

**Rusk County Community Library Board
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Present: Randy Tatur, Anna Kauffman, Keely Sanderson, Nathan Johnson, Christinna Swearingen, Annette Barna, Cindy Pohlman

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randy Tatur, at 5:00 P.M.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 2023 board meeting. A motion to approve the January 2023 minutes was made by Nathan Johnson, seconded by Anna Kauffman. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the January 2023 financial statements. The final 2022 statements have not been released yet. A motion was made by Cindy Pohlman, seconded by Nathan Johnson. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the January & February 2023 invoices. IFLS annual system fee was due and this initiated discussion about the collection agency fee, which is less than the amount of money and/or materials recovered. More patrons are returning because of not having overdue fees on materials. Water main break was not covered by the City and the Library had to pay for the repair. A motion to approve the invoices was made by Cindy Pohlman, seconded by Nathan Johnson. Motion carried.

The board discussed the annual report. Anna Kauffman made motion, seconded by Nathan Johnson. Motion carried.

The board discussed maintenance issues on the building. There still has not been a Joint Management meeting despite the fact that there is still a lot of work that needs to be completed on the south side of the building in particular. Recent flooding in the back staff room because of ice dams on the roof, County maintenance broke the ice dams and salted the roof to stop this from happening and it has not happened since then. Bloedow room is still not open because storage closet has no ventilation and has molded twice in the past. Will not be used until this issue is resolved. Solar panels are hooked up and officially generating power. Christinna will ask Gary about how to proceed with the mold issue in Bloedow room and will forward repairs list that has been compiled to the board.

The Director's report was presented by Christinna Swearingen. Programs are going well with numbers finally going up for preschool storytime. Cookbook club was a success and will be having another meeting in March. The water fountain upstairs will be getting a bottle filler after funds are received from winning a grant for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christinna Swearingen