

SURING AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 27, 2026

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Please review prior to next meeting

Members Present:

Town of Bagley-Kim Hoerth

Town of Brazeau-Jean Grosse, Nancy Stegeman, Ryan Wendt

Town of Breed-Bette Elbe

Town of How- Maddy Holmes

Town of Maple Valley-Vacant

Town of Mountain-Gail Golden

Leah O'Barski

Village of Suring-Sharon Jansen

Education Rep-Tonia Kruschke

(Quorum Met)

In Attendance: Library Director-Jill Trochta

Jill Wendt

The January meeting of the Trustees of the Suring Area Public Library was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Tonia Kruschke followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Gail Golden, seconded by Kim Hoerth, and carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Questions and comments were exchanged during Public Input concerning the Joint Library Agreement made between the seven municipalities in the year 2020, the financial status of the Library Operating Fund, the timeline for the annual Budget letter, and the Oconto County Library Services Board 5 Year Plan: 2025-2029.

The motion to approve the November Minutes as corrected was made by Kim Hoerth, seconded by Gail Golden, and carried.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY/DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Emailed previous to meeting and summarized by Jill.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jill reviewed the December and January Petty Cash Reports, the November and December Disbursements, and the Itemized 2025 Revenue Report with the board members. The library's fiduciary, the Village of Suring, provided the board with their Balance Sheet Detail Report//Budget Comparison ending Dec. 31, 2025.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: The motion to approve the payments on the December Bill Report, reviewed by Village of Suring Clerk and Assistant, was made by Nancy Stegeman, seconded by Kim Hoerth, and carried with one abstention. The motion to approve the payments on the January Bill Report after totaling \$2,113.71, was made by Sharon Jansen, seconded by Jean Grosse, and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) New Trustee Appointments: Three Board member terms expired at the end of 2025. Gail Golden, representing the Town of Mountain has been reappointed to a new 3 year term beginning in 2026. Candie Lehto representing the Town of Maple Valley and Bette Elbe representing the Town of Breed did not renew their terms. Ryan Wendt, representing the Town of Brazeau begins his 3 year term in 2026. Jill will Update this Folder Information for the Board of Trustees.

b) Election of Officers: A motion to nominate Tonia Kruschke as President was made by Gail Golden and seconded by Sharon Jansen. Motion carried. A motion to nominate Kim Hoerth as Vice President was made by Bette Elbe, seconded, and carried. Title of Treasurer was accepted by Leah O'Barski. Bette Elbe made the motion to nominate Jean Grosse as Secretary. Seconded by Gail Golden, the motion carried.

c) Appointment of Committees: Tonia Kruschke agreed to remain on the Personnel Committee for 2026. The new member will be Leah O'Barski.

Tonia Kruschke and Jean Grosse agreed to remain on the Financial Committee for 2026. The new members are Kim Hoerth, Nancy Stegeman, and Leah O'Barski.

Gail Golden agreed to remain on the Long Range Planning Committee for 2026. The new members are Sharon Jansen and Maddy Holmes.

d) Miscellaneous: Jill informed the board members of the Trustee Training Calendar of Events for 2026. Having read the By-Laws in the month of January, training continues in February with review of Library Policies and the reading of our Trustee Essentials 1,2,3.

Respectively Submitted,
Bette Elbe, Secretary