

Plains Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
6:00pm, March 25 , 2026 @ Plains Public Library

Present: Myra Lindborg (Chair), Greg Sanders (Vice-chair), Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative) Nate Stropko, Sophie Fisher

Also present: Nikki Ericksen (Director), Nancy Beech

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Public Comment: None

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed. Greg moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed.

Claims: Claims were reviewed.

Radon: Nikki updated board on the radon situation in the library. She told them that Nikki and Cindy are working from home 3 of the 10 hours per day. Nikki gave all staff the option to take sick time or vacation time until mitigation happened. All staff are choosing to work their usual hours.

All library services including programming will happen as usual. Staff are doing their best to make patrons aware of the situation and to answer questions so that patrons can use the library to their comfort level. Staff will make reasonable accommodations for patrons including curb-side service.

Landscaping/Pond: Landscaping in front of the building was discussed. Nancy presented her bid to do the work asked for by the board with the exception that she would prefer not to do the concrete work or the polymer on the flagstones if we have another option. Nate said that Huckleberry Contracting would do these two things. He and Nancy discussed coordinating their efforts. The timeline will be important as the season progresses.

Brandon moved that the board accept Nancy's bid as presented and to approve funding by the foundation of the downpayment of \$8,770. All in favor. Motion passed.

Greg moved that the board authorize Nate Stropko as representative of Huckleberry Contracting to do the work of sealing the flagstones and placing concrete to connect the two flagstone areas as discussed in the meeting and to approve the payment for supplies and labor by the foundation. Nate and Brandon abstained from the vote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report: The board asked Nikki if she would be rehiring for the Library Tech position. Nikki said that yes, the position is posted internally with county employees for the next two weeks. After that, she will advertise externally. Challenges with hiring and retaining employees were discussed.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for April 28th at 6:00pm at the library unless radon levels remain high in which an alternative space will be chosen.

Myra Lindborg (Chair)

Greg Sanders (Vice-Chair)

Sophie Fisher

Nate Stropki

Brandon Wilson (Tamarack Representative)
