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Vermillion County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2026

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

With determination of quorum, president David Aukerman called the meeting to order. Board members present: David Aukerman, Brian Brasker, Sandy Milligan, Connie Warner, Robert Henry and Angie Crowder. Also present were library director Misty Bishop and library employee Rita Self.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

All members stated they had read the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Connie to accept the minutes with no additions, corrections or changes. The motion was seconded by Brian, motion seconded.

BOOKKEEPER/TREASURER'S REPORT

Misty presented the report.

February end of Month Balance	\$1,071,674.30
March Expenditures	206,101.22
March Deposits	7,487.22
Outstanding Checks	4,679.04
BANK BALANCE	873,060.30

The Warrant Register was passed and signed. A motion was made by Robert to accept the report with no changes, additions or corrections. The motion was seconded by Robert. The motion was seconded by Sandy, motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BOARD ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Sandy for the present officers to retain their positions. The motion was seconded by Connie, motion passed.

President	David Aukerman
Vice-President	Robert Henry
Secretary	Angie Crowder
Treasurer	Brian Brasker

BUILDING ISSUES

Misty reported she has spoken with a representative to replace tiles in the roof that are causing leakage. It was suggested Misty ask about possible patch work until the roof can be replaced. Misty is also to ask for quotes for the roofing project.

GUTTERS

Misty presented information to the board about the gutter cleaning project. Jeff Simpson offered a quote of \$250.00 his services to do the cleaning. Misty accepted the offer and Jeff will begin the project as soon as possible.

FENCING QUOTE

Misty has been in contact with Quality Fencing in Terre Haute, IN. Their quote was for 6' fence at \$5,954.63 to enclose the new outside HVAC units. David suggested it be changed to an 8' tall fence with at least 2' at the bottom of the fence be reinforced with something to keep debris out of the area. Also barb wire on the top of the fence. A motion was made Robert to accept if the changes added up to less than \$7,000.00. If more than \$7,000.00 the board would need review the new quote. The motion was seconded by Brian, motion passed.

MOWING

Jeff Simpson presented a quote for the mowing of the library. The quote includes mowing, weeding, trimming, tree, brush trimming, spraying and snow removal. The quote is for \$8,200.00 for the year. A motion was made by Robert to accept the bid, seconded by Sandy, motion passed.

2025 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Misty presented the report, followed by a discussion. David signed the paperwork. Misty will return to the state library.

OLD BUSINESS

Robert asked about the contingency fund from HWC for the water drainage project. David asked Misty to contact the library lawyer for advice to follow up this situation. It was also suggested that in the future meetings be taped when dealing with large projects.

A question was also asked about maintenance for the new HVAC units. Misty said there is a maintenance agreement for the first year.

NEW BUSINESS

Misty told the board that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday at 10:00am. Misty also told the board she ordered new ceiling tiles and replaced some of the soiled ones.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:00pm in the meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert, motion passed.