



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Community Room - Lester Public Library
1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Sleger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Don Weiss, Katie Stone, Shannon Derby, Stanley Palmer, Bonnie Shimulunas, Kathryn Gadd, Sharon Sleger, Jack Powalisz, Mary Glaser, and Ned Guyette. Absent and excused – all present. Also present: Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator; Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator; and Jeff Dawson, Director

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting, made by Guyette, second made by Glaser. Voice vote carried unanimously.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to receive and file the expenditure and financial reports from December 2025, made by Powalisz, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT – Derby asked Ehle about her presentations at NEWI last week.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dawson fielded questions and comments concerning his report.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Library Newsletter – January 2026

B. Online Article from Programming Librarian, American Library Association, “Bringing Home the Concept of Where We Come From: Programs on Human Migration” written by, Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator

C. Raider Reporter Article – “Lester Public Library Expands Programs for Ages 8 and Up!” written by, Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator

9. REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

There is an Environmental Advisory Board presentation at the library Thursday. The new Taco Bell and Domino's Pizza are operational and appear to be doing well. Concessions at the beach survey and FAQ is out for public feedback.

10. REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Koenig and Magee elementary schools will be merging services over the next two school years. Teacher conferences will be in early February.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

For the 2026 County Board election – 6 Supervisors filed non-candidacy paperwork; 2 supervisory districts have no one running; all 4 Two Rivers Supervisors are running unopposed; Tyler Martell is the only candidate running for County Executive. Natasha Khan and Charles Krueger were appointed to the Manitowoc Calumet Library System Board of Trustees for a 3-year term.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**13. NEW BUSINESS – None****14. BOARD EDUCATION – None****15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Sleger read Wisconsin Statutes s.19.85(1)(c) which allows closed sessions when the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body is being considered. Ms. Sleger then stated the reason for the Closed Session is in regards to Employment and Compensation. She then opened the floor for a motion to enter into Closed Session. Motion made by Weiss to enter into Closed Session, second made by Derby. Roll Call Vote: Sharon Sleger – Aye; Don Weiss – Aye; Ned Guyette – Aye; Jack Powalisz – Aye; Kate Gadd – Aye; Stanley Palmer – Aye; Shannon Derby – Aye; Mary Glaser – Aye; Bonnie Shimulunas – Aye; Katie Stone - Aye. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees entered into Closed Session at 6:34 PM.

At 7:00 PM a motion to reconvene in open session was made by Guyette, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously.

16. Upon entering open session:

A motion to accept Director Jeff Dawson's retirement, dated July 3, 2026 and to name Youth Services Coordinator, Terry Ehle as Director effective July 6, 2026, at Pay Grade: 25, Step: Advanced Merit G, was made by Derby, second made by Glaser. Voice vote carried unanimously.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Guyette, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Dawson, Director