

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Kerber, Keppler-Abbott, Oppenhuis, Powers, Short, Wehling.
Saller-absent

Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of March 17, 2026 were reviewed. Following review, Powers moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Short.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Kerber-abstained

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Oppenhuis presented the Treasurer's Report & Financial Recap. Following review, Keppler-Abbott moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Wehling.

Kerber-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$38,773.21 seconded by Short.

Kerber-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Director's Report

-Storytime had 104 children over 5 weeks.

-The Murder Mystery Night and Adult Craft each had 44 attendees.

-Jared the Juggler and his dog will be at the Community Hall on Thursday, June 11 at 10:00 to celebrate the summer reading program which begins on Monday, June 1.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- no report

Housingkeeping- Thank you to everyone who comes to help clean.

Landscaping- no report

Schools-no report

Social- no report

General- no report

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- The Front Entrance Project is currently on hold while we await delivery of the doors to the contractor. Once they arrive, we will be able to schedule a start date. The work is expected to take 1–2 days, during which time the library will be closed. Jill will post signage in advance to inform patrons of the upcoming project and temporary closure.

The board discussed that the staff will be cleaning during the closure and will review policies as needed.

New Business-Jill is securing an electricity rate contract to ensure the library receives the most competitive pricing.

A motion was made by Short to accept the cheapest rate and seconded by Powers. Kerber-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes Motion passed.

Werner Landscape and Lawn Care, Inc will provide 16 yards of mulch, trim bushes, cut a natural edge, and clean up debris for a total cost of \$2,808.00. A motion was made by Oppenhuis and seconded by Keppler-Abbott.

Kerber-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes Motion passed.

The library office requires improvements to its heating and electrical systems. Jill will obtain estimates for this work.

The outdoor tour of the library was postponed until the next meeting because of the weather.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Short.

Kerber-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes Motion passed.

Rick Kerber
Secretary