

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees  
March 13, 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, King, Martell, Rasmus

Members Absent: Jones, Newton

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 February 21, 2024**

Motion made by Drehmel seconded by Rasmus to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of February 21, 2024. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

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

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

**6. Public Appearances**

None

**7. Correspondence**

None

**8. Management Report**

Director Niese talked about highlights from the Management Report. ARPA funds for furniture has been approved. The Library will be working on improving the young adult area and the reference desk. Senator Jeff Smith came and visited the Library during the Senior Resource Fair on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Current Business**

**a) Five Year County Library Plan**

The Five-Year County Library Plan was shared with the Board of Trustees. It was approved by the Chippewa County Board. Director Niese headed the County Libraries with the work on the plan. A thank you was given to all the Board of Trustees members that help support the plan. Motion to accept the Five-Year Library Plan by King, seconded by Martell. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**10. Closed Session under WI Statutes 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 Drehmel, 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 and Director present.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Ambelang, Drehmel, King, Martell, and Rasmus. Time: 5:22 pm

Motion made by King seconded by Martell to return to open session Time 5:32p.m.

#### **11. Announcements**

None

#### **12. Items for future consideration**

- a) Department presentations – Krister Paakkonen Information Services Coordinator

#### **13. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by King seconded by Martell. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant