

Library District #1 Doniphan County

Board of Trustees

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

7:30 pm

Troy, Kansas

- **Call Meeting to Order**

President Greg Bevis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Trustees present: Ruth Reiter, Morris Watkins, Greg Bevis, Marla Taylor, Melanie

Davis, Amy Foley, Mindy Courtin

Library Staff members present: Becky Etherton, Connie Higgins, Carla Watkins, Holly Uplinger, Renee Weber

Community members present: Mr. Higgins

- **Approve Agenda**

Agenda approved.

- **Approve board minutes**

Minutes for March were approved as written.

- **Patron's Petitions Correspondence**

Correspondence received by Greg Bevis from various staff members will be reviewed by the Board in Executive session.

- **Library Director's Report**

In April, each branch had an Easter basket giveaway. National Library week will be celebrated 4.19.26-4.25.26 at each branch with special snacks for patrons. 4.30.26 is Shelter Pets day when children and patrons can interact with some canine friends. Summer reading plans are progressing and will take place June 1st through July 24th. Brochures on events will be out May 1st and in schools by the second week of May.

- **Disbursements**

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

- **Budget Review**

Budget discussed with no concerns. 2025 Audit will be reviewed after the new Executive Director has been appointed.

- **Building Maintenance Report**

Etherton stated that there were wasps at the Elwood Branch. After an examination of the problem by Brad Smith, it was noted that there was a gap around some of the new windows which allowed the wasps to come in. The windows have now been sealed and all of the wasps removed. The heating issue in Elwood was discussed and Diana Johnson with the Senior Center stated that there were no further concerns.

- **New Business**

Mindy Courtin, elected in March, has now been sworn in as a trustee and is eligible to vote. Taylor will be sworn in within the next two weeks but is unable to vote until this is completed. Davis made a motion to wait for Board elections until May 6, 2026 and Taylor is sworn in. Foley seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-1.

Reiter thanked the staff present for their feedback during the present Executive search.

- **Old Business**

Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Director search for 30 minutes. Watkins seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Starting 7:51 pm. Ending 8:21 pm.

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Reiter made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Director search for 30 minutes. Watkins seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Starting 8:51 pm. Ending 9:21 pm.

Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Director search for 10 minutes. Foley seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Starting 9:21 pm. Ending 9:30 pm.

*Trustees returned from executive sessions and confirmed that two additional meetings will take place to further evaluate the candidates for the Executive Director only. These meetings will be held on 4.15.26 at 6 pm and 4.22.26 at 6 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Troy branch.

Watkins made a motion to eliminate one candidate from discussion. Reiter seconded. Motion did not pass 3-3. Discussion will resume on 4.15.26.

Meeting was adjourned President Greg Bevis at 9:32 pm

The next monthly Board meeting will be held May 6, 2026.

Minutes approved: Greg Bevis, Board President

Ruth A. Reiter, Recording Board Member