.GOODLAND-GRANT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

07/14/2026

Opening of Meeting:

Tom, President, opened the regular monthly meeting of the Goodland-Grant Township Trustees at 6:02p.m. Trustees in attendance were Tom Ordway, Kay Babcock, Carlin Hurd, Mirahida Kindig, Mike Hall, and Library Director, Latisha Provo.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 06/09/2026 meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting and therefore were not read aloud. There were no questions or corrections. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carlin seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/ Financial Report/ Warrants:

It was reported that the library's financial allocations remain in good standing.

The flagpole project has been completed, with a maintenance charge of $450 paid. The invoice for the parts has not yet been submitted to the library.

Accountant Elaine completed the library's 2025 tax return. A total of $80 was due for the 2025 taxes, and the payment has been made.

Steve was informed that this would be his final paycheck, and he acknowledged and understood.

Mira made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Carlin seconded and the motion carried.

Comments From the Public:

The Board discussed concerns that had been shared with Board President Tom regarding the condition of the library lawn. Community members expressed their concerns through a letter and in person, noting several dead spots and areas where the grass had become overgrown. It was noted that recent rain delays affected the lawn care schedule, preventing the mowing contractor from servicing the property as planned. The Board also learned that the lawn has a grub infestation and is awaiting a treatment quote from Chandelor.

The Board discussed that, while it appreciates community feedback, it also hopes the public recognizes the many improvements that have been made at the library over the past year. The Library Director shared a letter responding to the concerns, expressing appreciation for the feedback and inviting community members to volunteer and help keep the library looking its best. The Board agreed with the message of the letter and discussed increasing communication with the public by reminding residents that board meetings are open to everyone and by sharing updates on social media highlighting the many positive improvements and ongoing projects at the library.

Following discussion, Mike motioned to approve mailing the Library Director's response letter to the concerned citizen. Carlin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

Tom presented a quote for a new television for the downstairs meeting room. The quoted cost for the television is $599. He also presented a quote for a hand truck, estimated at approximately $140. The board was in agreement to make the purchase.

Librarian's Report

Latisha reported the following updates:

Latisha reported the following updates. The Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for September 8th, and the Budget Adoption Hearing is scheduled for October 13th. Both hearings will be held in conjunction with the regular monthly board meetings, and a quorum of board members will be required.

Latisha attended the Fall for Goodland planning meeting and reported that the event will be held on October 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She is looking forward to the library's participation in the event.

The final Summer Reading Program activity will be held at the Newton County Fair, where Joan will be leading the children in creating dinosaur terrariums.

Latisha reported that AVC will be conducting a check-in session to discuss progress and address any concerns. She also noted that SEA 1/SB 1, which will impact library budgets this year and in future years, is a significant concern. Latisha plans to attend an informational session regarding the legislation.

Latisha informed the Board that Gina was offered her previous position back in Oxford at a rate of $21 per hour with additional hours available. Latisha expressed that she would like to retain Gina and will review the budget to determine if additional compensation or hours can be offered.

The Board discussed relocating the bronze plaques and the Wildcat related to area schools to Town Hall. Mike motioned to approve the relocation of the plaques. Carlin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Additional Comments:

There were no additional comments to discuss.

Good to the Order Adjournment:

Kay made a motion to adjourn, Carlin seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes Approved this __11th__ day of August_ 2026___.

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Kay Babcock	
Kim Curtis	

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Goodland-Grant Township Public Library