

Minutes / Meeting of the Board of Trustees /Waverly Public Library  
Tuesday 14 April 2026 / Bremer Room, Waverly Public Library

Board members present: Diana Blake, Jim Janssen, Erin Jones, Elaine Main, Deanna McCue, James Perry, Michael Sherer, Angie Wessel, Robert Wharram.

Also present: Sarah Meyer (library director), Ann Rathe (City Council Liaison)

1. **Call to order** at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Agenda.** Agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Minutes** were accepted with two corrections. Robert Wharram was incorrectly listed as absent from the March meeting. The fact that the minutes reflected his comments during the meeting made the error obvious. Also, Officer Gomez was incorrectly described as belonging to the Waverly Police Department. He is, in fact, based in the State of Idaho. As corrected, the minutes were approved.
4. **Financials.** Meyer walked board members through the current report. She indicated that utility rates have had an impact and that the expenditure for this line item will likely run over budget. March and April billings for Waverly Utilities Telecommunications were both paid in March. The library has purchased a cell phone to be used for visually archiving events digitally. Motion from the Budget & Finance Committee to approve March financial report. The report was approved as per standing resolution.
5. **2025-26 Budget Amendment.** A motion from the Budget and Finance Committee to revise the budget was approved. The change was necessary due to the fact that the HVAC needed two replacement compressors at a cost up to \$20,000. Motion carried.
6. **Personnel and Policies Committee.** Main explained recommended changes to the Confidentiality of Library Records Policy, including needed updated language where changes have occurred. It was recommended to remove reference to paragraph 22.7.18 from Code of Iowa. Motion from Committee, approved.
7. **Building and Grounds Committee.** Wharram explained the committee is recommending spending up to \$4,000 for purchase of 17 trees to be planted around the library campus. The motion from committee was approved.
8. **Director's Comments.** Meyer reported that seven employees (director plus six staff) attended the Public Library Association conference in Minneapolis in early April. She thanked the board for approving Special Projects funding for their

participation and reported a good, useful, informative and memorable time was had by all. She reported Bill 2432 has not yet passed the Iowa legislature in the current session. Amendments have been attached unfriendly to public libraries. Summer reading program brochures are nearly ready.

9. **Board Members' Comments.** *Wharram* announced the County Board of Supervisors has approved a 2.5% increase in funding for Bremer County Libraries. This is the first time in years an increase has occurred. Silent Alleluias arose. *McCue* reported on the current state of the Foundation investments, indicating current values stand at nearly a half-million dollars. *Blake* voiced the opinion that the Library Board is "one amazing board."

10. **Adjournment** at 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees