June 9, 2026

The Colona District Library Board met with Clark, Hughes, Kirkbride, Massarolo, White, and Director Hoste physically present. Koska was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Colona District Library by Hughes.

Kathryn Goodenow was a visitor. Introductions were made. Goodenow will be a new Board member.

The May 12, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed. The minutes were approved by consensus.

The Treasurer's report for May was reviewed and discussed. It was reported the library had received a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy to be used towards the Summer Reading program. A year's membership to Prairie Cat was paid. The majority of the money from the adult circulating materials was for Hoopla. Also, the final payment for the blinds was made in May. The treasurer's report was approved by consensus.

Hoste presented the Youth Service's report. The upcoming Summer Reading programs were reviewed as well as some of the prizes and donations. Storytime attendance was 59 in May. Storytime and the After School program will resume in the fall.

Hoste presented the Director's report. She reported on the nonfiction weeding project. She also stated she had a leaking toilet in the staff bathroom repaired. Sandy Wood is retiring on June 26th. Ilene Chamra will be taking her position. Hoste is interviewing for someone to take Chamra's position. There will be an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 26th for Wood's retirement.

The youth services and director's reports were approved by consensus.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Board Vacancy –Traci Rieger has resigned. Kathryn Goodnenow is appointed to take her position. The paper work will be updated and mailed to the appropriate areas.

Circulate and Discuss Tentative Budget – The Tentative Budget was reviewed and discussed. A new line item – Library of Things - will be added.

Review Wages of all Employees – Hoste presented the proposed wages for employees. These were reviewed and discussed. It was recommended to do a 5% raise for the majority of the staff. Clark made a motion to approve the wages as presented and discussed with a 5% raise for the majority of the staff and two staff with other adjustments. Kirkbride seconded the motion. A roll call was made and everyone present was in favor. The motion passed.

Review Open and Closed Session Minutes – There were no closed sessions in the past year so there were no minutes to review. At every open meeting the minutes from the previous meeting are reviewed.

Publish Notice of Budget Hearing – The Budget Hearing will be held at the August meeting. Hoste will ensure this is published. The tentative budget will be on display for at least 30 days.

Transfer General Fund money to the Special Reserve Fund –Clark made a motion to transfer any undesignated funds from the general fund to the special reserve fund at the end of the fiscal year once all the obligations are met. Massarolo seconded the motion. A roll call was made and everyone present was in favor. The motion passed.

Assign Review of IPLAR – Kirkbride and White will review for the August meeting.

Assign Review of Public Comment Policy – Massarolo will review for the August meeting.

Mud Jacking Estimates – Hoste obtained three bids for mud jacking the area by the back door. The bids were reviewed and discussed. Goodenow made a motion to accept the bid from M&S Mud Jacking, Inc. Clark seconded the motion. A roll call was made and everyone present was in favor. The motion passed.

Further Business – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Massarolo, Secretary

The next meeting will be August 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.