

The Board of Trustees of the Eckhart Public Library met on June 11, 2025 at 6:00pm at the William H. Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 South Jackson Street, Auburn, IN. The media and public received proper notice, pursuant to I.C. § 5-14-1.5-5.

President Barbara Morrow presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees present by roll call were: David Brown, Connie Fullerton, Pete Kempf, Barbara Morrow, Amy Norton, William Schaab, Nora Schwartz. Absent: 0

Also present: Executive Director Valerie Simmons, Business & Finance Manager Martha Rubrake, and Technical Services & Finance Specialist, Rebecca Mann.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS There were none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Member Schwartz moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting. Board Member Kempf provided the second.

The motion to approve the minutes as presented carried 6 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Norton-aye; Kempf-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vice President Brown moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Board Member Norton provided the second.

The motion to approve the financial reports as presented carried 6 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Norton-aye; Kempf-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

VOUCHERS AUTHORIZATION

Presented vouchers from May 15, 2025 through June 11, 2025 in the amount of \$232,498.55.

Treasurer Schaab moved to authorize the vouchers as presented. Board Member Kempf provided the second.

The motion to approve the vouchers as presented carried 6 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Norton-aye; Kempf-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Simmons continues to monitor fiscal impacts resulting from SB 1: Property Tax Reform. She is registered to attend two legislative overview webinars on June 18.

Looking ahead to the 2026 Budget season:

- Simmons will attend the ILF Budget workshop at Anderson Public Library on July 11
- Proposed 2026 Budget Hearing date: August 13 @ 6:00 PM
- Proposed 2026 Budget Adoption date: September 10 @ 6:00 PM
 - Note that there must be a quorum for both meetings

EPL's summer reading program Read. Do. Explore. runs May 27 - July 12 this year. The Summer Kick Off partnership event at Rieke Park saw 80 people. The Thursdays Together programs for families have been a huge success so far with upwards of 70 people attending each week.

EPL is collaborating with other DeKalb libraries and the Fort Wayne Children's Choir to offer 8-week "First Steps in Music" education programs at each of the four libraries, funded by a DeKalb Chamber grant. EPL's classes start Monday, September 29, with another 8-week series in spring 2026.

Simmons is still waiting on information regarding the replacement parts needed to operate the fountain.

Personnel:

An offer has been extended and accepted pending background check for the Maintenance Coordinator position.

Gifts and Grants:

- Parkview Health paid \$625.00 for the Healthy Teens Grant. This will be used for healthy snacks and food preparation at the Teen Library.
- Eckhart Library Foundation reimbursed EPL for the purchase of an outdoor tent.
- Cash donation to EPL from diners at the Culver's Dine-To-Donate event on May 21.
- Donation from Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

Simmons reported for Eckhart Library Foundation (ELF) President Angie Mapes Turner: A thank you to everyone who helped/attended the library's 115th events and fountain program.

ELF has received several more generous gifts to the Worthy of Thirty campaign. Additionally, we are facilitating a memorial gift of \$2,500 from a local family that wants to honor the anniversary of a loved one's passing by making a gift to Teen. The Teen Library hopes to use this to purchase a display shelf for its graphic novel collection that will bear a dedication to the memory of this person.

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing commitment to stewardship of these gifts and getting the word out about our foundation.

COMMUNICATIONS and CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note received from Jen McCann, Librarian at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School, for the student field trips that took place in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Peters Municipal Consultants has been contracted to work with the Library on an economic impact report that is planned to be presented to the Board at the July 9 meeting.

Business & Finance Manager Rubrake shared an update regarding our Hicksville Bank line of credit. No action is needed at this time.

Rubrake recommended that the Library open a new account with Lake City Bank to remain in compliance with IC 5-13-8-9 (f).

Board Member Kempf moved to approve Resolution 2025-02 as presented. Treasurer Schaab provided the second.

The motion to approve the resolution as presented carried 6 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Norton-aye; Kempf-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Per HB 1509, beginning July 1, 2025, Board Member names, appointing body, and term dates will be included on all agendas and on the EPL website. The website is currently updated with this information. The agendas will have this information beginning with the July 9, 2025 meeting.

Simmons and Rubrake reviewed a new product from Boyce called Boyce Cloud Powered by BS&A. EPL currently uses Boyce Keyfund for our financial management software. Earlier this year, BS&A Software acquired Boyce Systems and its Keystone software. BS&A is

innovative as it is completely cloud-based. The software and associated costs were discussed with the Board.

There is a large quantity of historic roof tiles still housed at the MTI Warehouse.

Board Member Norton moved to authorize the transfer of historic roof tiles to the Friends of the Eckhart Public Library to be sold. Board Member Kempf provided the second.

The motion to approve the transfer as presented carried 6 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Norton-aye; Kempf-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strawberries Around the Fountain takes place Thursday, June 19 from 4-7 PM.

The Culver's Dine-to-Donate was a success, and a thanks goes out to all who participated.

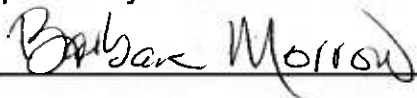
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on July 9, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 S. Jackson Street, Auburn, IN.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, **Treasurer Schaab moved to adjourn the meeting.** Board Member Norton provided the second.

The motion to adjourn carried 6 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Kempf-aye; Norton-aye; Schaab-aye; Schwartz-aye.

Approved by the EPL Board of Trustees



Barbara Morrow, President

ATTEST:



Connie Fullerton, Secretary