

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INDIANOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 9, 2025

5:30 PM

Present: *Library Director - Michele Patrick, Dawn Goodale, Andrea Carlson, Sally VanDorin, Andy Brittingham, Val Craven, Randi Malone, Cyd Dyer*

Guests: *Jake Meshke, Steve Richardson*

**1. Call to Order**

*Andy called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.*

**2. Public Comment**

*No public comment.*

**3. Agenda Approval**

*Andy suggested we modify the agenda to add an introduction of our new Library Board member and move "Unfinished Business" to our first order of business after approvals to accommodate our guests.*

**MOTION:** *Cyd motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments outlined above. Sally seconded. Motion carried.*

**4. Minutes Approval**

*The August 12, 2025 minutes were presented for approval.*

**MOTION:** *Cyd motioned to approve the minutes. Val seconded. Motion carried.*

**5. New Board Member Introduction**

*Andrea Carlson was introduced as the newest board member on the IPL board. Andrea shared about herself and expressed her gratitude to be part of the board.*

**6. Unfinished Business**

a. **Library Building Update**

*Indianola City Manager, Jake Meshke, and Mayor Steve Richardson, updated Library Board on the land swap agreement, noting a 6-month extension from the County, allowing the Library to remain in its current building until the end of 2028. The County has requested an adjustment to their chiller payment share based on anticipated occupancy.*

*The original concept plan for the library was based on a 6th Street and Iowa location, but due to the sale of that property, the library is back to the location within the 6th Street Sub Plan area.*

*City Manager Meshke emphasized the need for a wholistic plan for Indianola's many facility needs, to be developed with the City Council. He estimates a 9-month process for this plan, including an end-of-year planning session and 5-6 months for analysis. Randi Malone raised concerns about the timeline logistics, particularly regarding the land swap deal and the deadline for moving out of the current space. Meshke expressed hope for flexibility from the County on the deadline. Mayor Richardson encouraged speaking with City Council representatives. The Indianola Advocate Candidate Forum on October 14 was also mentioned as a potential venue for questions related to the Library Building.*

## 7. Financial Reports

### a. Approve Monthly Claims\*

*Michele presented the monthly claims to the Board. Nothing unusual for this month.*

**MOTION:** *Andrea moves to approve the monthly claims. Dawn seconded. Motion carried.*

### b. Review Financial Reports

*Michele noted that all is well with the financial reports.*

## 8. Reports

### a. Director's Report

*Michele gave her report. Andy asked if people are aware that Trunk or Treat is not happening at the Library this year. Michele noted that it has been published in the newsletter, but suggestions were made for it to also be posted on socials. Michele will forward to Allison for her to add to the Library Social Media this month. It was also suggested that we direct the public to other activities - such as the ICYF Trunk or Treat and the Costume Parade on the Square.*

### b. Library Statistics

*Statistics are looking good. There is an update to be made to a typo in the August Program and Services stats, but otherwise things are on track.*

### c. Friends of the Library Report

*Cameo Gioffredi has joined as the newest member of the Friends of the Library. The Friends report being bummed about the loss of the land at 6th Street and Iowa and have asked for advice on what to say when people ask about the plan for the Library. It was encouraged to tell people to ask the City Council for insight on the plan going forward.*

## 9. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

*No items mentioned for the next meeting.*

## 10. Trustee Comments

*No Trustee Comments.*

## 11. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn** by Andy at 6:55pm.