Plains Public Library Boad of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
6:00pm, June 24, 2025 @ Plains Public Library

Present: Myra Lindborg (Chair), Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative), Nate Stropko, Sophie Fisher.

Unexcused Absence: Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair)

Also present: Nikki Ericksen (Director), Cindy Thomas (Staff), Nancy Beech

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Public Comment: Nancy Beech explained that she was the person who constructed the pond and that she hadn't realized how in disrepair it was. She said she would like to do the work to return it to its original condition. The board expressed that improving the pond was preferable to removal. The board asked her to provide them with a bid for her supplies and labor as well as an estimate of maintenance costs. She said she would present it to the board at next month's meeting.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes for May were reviewed. Brandon moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed. Nate asked about deferred taxes. Nikki said that she would find out. Nate moved to accept the financial reports. All in favor. Motion passed. Statement from Plains Library Foundation portfolio was reviewed.

Claims: Claims were reviewed

Budget: The presented budget was reviewed. Brandon moved to approve the budget as presented. Nate seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

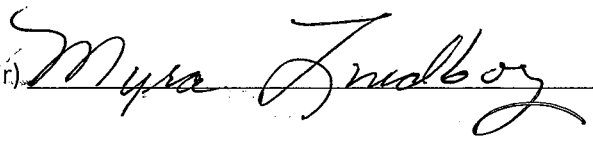
Membership Fee: Nikki gave the board the statistics for out of district cardholders currently at the Plains Library. She said that she believes that about 7% of cardholders reside in zip codes outside the multijurisdictional district. A yearly membership fee for out-of-district users of $35 could generate about $3,200 annually for the library, roughly equivilent to the revenue created by the library's most recent fundraiser, the Bookin' It 5K and Fun Run.

Nate moved to approve the change. Brandon seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Change should take effect in January or February 2026.

State Library Standards: State Library Standards were reviewed by the board. It was noted that there were no changes from last year.

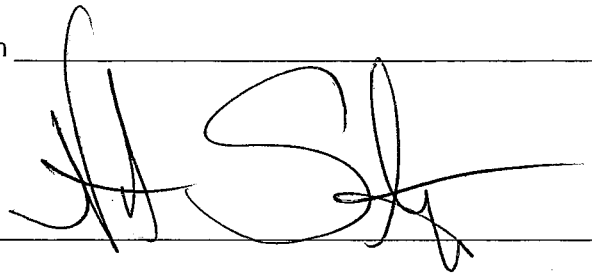
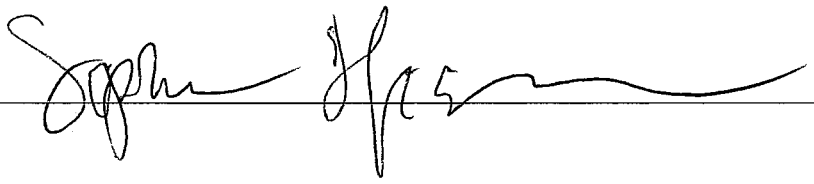
Director's Report: In addition to her written report, Nikki told the board that she had offered to partner with the Women's Club to help bring Shakespear in the Park to Plains. 2025 is the first year in 50 that the traveling show will not come to Plains. Nikki hopes that the library staff and volunteers could take on some of the load and ensure that the cultural icon continues to visit Plains every year.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for July 22nd at 6:00pm at the library.

Myra Lindborg (Chair) 

Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair)

Brandon Wilson

Nate Stropko 

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