

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Board President Robin

1. Those present at the meeting were Brad Schultz, Greg De Boer, Jake Bass, Nancy Dodge, Robin Bleichner, and Laura Blaker, Library Director. Also in attendance was Lisa Lorenzen, Associate City Clerk, and Matt Schmitz, City Manager
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Greg and seconded Brad. All in favor
3. Approve Minutes – A motion was made by Brad and seconded Nancy. All in favor
4. Bills – A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Brad to approve the bills. All in favor
5. December Stats - Board reviewed – Laura is looking to total the number of physical copy checkouts and BRIDGES virtual checkouts to compare total checkouts from year to year.
6. New Business - Prizes and Incentives Policy - Board Motion to approve. A motion by Jake and seconded by Nancy. All in favor
7. Sex Offender Policy - Reviewed after 3 years - Motion to approve by Greg and seconded by Brad. All in favor
8. County Funding - Laura talked to the board about a meeting with County supervisors. Discussion about supervisors under the impression that County funds can be used for Rowley and Brandon city residents to have library cards at the Independence Public Library. Iowa Code is clear that each city and each unincorporated area are responsible for paying for library services for the residents in their jurisdiction.
9. Library Budget FY2025 - Matt Schmitz discussed a (1.6 million) budget cut to the cities general fund and discussed in general what that might look like for the Library budget.
10. Community Kiosk - Installed at the end of January. Station to include - Community Information, Online Catalog, Book and Program Promotions, and an Art Center.
11. One Book Indee - Book will be announced on Wednesday 1/24/24. 200 copies of the book around the town at select business locations and the library. Programs based on the themes of the book will run during February and March.
12. Board Training - Training on understanding city and library budgets
13. Board and Staff Reports - Brad, None - Greg, Leaving the state for a new position - Jake, None - Nancy, None - Laura, None – Robin, None
14. Motion to Adjourn at 7:45pm – A motion was made by Brad and seconded by Greg to adjourn. All in favor

Submitted,  
Jake Bass