

SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026
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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. Vice President Dan True called to order the July 27, 2026, meeting of the Scott County Library Board of Trustees at noon at the Eldridge branch.

Board of Trustees present: Dan True, Kevin Cahill, Marty O'Boyle, Chuck Brockmann, Linda Tuftee, Niki Wuestenberg (zoom) Angie Ehlers (zoom), and Director Tricia Kane.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved by Linda Tuftee; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Marty O'Boyle 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 6/13/26 – 7/17/26 were reviewed and discussed. Kevin Cahill moved to approve the bills and receipts; seconded by Linda Tuftee. Motion carried.

Review of the Circulation and Budget:

June numbers compared to a year ago show circulation (traditional items) to be down a little but digital is running steady and new digital has increased. Website usage is much higher as well as local history funded by some grants (specific to local history). Patron count two years ago was lower, but circulation was higher which shows a shift that usage has changed - programming is increasing. Patrons are visiting our locations in record numbers. So digital is making up for traditional usage and people want also want programming.

Budget – we will have the complete wrap up at the August meeting. Donations have already surpassed what we budgeted for the next fiscal year so we are off to a strong start.

Board Education:

Friends of the Eldridge Library Activity Report: The report was included for our review. This volunteer group is pivotal to our success – they work tirelessly throughout the year to allow us to continue what we do.

Director's Report:

- The Friends of the Eldridge Library approved the new early literacy station for the Eldridge location. It was ordered in July and will arrive soon.
- Programming attendance has been very good at all locations. The summer finale party will be on July 27 in Eldridge.
- Two team members will be retiring at the end of July – Barb Mehrens and Sue Sissel. One of the positions will be filled, the other's duties will be rolled into existing positions.
- Tricia received a nice compliment from a former director the Scott County Library System (who left to work for the State Library, later retiring). He commented that he is very impressed with the SCLS.

Old Business: Officer nominations were officially presented at the June meeting. The ballot includes: President – Kristal Koberg Schaefer; VP – Dan True; Secretary – Angie Ehlers. Linda Tuftee moved to approve the officer positions; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Public Notice Posting Designation – Marty O’Boyle moved to designate the bulletin board at the Eldridge branch lobby to post meeting agendas, as well as the library’s website as the internet posting site; seconded by Kevin Cahill. Motion carried.
- Director’s Annual Evaluation – all board members should fill out the director’s evaluation form and bring to the August meeting.

Linda Tuftee moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chuck Brockmann. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 24, 2026 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Ehlers