

Cherokee Public Library

Library Board Meeting

August 5, 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, and Kerry Barrett. Visitors were mayor Tony Puffett, mayor, Theresa Pudenz, Mackenzie Ashland and Brevin Witt from Beck Engineering. Library staff were also present.

Board approved the minutes from the July meetings Loretta/Linda. A motion was made by Dan M/Tyler and passed to approve the bills, with Linda abstaining. 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 and passed to Kerry Barrett. Mayor Puffett also reminded new and reappointed board members to complete state mandated open meeting law training, which Tyler H would email out again.

In old business the board opened a public hearing for the Beck Engineering project, which had no comments Dan M/Linda. The board then voted to accept the base bid and alternate 1+2 of the low bidder, H&R Construction. Board bylaws were adjusted per July recommendations Libby/Kerry.

In new business the board reviewed plans by staff to address collections and access in the large print section. Tyler H will follow up with staff and bring appropriate staff members to discuss further plans at the September meeting. The board also acknowledge with reservations the 28E with the Cherokee Community School District for library administration staffing Libby/Kerry.

For librarian reports, Tyler H reported statistics for summer noting that library usage and services all saw increases in utilization.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned Dan M/Doc. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 2nd.