

Rusk County Community Library Board.

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Present: Cheyenne Makinia,, Nathan Johnson, Annette Barna, Kathy Plahuta, Christinna Swearingen, David Willingham, Ruth Meszaros, Diana Verdegan, Anna Kauffman

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Public comment—Ruth Meszaros would like handicapped doors fixed and in support of fundraising. Ruth also reported that the Garden Club will be taking out shrubs at their expense with help from the community garden volunteers and will put in evergreen shrubs next spring that will be less maintenance for club members. Diana Verdegan expressed sadness that the Lady Linedancers will not be using the library for meetings due to a conflict with the high school and reported that they had found another place to dance but wanted to relay that the group was upset at not being in the Library, particularly when the ADRC is holding a fall prevention class every Monday afternoon in the lower level of the Library.

The board reviewed the August 2024 minutes. Cheyenne made a motion to approve the minutes. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Financial statements from August 2024 were reviewed. Cheyenne made a motion to accept the financial statements. Annette seconded. Motion carried.

Invoices from August and September 2024 were reviewed. Cheyenne made a motion to approve. Nathan seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion held on 2025 budget. Library is continuing to be left out of the budget process on Rusk County end, despite request to join by library director. Additions made with City of Ladysmith included budgeting for HVAC repairs. Reportedly county department heads have been told to cut budgets, but library director has once again been excluded from that conversation by administrative coordinator Ashley Heath and therefore has not been informed of this. Without knowing where the process is with county, budget was tabled as there was nothing to approve.

Discussion and possible action on ADA compliance issues were held. There is enough money in the lower-level maintenance line of the budget to fix lower-level handicapped door and will be able to draw money from other budget lines, if needed for supplies, etc. Annette made motion to fix lower-level handicapped door. Cheyenne seconded. Motion carried.

Director Christinna Swearingen gave the director's report. Over 5,000 people visited the Library last month and it continues to grow in popularity. Logo reveal will be on September 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christinna Swearingen