

Cherokee Public Library

Library Board Meeting

July 8, 2026

Board meeting was called to order with the following members present: Deb Hankens, Linda Burkhart, Loretta Barrett, Libby Timmerman, Doc Roethler, Tyler Puettmann, Dan Mott, Dan Buck, and Kerry Barrett. Visitors were mayor Tony Puffett, mayor, Mackenzie Ashland and Brevin Witt from Beck Engineering, and Theresa Pudenz.

Board approved the minutes from the June meetings Doc/Linda Dan Mott abstained . A motion was made by Dan M/Dan B and passed to approve the bills. Tyler H will send out the monthly budget review when it arrives from city hall.

Correspondence this month included grant correspondence and a thank you.

In education the board discussed reviewing the State Library of Iowa's Trustee Handbook, with new trustees being encouraged to review the binder. Libby was the first to review.

In new business the board conducted new elections to fall in line with the legal opinion of the city attorney. Deb Hankens was nominated as president Linda/Dan M with Linda Burkhart as board VP Doc/Loretta, and Tyler P as board secretary Loretta/Doc. The treasurer is Sara Lucas, city clerk Linda/Dan M. Bylaws were discussed to fall in line with what is written within the city ordinance. Adjustments were made to add a secretary as an officer with a job description and changing election of officers to July versus June with the new terms of board members. The board will revisit the bylaw changes in the next meeting. Beck Engineering presented on facility updates to the main level of the library which encompasses the circulation desk, stairs, and computer areas. Dan M/ Linda approved the plans. The unattended children/vulnerable adult policy was reviewed with Dan M/ Dan B approving.

For librarian reports, Tyler H reported statistics for fiscal year noting that library usage and services all saw increases in utilization. From there, Tyler H shared that the next month the board would have a focus on strategic planning for 2027-2030.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned Dan M/Doc. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 5th.