

Holdrege Area Public Library

Library Planning Committee Meeting February 24, 2026

The meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library Planning Committee was called to order at 4:09 in the conference room in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act, posted on the north wall of the room. Committee members Bill Yochum, Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Cindy Woollen, and Julie Johnson were present. Rosanna Meyer, Maureen Epping, and Anna Sertich did not attend. Library Director Sierra Burrows was present, and Matt Kreutzer from CMBA and Ryan Strawhecker and Wendy Townley from Strawhecker Nonprofit Services participated in the meeting via Google Meet.

Public Forum: Jose Cocco Berrido was present for the public forum but did not address the committee. He has agreed to be a volunteer community member of the Communications and Public Relations committee.

Business: Wendy Townley gave an update for Strawhecker. She reviewed the discussion of the agenda items from the 3:00 Campaign Leadership Meeting. She recounted that she and Scott were here last Thursday, the 19th and met with Sierra. Wendy encouraged Library Planning Committee (LPC) members to complete their assigned contacts to finalize community volunteer campaign committee assignments by the end of this week. She will email the FAQ and internal talking points document that Strawhecker has put together. Strawhecker will also put together a more detailed timeline to assist the LPC.

Matt Kreutzer provided the CMBA update. He had no new visual renderings to share, though he said they are working on them, for example, moving the director's office to the ground floor to be more accessible to the public. Matt also answered questions about the life expectancy of a new building. He suggested that with proper care and regular maintenance, 60 - 100 years could be expected.

The LPC went into executive session at 4:24 to discuss contract information following a motion from Cassie Ehrenberg, seconded by Bill Yochum, and passed by unanimous consent of all members present: Bill Yochum, Annette Sindt, Sue Christensen, Lori Larson, Cassie Ehrenberg, Cindy Woollen, and Julie Johnson. No action was taken. A motion by Cassie Ehrenburg, seconded by Julie Johnson, and passed by unanimous consent ended the executive session at 5:05.

For next steps, Sierra reminded LPC members that our goal is to have the committee memberships determined by March 1st.

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th at 4:00 in the library meeting room. The regular monthly board meeting will be next Tuesday, March 3rd at 4:00 in the library meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Christensen, secretary