Conrad Public Library

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm at the Conrad Public Library

The mission of the Conrad Public Library is to provide services, spaces, and experiences that encourage literacy, inspire curiosity, and strengthen community.

Trustees: Lida Holst, Tim Lastowski, Nancy Powell, Karen Berg [Helen Bingaman absent]
Ex-Officio: Director Tiffany Christensen, Mayor David Cates
Speakers: NONE

Chair Lida called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

1. Public Comment - NONE

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting

Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2026 meeting as presented; Tim seconded; motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports
   a. Conrad Public Library: Director's Report
      - August statistics:
        - 1,281 library visits (-10% from last year); 2,563 items circulated (+5.6% from last year); 26.4% of circulation was digital; 192 program attendees (+47.7% from last year)
      - Yoga in the Library programs are popular and boosting adult programming attendance
      - Solar panels are being installed; final inspection should take place next week
      - Rylee is doing well in her position - additional team member allows for more flexible coverage; she has drastically increased social media presence
      - Liz will have an early literacy table at the Community Health Fair on October 1st
      - Fall programming will begin in October; new teen Dungeons & Dragons group TBD
   b. Conrad Public Library Foundation
      - Next meeting scheduled for October 21, 2026 at 11:00 am
   c. Pathfinder Federation
      - Lida and Tiffany will attend the fall meeting on October 1, 2026 in Fort Benton.
   d. Pondera County Collaboration Committee
      - Joint board training with the Montana Nonprofit Association has been difficult to schedule; may look into different training

4. New Business
   a. Strategic Plan Committee
      - Lida appointed Nancy and Karen to assist Tiffany in preparing a preliminary strategic plan to present to the Board.

5. Future Business
   a. Strategic Plan

6. Upcoming Meeting(s)
   a. Regular Board Meeting
      - Thursday, October 22, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

7. Adjourn
    a. Lida adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by:
Tiffany Christensen, Secretary to the Board

Approved by the Conrad Public Library Board of Trustees: October 22, 2026