

## **Rusk County Community Library Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Present: Randy Tatur, Christinna Swearingen, Anna Kauffman, Nathan Johnson, Kathy Plahuta, Leah Fuse

Public Appearances: Gary Purgett, Ruth Meszaros, Barb Bruger, Tony Devine, Lynette Anderson (Community Library Foundation, Pres.), Deborah Ziemer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randy Tatur, in the lower library at 5:00P.M.

The board reviewed the February 2024 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Anna Kauffman. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the February 2024 financial statements. The budget is on track! A motion to accept the February 2024 financial statements was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Kathy Plahuta. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the February and March 2024 invoices. An invoice from Rusk County, in the amount of \$11,236.82, for 2023 library maintenance labor was discussed by the board. The board wants to discuss this invoice, with Joint-Management, before approving to pay the invoice. This maintenance fee was not in the library's 2024 budget. A motion to approve the February/March 2024 invoices, with the exception of the Rusk County invoice was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Anna Kauffman. The motion carried.

The board discussed library building maintenance issues. The lower boiler is working well. All three solar arrays are working well and lowering the electric bill.

The Director's Report was presented by Christinna Swearingen. The library's programming is doing well, with good participation from the community. Budget is on track, except for the unprecedented invoice from Rusk County for 2023 maintenance labor. The library received a \$10,000 grant, to fix the lower-level concrete. Public Health offered to fix the Storytime trail, that was vandalized this past fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Leah Fuse