

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees  
February 21, 2024**

**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, Newton, Rasmus

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Disposition of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 10, 2024**

Motion made by Jones seconded by Newton to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 10, 2024. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**5. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2023 budget after February 20, 2024.**

Motion made by Jones seconded by Newton to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2023 budget after February 20, 2024. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Newton, Rasmus. Motion carried.

**6. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2024 budget after February 20, 2024,**

Motion made by Jones, seconded by Rasmus to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2024 budget after January 16, 2024. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Newton, Rasmus. Motion carried.

**7. Public Appearances**

Jess Bergeman was present to learn about what the Library Board of Trustees does in a meeting.

**8. Correspondence**

Thank you's from the Trinity United Methodist Church Women in Faith for Director Niese sharing information about the Library. Thank you's from two patrons about excellent service the Library provides.

**9. Management Report**

Director Niese talked about highlights from the Management Report. ARPA funds will be determined in the next month. The Library is asking for help regluing the carpet and replacing some furniture. Director Niese is chairing the Library Five Year Plan again with the County.

**10. Current Business**

**a) Annual Report**

The Annual Report for 2023 was presented. Motion made by Jones, seconded by King to approve the 2023 Annual Report. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**11.. 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) Director Evaluation**

Motion made by Jones, seconded by King 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 Director Evaluation with only Board presented.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, Jones, King, Martell, Newton and Rasmus. Time: 5:23 pm

Motion made by Drehmel seconded by King to return to open session Time 5:55 p.m.

**12. Announcements**

Jan Drehmel’s last Board of Trustees Meeting will be the April meeting. She will be replaced with Sue Hokum.

**13. Items for future consideration**

- a) Director Evaluation in March
- b) Department presentations – Krister Paakkonen Information Services Coordinator- April

**14. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by Jones seconded by Drehmel. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant