SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 MINUTES FOR THE **ADOPTION** OF THE 2027 BUDGET OF THE ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY (EPL).

The Eckhart Public Library Board of Trustees held the adoption of the 2027 proposed budget at the Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 South Jackson Street on Wednesday, September 9, 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, Pete Kempf, Barbara Morrow, Amy Norton, William Schaab. Absent: Nora Schwartz

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS None

Conducted a final adoption on the proposed 2027 annual operating budget in the amount of **$1,905,274.00.**

Board Member Kempf moved to adopt the 2027 Budget. Treasurer Schaab provided the second.

The motion to approve the 2027 Budget carried 5 to 0 by roll call vote of the Board: Brown-aye; Fullerton-aye; Kempf-aye; Norton-aye; Schaab-aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Approved by the EPL Board of Trustees

Barbara O. Morrow

Barbara O. Morrow, President

ATTEST

Connie Fullerton

Connie Fullerton, Secretary