

Holdrege Area Public Library

Library Planning Committee Meeting February 17, 2026

The meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library Planning Committee was called to order at 4:12 in the conference room in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act, posted on the north wall of the room. Initially there was no quorum, with only committee members Bill Yochum, Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen and Lori Larson present. Rosanna Meyer joined via Google Meet, and then Julie Johnson arrived, making a quorum. Cassie Ehrenberg arrived later. Members Maureen Epping, Cindy Woollen, and Anna Sertich did not attend. Library Director Sierra Burrows was present, and Matt Kreutzer from CMBA and Scott Larson and Wendy Townley from Strawhecker Nonprofit Services participated in the meeting via Google Meet.

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

Business: Wendy Townley and Scott Larson gave an update for Strawhecker. They reviewed the discussion of the agenda items from the 3:00 Campaign Leadership Meeting. Mini-meetings were completed last week and a document of questions raised by participants was distributed. Wendy will make contact and inquiries on our behalf with the grant prospects she identified. Wendy and Scott will be here on Thursday the 19th from approximately 10:30/11:00 through the day and will be available to meet with board members and answer questions. Our next major goal is to secure campaign committee volunteers. They emailed documents outlining the duties and responsibilities for each committee and will provide talking points and a sample script for board members to use as we make contacts with our assigned prospective committee volunteers.

Matt Kreutzer provided the CMBA update. Though not complete, progress has been made on the visual renderings. He showed some portions of the visualizations of the welcome desk area, areas of the main floor, and the program space of the third floor. He again reminded the board that these renderings are just “imaginings” to give an idea, and are subject to change and modifications as the project moves forward. Matt also answered questions about the difference between FEMA rated requirements for a fallout shelter and a “hardened” tornado shelter. The main difference has to do with mechanical backups of the ventilation system. Though FEMA grants exist, Holdrege is in an area rated below the level of wind disturbance required to qualify for a FEMA grant.

With a quorum in place, Bill Yochum made a motion, seconded by Annette Sindt, to accept the Library Planning Committee minutes for the January 27th, February 3rd, and February 10th meetings. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Bill Yochum, Julie Johnson, Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg and Rosanna Meyer.

For next steps Sierra reviewed the volunteer contact document identifying community members and proposed committee positions. Those names had been divided and assigned to board members who will contact them to invite them to accept committee positions. The goal is to have the committee memberships determined by March 1st.

Board members were reminded to attend the next City Council meeting February 17th at 6:00 pm and the next County Commissioners' meeting February 24th at 9:00 am when the library's annual report will be presented.

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th at 4:00 in the library meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Christensen, secretary