

Minutes of regular meeting
Board of trustees of the Hatch public library
Mauston Wisconsin
Meeting date July 28, 2025

A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS.

Present: J McGinley, C Murphy, M Barrett, T Benson, J Lueneburg, A Bortoff, J Andreasen and Library Director B Christenson.

The meeting was called to order by J McGinley at 5:30 PM at the Hatch Public Library

B. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. MOTION by J Andreason, seconded by C Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously

C. PUBLIC PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD.

Attorney Ray Feldman came to speak with the Board regarding the estate of Knute Lawrence who passed away in March 2025. Mr. Feldman is the personal representative of the now deceased Knute Lawrence. The Hatch Library has been named beneficiary of Mr. Lawrence's estate. His estate includes a life insurance policy, along with three properties. Mr. Feldman reported that the properties are in disrepair, but current on property taxes and utilities. Gavin Brothers auction service has been hired and is removing items for online auction. Mr. Feldman answered questions from the Board and then left the meeting at 5:30 PM.

D. DIRECTORS FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

Report for June 2025, incorporated herein by reference. Christenson reported that the expenses budget is exactly 50% spent for the year, which is right on track.

Motion by C Murphy, seconded by A Botorff to accept directors financial report for June 2025.

Motion carried unanimously

The Board discussed the possibility of tree and debris removal from the Knute Lawrence properties. T Benson will research clean up options and costs. He will go over to look at the nearest property, talk with a realtor, and a tree removal service. At the next meeting, the Board can decide if additional clean up expenses to the Library are worth the possible additional revenue from the sale of the properties.

Motion by T Benson and seconded by C Murphy to roll over the two Library CDs which are at the Bank of Mauston, with the existing terms. Motion carried unanimously.

E. ACTION ON BILLS

F. PROGRESS AND SERVICE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

1. Statistical report - incorporated herein
2. Youth services report - incorporated herein
3. Facilities report
4. Services report
5. Friends of the library report

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel committee
2. Budget committee
3. Lower level committee - B Christensen reported that construction demolition is scheduled to start September 2nd. Christenson has applied for additional grant funds for the upstairs carpet. The committee has been meeting and working on the furniture plans.

H. COMMUNICATIONS - none

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

J. NEW BUSINESS.

K. OTHER ITEMS NEEDING TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

L. DATE FOR NEXT TRUSTEES MEETING August 25, 2025 at 5:30 PM

M. ADJOURNMENT- J McGinley adjourned meeting at 7:04 PM

Submitted by Mary Barrett, Secretary