

Library District #1 Doniphan County

Board of Trustees

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

7:00 pm

Highland, Kansas

- **Call Meeting to Order**

President Greg Bevis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Trustees present: Morris Watkins, Mindy Courtin, Greg Bevis, Marla Taylor. Melanie Davis and Amy Foley arrived at 7:10 pm

Library Staff member present: Becky Etherton, Dan Simmons

Community members present: None

- **Approve Agenda**

Agenda approved.

- **Approve board minutes**

Minutes for May were approved as written.

- **Patron's Petitions Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review.

- **Library Director's Report**

Root, the new executive director, provided a written library report about library activities in the board packet.

- **Disbursements**

Watkins made a motion to accept disbursements as presented. Courtin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

- **Budget Review**

Budget discussed with no concerns.

- **Building Maintenance Report**

None.

- **New Business**

The board needs to decide how much money to transfer into the capital improvement fund in 2027. Etherton, as the outgoing director and Root, as the present director, will be meeting with Peggy Franken in July. Last year, \$20,000 was transferred.

The Elwood building needs to have tuck pointing finished.

Discussion by the Board regarding the creation of a Strategic Plan for the Library District. The Northeast Kansas Library System, or NEKLS, supports Kansas libraries in this regard and this will receive further consideration and discussion by the Board.

The board requested Etherton to continue the mentoring process for Root at this time. The Board will discuss ending or continuing the support at the next month's meeting.

NEKLS is available to do trustee training. Davis will call NEKLS about scheduling that for October.

- **Old Business**

Bevis will continue with the process of downloading of programs for background checks.

The Board discussed the need for the creation of an assistant position to the Executive Director. No decisions have been made at this time.

Meeting was adjourned President Greg Bevis at 8:02 pm

The next monthly Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 7:00 pm @ the Troy, Kansas Branch.

Minutes approved: Greg Bevis, Board President

Marla Taylor, Recording Board Member