

ESTHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2021

This meeting was held online via Zoom due to the library's precautions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic since March, 2020.
The link to the meeting was offered to the public on the agenda, which was posted on our front door and on our website.

The Estherville Public Library Board met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24th, 2021. President Lili Jensen called the meeting to order via Zoom. Other board members present were Kathy Knudson (Zoom), Joe Gregori (Zoom), Alan Morphew (Zoom), and Mark Gruwell (Zoom). Also present was EPL Director Tena Sunde (Zoom).

AGENDA: Kathy Knudson made a motion for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mark Gruwell. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote (yes or no):

Lili Y Kathy Y Linda_Pablo___ Molly___ Stephanie___ Alan Y Joe Y Mark Y

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. COVID-19-related considerations. Sunde shared the current CDC numbers for Emmet County (currently Emmet County is at 6.25%). Sunde had presented a draft update to the phased plan based on current CDC information and recommendations arising from recent staff meetings. This proposed update would allow patrons on both floors all hours of operation with no overall capacity or time limit. Masks, sanitizer, and distancing would move from required to recommended practice. Computer time would remain at 60 minutes per person, per day, as these would still be set 6' apart. Restrooms would re-open. It was also proposed that open hours could expand to full-time starting June 1st, and that an updated capacity for the Community Room could be discussed at the next regular meeting so that it could be opened to the public thereafter. Hybrid (online/in-person) programming was also recommended. Mark Gruwell made a motion accept the updated plan as presented, which Kathy Knudson seconded. Morphew expressed opposition to reducing the mask requirement to a recommendation. Sunde shared that staff have observed increasing non-compliance. Gregori and Knudson spoke in favor of the change. Jensen noted current CDC guidelines.

Roll Call Vote (yes or no):

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ADJOURNMENT: Joe Gregori made a motion to adjourn at 5:56 PM, which Kathy Knudson seconded. No further discussion.

Roll Call Vote (yes or no):

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Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 5:30 PM via Zoom or in-person.

Respectfully submitted, Tena Sunde, Acting Secretary