

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
August 19, 2025, 5:00 PM
Hastings Public Library, Lower Level Makerspace

Present: President Jessica Brock, Vice President Ross Struss, Secretary Nikki Pfeil, Phil Boon, Nichole Bryant, Andrew McCarty, Liaison Matt Fong (City of Hastings), and Library Director Kelly Reisig.

Absent: Joyce Moore, Caroline Kemp, Liaison Tim Reams (Adams County), Liaison Bruce Rundle (Library Foundation), and City Administrator Mark Funkey.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order by President Brock at 5:06pm. She noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Hastings Public Library and that prior to this meeting notice was published in the Hastings Tribune and that each Board member received a copy of the proposed agenda and that an agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the Hastings Public Library and that said meeting is held in open session.

Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Phil Boon, Second by Andrew McCarty, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Staff Highlight: HPL Management Team [TABLED]

Liaison Reports:

City of Hastings, Councilman Matt Fong: Matt explained the current status of budget approval at the city council. He also noted that there are upcoming elections for city council positions. Not all current council members may submit their names for re-election in 2026. He asked board members to reach out to community members who they think may be interested in serving on the city council.

Adams County, Commissioner Tim Reams: No report.

Hastings Public Library Foundation & 302 Green Space, Board Member Bruce Rundle: Ross provided a report in Bruce's absence. The 302 Green Space Committee is looking in earnest for a fundraising lead. Once that is in place, both the Foundation and the Green Space Committee hope to move forward quickly with the quiet phase of the capital campaign.

Old Business

Summer Reading Program: Kelly highlighted the many milestones met in this year's program. The goal for this year challenged participants to collectively read 280,000 minutes, and they exceeded that goal by reading 394,657 minutes. A total of 889 people registered for the program and 51% of those registrants completed the program in its entirety. Attendance at special library programs throughout the summer totaled 1,630.

Election of Officers: Motion by Andrew McCarty, Second by Nichole Bryant, to approve a slate of candidates to include: Ross Struss as President, Nikki Pfeil as Vice President, Phil Boon as Secretary, and Jessica Brock as Past President/Foundation Liaison. Motion Carried. At this point President Struss continued the business as chair of the meeting.

New Business

Disposition of Donated Items to the Library: The board discussed a large globe and wood case that was donated to the library by the John Quirk Family. The globe is no longer accurate and needs some carpentry work. Kelly will call the museum to see if they have any use for it or would know where this item can be donated. It could also be sold at the city auction.

Disposition of Friends of the Library Book Sale Items: Motion by Jessica Brock, Second by Nikki Pfeil, to approve the sale of these surplus items at the auction. A few of the surplus items include cash boxes, cash registers, metal signs, and scales. Motion Carried.

By-Laws, Ordinance No. 4798 on Board Terms: Motion by Andrew McCarty, Second by Jessica Brock, to approve the by-laws as presented with reservation as to finding enough future people to serve. Motion Carried.

Open Meeting Law May 1, 2025, Updates: Kelly let the board know that the agenda for the meeting will now be available on the city website in accordance with open meeting laws for first order cities in Nebraska.

Motion by Nichole Bryant, Second by Andrew McCarty, to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm

Next Meeting – October 14, 2025