AUGUST 12, 2026 MINUTES OF THE **PUBLIC HEARING** FOR THE 2027 BUDGET OF THE ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY (EPL).

The Eckhart Public Library Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the 2027 proposed budget at the Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 South Jackson Street on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm. 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 were David Brown, Connie Fullerton, Barbara Morrow, Amy Norton, William Schaab and Nora Schwartz. Absent: Pete Kempf

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS None

Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2027 annual operating budget in the amount of **$1,905,274.00.** Final adoption of the proposed 2027 annual operating budget is scheduled for 6:00 pm. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at the Willennar Genealogy Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion to adjourn carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown- aye; Fullerton- aye; Norton-aye; Schaab- aye; Schwartz- aye.

Approved by the EPL Board of Trustees

Barbara O. Morrow

Barbara O. Morrow, President

ATTEST

Connie Fullerton

Connie Fullerton, Secretary