

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
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The agenda for this meeting was posted in public in all Scott County Library System Libraries in accordance with Iowa law. President Kristal Koberg Schaefer called to order the November 16, 2023, meeting of the Scott County Library Board of Trustees at noon at the Eldridge branch.

Board of Trustees present: Kevin Cahill, Dan True, Kristal Koberg Schaefer, Shelli Engelbrecht, Angie Ehlers, and Director Tricia Kane. Marty O'Boyle was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved by Kevin Cahill; seconded by Shelli Engelbrecht. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Dan True moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Receipts: The Accounts Payable Report for the meeting of Scott County Board of Supervisors for 10/16/23 – 11/10/23 were reviewed and discussed. Shelli Engelbrecht moved to approve the bills and receipts; seconded by Dan True. Motion carried.

Review of the Circulation and Budget: Circulation is slightly down from last year, but still seeing very strong numbers.

Communication: Thank you received from a Walcott patron about a new card class. Eldridge branch also received a thank you for Book Bites.

Director's Report:

- The library's minivan was sold at auction. Remaining balance for the Nissan Rogue will be paid to secondary roads from the library's reserves.

Old Business:

- City council meetings – need to attend Dixon, Long Grove and Panorama Park yet.
- Eldridge library lease – still working on it. Our request was to seek quotes from other insurance companies to see if we could get a more affordable quote to insure the library building. Tricia has been in communication with Nevada, who explained that the city of Eldridge, because the library is bundled with all other city properties, is not willing to seek other quotes and wants to stay with the local vendor. The city attorney is working on a lease renewal with the provisions that we discussed: the ability to open up discussions to deed the building and/or property to the library, an option to renew at year 23 out of the 25-year lease, and an option to purchase.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on the FY 2025 budget. The county provided the anticipated interest on our investments, and it is much higher than in the past, \$19,300, which can be used in our revenue projections. This greatly reduces the amount that is needed to be raised by

the tax levy. The county also provided figures for the increases in health insurance and wages for the next fiscal year. Discussion was held on increasing the levy rate by 2% from last year. Shelli Engelbrecht moved to approve the FY25 budget of \$1,344,134 with the amount to be raised by the levy at \$1,198,421. Kevin Cahill seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be December 11, 2023, at noon, in person at the Scott County Library Eldridge branch.

Dan True moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Shelli Engelbrecht.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Ehlers