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Minutes of Meeting of Abilene Public Library Board – October 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Montgomery at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call - Board Members Present: Cindy Montgomery, Lisa O'Day, Rebecca Perkins, Megan Powell and Brandon Rein. Staff present: Wendy Moulton and Jamie Ely

Cindy requested that we observe a moment of silence to remember Dee Marshall, former mayor and library board member who recently passed away. She remembered Dee's many contributions to the library board and to the city.

Mollie Gartlan administered the oath of office for Megan Powell, who was recently approved by the city commission to serve on the library board.

Consent Agenda – Beki moved to approve the consent agenda including previous meeting minutes and financial reports, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – none

Director's Report

Report was reviewed and discussed. Wendy noted that the library received a Community Foundation of Dickinson County grant for \$1316.20 for "stay sharp" kits. We also received \$368.40 for large format board games. The number of Hoopla borrows will be reduced from 6-4 each month.

Children & Teen Services

Report was reviewed and discussed. Jamie announced that we had 83 attendees for the bugs day and said she is considering a science fair for late April/early May 2026.

Discussion Items

The board reviewed a proposal to purchase used shelving. Lisa moved that we spend \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund for the shelving. Beki seconded and the motion passed.

The board discussed a donation to the Storywalk path. Beki moved that we donate \$6,485 from dedicated funds. Lisa seconded and the motion passed.

Beki suggested that a list of Little Free Libraries/food pantries be prepared and available at the library.



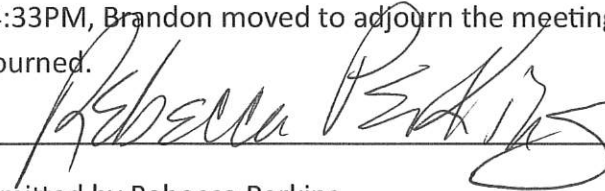
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The board discussed the need to install the charging tables. Wendy will seek clarification on whether or not the city will trim trees on our grounds. She will also seek an insurance quote to reflect a rider for the charging tables

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 12, since the library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

At 4:33PM, Brandon moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Perkins", is written over a horizontal line.

Submitted by Rebecca Perkins

Acting Secretary