GOODLAND-GRANT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
08/11/2026

OPENING OF MEETING:

Tom Ordway, President, opened the regular monthly meeting of the Goodland-Grant Trustees at 6:01pm. Trustees in attendance were Tom Ordway, Kay Babcock, Mike Hall, and Kim Carter, along with Library Director, Latisha Provo.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 07/14/2026 meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting and therefore were not read aloud. The only correction requested was that last names be added to any names in the minutes. Kim Carter made a motion to accept the minutes with changes, Mike Hall seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT/ FINANCIAL REPORT/ WARRANTS:

Latisha Provo directed the board's attention to the appropriation report and to the percentage left column sharing that those percentages should be 50% or less by this time of the year. She noted that she needs to purchase more books as it is still at almost 80% and needs to be spent by the end of the year to be in compliance with the state. Aside from that, the library's financials remain in good standing and all bank statements balanced.

Kim Carter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented. Mike Hall seconded and the motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Chandler with WB Mowing provided a quote for lawn applications. His quote was for $985 for fertilization with weed and grub control. The board wanted more information before agreeing to the services. The Director will inquire as to what is the best for a fall application? Should we seed it and if so, when? Or should we wait until next year if nothing can be done this year and

we'll ask for a comprehensive contract?

NEW BUSINESS:

2027 Budget: Latisha shared the preliminary numbers that she and the DLGF representative reviewed in their meeting in preparation for the budget meeting. There were line items that could be increased or decreased based on changes in 2027. She shared that she thinks the budget should include an increase in salaries for staff, rather than savings to LIRF. Salaries have increased over the past year and to be able to retain staff, she thinks this would be beneficial. The budget will be presented next month at the budget hearing for further discussion and public input.

Applicants: With Gina not accepting the library's offer to increase her pay, her position was posted. There were several interested parties, however only 4 applied. Latisha shared that several of the applicants were overqualified but interviews went well. If budget was of no concern, she would hire all applicants that applied. She had, however, narrowed it to two candidates and would like to offer both positions. Latisha will update the board at next month's meeting with results.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Latisha sent out the Director's Report ahead of the meeting. She elaborated on some of the areas of the report but ultimately let the board review independently.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Tom Ordway reported that he attended the Town meeting held on Monday regarding our parking. The Town Council representatives and Dillon Hall consulted Jud Barce, the town's attorney. Jud came to the library after the meeting to assess the situation himself. He is to respond back to the town and Tom after his review of laws and ordinances.

Tom Ordway also reported that he will work on getting the awning put back up over the elevator door. The cabinets for the Scout Room will be available next week. He will be pricing refrigerators to purchase on for the kitchenette area of the Scout Room as well. Other priorities are changing the way the exhaust exits the server room, adding additional cabinetry to the Scout room and re-keying the library. He was able to mount the TV and it is usable for programs and for the public.

Kay Babcock reported that she will take the plaques with her after the meeting so that she can rehome them with the Town. She also reported that there is a mulberry tree growing in the pine trees that needs removed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Kim Carter made a motion to adjourn, Kay Babcock seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes Approved this __8th__ day of September_ 2026___.

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ATTEST:

Secretary, Goodland-Grant Township Public Library