

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 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: Glenda McKeone, Lida Holst, Helen Bingaman, Tim Lastowski [Nancy Powell absent]

Ex-Officio: Tiffany Christensen, Mayor David Cates

Guests: NONE

Chair Glenda McKeone called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

1. Public Comment - NONE

2. Approval of Minutes

a. December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

Lida made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting as presented; Tim seconded; motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

a. Conrad Public Library: Director's Report

- November statistics:
 - 1,376 library visits (-16.4% from last year - partial closure due to severe weather/power outage, cancelled programs); 2,060 items circulated (-23.6% from last year); 34.1% of circulation was digital; 392 program attendees (-16.4% from last year due to cancelled class visits)
- Concrete repaired in the basement; some electrical work still to be completed
- Mill levy discussions with MSL are providing information on roles and responsibilities for upcoming levy campaign
- Upcoming Events:
 - Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, February 7th - open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - Chris LaTray author visit Wednesday, February 11th - 6:00 pm at the Orpheum Theatre

Conrad Public Library: Accounting/Budget

b. Conrad Public Library Foundation - meeting Wednesday, January 21st at 11:00 am

c. Pathfinder Federation - NONE

d. Pondera County Collaboration Committee - NONE

4. Old Business - NONE

5. New Business

a. Board Member Program Proposal

- Tiffany recommended hiring Lida, through True North Counseling, to teach a Yoga in the Library workshop concentrating on mindful movement to include gentle yoga, somatic and functional movements, and nervous system education and tools.

Helen made a motion to approve a library-sponsored Yoga in the Library workshop through True North Counseling; Tim seconded; motion carried 3-0 (Lida abstained).

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6. Future Business - NONE

7. Upcoming Meeting(s)
 - a. Pondera County Libraries Collaboration Meeting
 - TBD
 - b. Regular Board Meeting
 - Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

8. Adjourn
 - a. Glenda adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by:

Tiffany Christensen, Secretary to the Board

Approved by the Conrad Public Library Board of Trustees: February 19, 2026