

Independence Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library Community Room of the Independence Public Library.

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Nancy Dodge, Emily Ownby, Jake Bass, Deb Clark, Quentin Stenger and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance, Mayor Brad Bleichner; Lisa Lorenzen, Associate Clerk; and Bret Weber, City Council Liaison.

Meeting was called to order by Robin Bleichner at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Deb Clark seconded by Jake Bass to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Deb Clark and seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the July bills. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Statistics

The genealogy database, Ancestry.com, is ending August 31<sup>st</sup>. We will not renew due to budget limitations.

#### New Business

##### Voting for Officers

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve Robin Bleichner as President, Jake Bass as Vice President, and Deb Clark as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Censorship and Re-evaluation Policy

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the policy with the recommended changes. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Unfinished Business

Continued discussion about the oak grove and the possibility of having a sculpture carved into the trunk of the oak that was removed last summer. The IPL

Foundation Board has approved the remainder of funds needed to do the project. Some research is currently being done by board member Quentin Stenger and ISU to find the cause of two of the oaks dying prior to their normal lifespan. A motion was made by Quentin Stenger and seconded by Jake Bass to approve moving forward with the project of carving the tree trunk into a sculpture on the grounds north of the library in the case that research shows the tree root system would not negatively affect the other trees in the oak grove. If other trees are affected, the project is not to move forward. The motion carried unanimously.

## Miscellaneous

### Geothermal Update

One compressor in each of the two big geothermal units (each unit contains two compressors) has failed. These are original to the library and approximately 16 years old. The least expensive quote for replacement is \$24,590.00 through Bowker Pinnacle. The City will help the library and fund these repairs.

### Advocacy with Elected Officials

Bret Weber has agreed to become the City Council Liaison. Discussion about the library and how to create more awareness with the council.

### Board Training

Trustee Talking Points- How does the Independence Public Library help our community? Great discussion of programs and activities by the library.

### Board and Staff Reports

None

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark  
Secretary