

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees  
November 13, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call of Members**

Members Present: Ambelang, Houkom, Jones, Martell, Rasmus

Members Absent: Newton

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jones seconded by Houkom to approve the agenda. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**4. Disposition of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of October 23, 2024.**

Motion made by Jones seconded by Martell to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of October 23, 2024. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**5. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2024 budget after November 19, 2024.**

Motion made by Jones seconded by Rasmus to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2024 budget after November 19, 2024. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Houkom, Jones, Martell, Rasmus. Motion carried.

**6. Public Appearances**

None

**7. Correspondence**

None

**8. Management Report**

Director Niese talked about highlights from the Management Report. Director Niese is very happy with the growth in the programming at the Library. The program at the Kemper's Woods was well received and the presenter will be invited back at a later date in the new year.

**9. Current Business**

**a) Wage Study**

Board of Trustee's President Ambelang and Director Niese met with Lynn Bauer and asked questions the Board had about how the pay schedule was developed. They felt that their questions had been answered. If any Board Member has any additional questions let Ambelang know. The City will be meeting in Committee to discuss the pay schedule.

**b) Update on City Wide Inservice**

Director Niese checked with staff and they do want to do the City Wide Inservice. Motion made by Jones, seconded by Martell for the Library to close on January 20<sup>th</sup> and participate in the City Wide Inservice. All present Voting Aye. Motion passed

**c) 2025 Board of Trustees Meetings Schedule**

Motion made by Houkom, seconded by Martell to approve the 2025 Board of Trustees Meetings Schedule. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**d) New Library study**

Decision to talk at January meeting about a timeline for discussion on a new library. Will get further information from John Thompson from IFLS and Brad Hentschel, City Planner.

**10. Announcements**

The Nick Butler event would be limited to 45 participants. Director Niese is still talking to the event coordinators.

**11. Items for future consideration**

- a) Still looking for 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees member representing the City.
- b)

**12. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by Jones seconded by Martell. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant