

McKenzie County Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

The Library Board for the McKenzie County Public Library met in the Sanford Room at the McKenzie County Public Library located in Watford City, North Dakota on March 18, 2020.

Present: Celeste Berg, President; Erin Perry, Vice President; Vicki Bauer, Secretary; Mary Kindel, Board Member; Commissioner Howdy Lawlar, Representative of the County Commissioners. A quorum was present. Library Director Stephanie Asselin Galeazzo was also present.

Meeting was called together at 8:32 AM. Stephanie Galeazzo, requested this special meeting of the Library Board to address the safety concerns of our library patrons and staff during this current coronavirus pandemic.

Stephanie explained current concerns for the library. She presented what steps she and her staff have already taken. She attended yesterday's County Commissioner meeting regarding this pandemic and has also consulted with other North Dakota libraries to see what precautions they are taking. Statewide Governor Burgum has closed schools for 5 days. Commissioner Lawlar further explained the thinking and concerns of the Commissioners and what they are monitoring. If circumstances change the Commissioners may take more drastic steps to prevent the spread of this disease.

The Library Board discussed limiting the number of patrons, enforcing a time limit, minimal computer use, curbside book delivery, etc. A list of guidelines was drafted. Commissioner Lawlar made the motion to make a sign stating these guidelines for the library and to post them on the library door. Motion seconded by Trustee Perry. With all voting aye, motion carried. Commissioner Lawlar made the motion that these new guidelines go into effect immediately and last through at least March 20 and longer if Governor Burgum closes schools for March 23 – March 27. Trustee Kindel seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Kindel made the motion to adjourn. Vice President Perry seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried. President Berg adjourned the meeting at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Bauer, Secretary