve the 2024 MORE Budget as presented. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Rasmus. Motion carried.

c) Per Mar Update

Director Niese after checking with other Departments in the City concluded that the Per Mar proposal was just a sales pitch since other City Departments had no correspondence to the effect. We will not be pursuing the Per Mar request.

10.. Closed Session under WI Statues 19.85(1) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. “To

a) Personnel Updates

Motion made by Drehmel, seconded by Jones to go into Closed Session under WI Statues 19.85(1) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. “To personnel updates with the Director present.

Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Rasmus. Motion carried. Time: 5:30 pm

Motion made to return to Open Session made by Drehmel, seconded by Jones. Time: 5:52pm.

11. Announcements

none

12. Items for future consideration

- a) Webinars – watch on own then share at a meeting
- b) New Building

13. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Drehmel seconded by King. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant