

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

September 9, 2025

2025-26 Budget Resolution Hearing:

No members of the public were in attendance for the hearing.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

The regular meeting was called to order by President Roberta Mickelson @ 4:01 P.M.

In attendance were: Chris Gresk, Tom Harmon, Paula Moore, Gina Skofich, Cindy Westbrook and Library Director Julie Harte Fischer. Absent was Marilyn Abbott.

No members of the public were present.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from August 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed and motion to accept was made by Skofich, seconded by Harmon and passed unanimously. Final minutes will be posted on library website by Harte Fischer.

Correspondence:

No correspondence received

Treasurer Update:

The Board's accountant, Paul Danekas of Wilcoxson and Associates, attended the meeting and led a discussion with the Board, detailing the processes and reports his firm prepares monthly for the Board's review and approval. With the expanded reports provided to Treasurer Skofich, the Board now has a better understanding of the finances for the District.

Skofich reviewed this month's expenses and bills with the Board. Gresk and Harmon reviewed and initialed the Expenses Report. Gresk moved to pay the bills, seconded by Harmon and passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Receipts/Updates:

August circulation decreased to 6,791 items, down from 7,651 items in July.

23 New patrons

One new Non-resident: \$176.00
Fines/Book Replacement: \$5.00
Donations: \$56.00
Fax/Copy Revenue: \$221.45

Total: \$458.45

Programs:

September 17, 2025: DeKalb County Health Department presentation “Emergency Preparedness”

September 18: Cindy Fields on Medicare 6:00 PM

September 23: Cindy Fields on Medicare 10:30 AM

September 30, 2025: Michelle Gibbons presentation on Carol Burnett

Recurring book clubs continue to meet all month

Friends of Library:

Friends of the Library Purse/Luggage Sale is planned for September 26 & 27, 2025. Bake sale has been added

Library Building:

No updates

Old Business:

New Sign Update: All permits are in place and installation is expected to start in September, 2025

New Business:

“Ordinance No. 2025-01: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, Somonauk Public Library District of DeKalb & LaSalle Counties”. Ordinance was distributed, reviewed and discussed by the Board. Harmon motioned for approval as presented, seconded by Westbrook.

Roll Call Vote: Moore: Yes, Skofich: Yes, Westbrook: Yes, Harmon: Yes, Gresk: Yes, Mickelson, Yes. Absent: Abbott. Motion carried and Copies will be filed to both county clerk's offices by Director Harte Fischer

Annual Minutes Audit: Moore and Gresk will be responsible for the annual audit.

Parking Lot and Walking Path Resealing/Maintenance: Director Harte Fischer presented bids from Seals and Stripes for annual seal coating and restriping. Discussion ensued on the condition of the walking path and whether we should consider more extensive work to prevent cracks from worsening, Harmon will provide Harte-Fischer with contact who did a great job with the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Somonauk to see if remedies are available, short of repaving. As the seal coating/striping in the budget, Board requested that Harte-Fischer work with vendors to get it done before the winter season sets in.

Executive Session: No items for discussion

Meeting Adjourned 5:15 P.M. Next meeting set for 4:00 PM on Tuesday October 14, 2025.

Submitted by Christopher Gresk, Board Secretary