

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Waverly Public Library

Tuesday 8 September 2026 / Waverly Room, Waverly Public Library

Board members present: Kim Folkers, Jim Janssen (Chair), Nicole Lehman, Deanna McCue, Michael Sherer (Secretary), Angie Wessel, Robert Wharram.

Also present: Steve Main (Friends of the Library), Sarah Meyer (Library Director), Ann Rathe (City Council Liaison).

Absent: Erin Jones, James Perry

Call to order at 5:01 p.m.

Agenda was approved as presented (*Wharram/Wessel*).

Minutes. August minutes were approved as presented (*Wessel/Lehman*)

Financials. *Meyer* walked members through current status of budget. August report approved as per standing resolution.

Bremer County Library Association Budget Request. *Meyer* indicated that Bremer County libraries are treated better, financially, than those in most other counties in Iowa. A formal request for 2027-28 funding will be made to the Board of Supervisors in December.

Open Meetings Law. *Wharram* detailed sharings and discoveries from a Zoom presentation provided to individuals representing Iowa boards and commissions. Board members were reminded that when a quorum of board members (5 or more for our library board) attend a non-board meeting, rules governing quorum apply. *Janssen* suggested that, if a question arises, the city attorney should be consulted.

Waverly Library Foundation Video Presentation . *McCue* shepherded members of the board through the intricacies of financial realities for the library, unpacking the differences between and roles of three financial entities: The Foundation; Friends of the Library; the Endowment. The presentation was complex, detailed and highly informative. A printout recapping content of the visual presentation was provided.

Foundation Board Membership. *Folkers* was nominated to fill a vacancy on the Foundation Board. The nomination was approved (*Wharram/Wessel*).

Director's Comments. *Meyer* discussed progress on achieving the goal "Be Connected," detailing objectives and activities. *McCue* indicated Waverly "blows away" similarly sized libraries with activities and programs, attributable to competence of library staff.

Adjournment at 6:31 p.m.

Submitted by Michael Sherer
Secretary, Library Board of Trustees