

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees  
February 19, 2025**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call of Members**

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

Members Absent: Martell

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Disposition of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 15, 2025.**

Motion made by Newton seconded by Houkom to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 15, 2025. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**5. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2025 budget after February 18, 2025.**

Motion made by Jones seconded by Rasmus to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2025 budget after February 18, 2025. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Houkom, Jones, Newton, Rasmus. Motion carried.

**6. Public Appearances**

None

**7. Correspondence**

None

**8. Management Report**

Director Niese talked about highlights from the Management Report. Great month of programming. Bug Tussel has run out of funding. Director Niese is working with Pam Bowe to continue the program each month using Friends of the Library funding. Home Delivery has resumed with Chippewa Manor and Comforts of Home participating.

**9. Current Business**

**a) Annual Report**

We had a very good year. Circulation, programming and patron numbers are up.

Motion made by Jones, seconded by Newton That the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees hereby states that in the 2024 the IFLS Library System did provide effective leadership and adequately met the needs of the library. So the Annual Report should be filed. All present Voting Aye. Motion passed.

**b) Closing March 25, 2025**

Due to a overhaul of the Sierra System on March 25, 2025 Director Niese would like to close the Library as most of the Libraries in the area will also be closed. He would use this day for staff training.

Motion made by Houkom, seconded by Jones to close the Library on March 25, 2025 for Sierra System update and staff training. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**10. Announcements**

Julia Jilek-Proue will be joining the Board of Trustees after her appointment by Mayor Hoffman.

**11. Items for future consideration**

- a) Building planning webinar
- b) Department Head reports – option in person or paper report

**12. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by Jones seconded by Rasmus. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant