MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GARNER LIBRARY BOARD
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Present: Marcus Rasmus, Jaci Hayes, Lori Griesert, Dave Stromer, Holly Friederich, Deb Schumacher, and Director Ellen Petty

Call to Order by Vice President Marcus Rasmus at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda
Motion made by Dave to approve the agenda. Second: Holly. All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes
Motion made by Marcus to approve the minutes as printed. Second: Jaci. All in favor; motion carried.

Director's Report
Summer Programming Recap
- Programming went well. Dinosaurs are popular!
- July had better attendance than June.

Roger Ginapp Memorial Money
- The library received $700+ in Roger's name.
- Monies are being used for new large print books of interest to men—and others (22 titles so far).

GHV JH Time Capsule
- Ellen has digitized almost everything from the 1976 junior high time capsule and found items to be in excellent condition.
- Some items are on display.
- A QR code will go online to allow people to see the items.

Upcoming Events
- Upcoming events include a watercolor painting class, Iowa author talk, and a mystery dinner.
- The library will be closed Sept. 11 for carpet cleaning (by Vince).
- Ellen plans to take Sept. 28-29 as vacation.

Bills Allowed
Motion made by Dave to approve the bills. Second: Holly. All in favor; motion carried.

Citizens' Opportunity to Address the Board – None

Unfinished Business
Office Remodel – waiting for designs
Carnegie Foundation Donation – ongoing
WCAG Compliance – ongoing
Open Records Request Policy – moved to city

New Business

HF2490: Updates to Public Meetings & Records Laws

- All Boards are now required to post meeting agendas where they can be seen at all times and online (if available).
- Language about "vexatious requesters" was added allowing requests to be denied.

Annual Placement Designation for the Posting of the Agenda

Motion made by Jaci to designate the front door, website, and library's Facebook page as the official placement designation of the agenda for library board meetings. Second: Deb. All in favor; motion carried.

SF2430: New Flag Rules

- As of July 1, 2026, if you have a flagpole at an Iowa public building, you must now also fly the Iowa flag.
- Iowa public buildings must also follow directives if the governor orders the lowering of the flag (to fly at haft staff).

Landscape Discussion: Grass and Bushes on South Side of Building

- Country Landscapes quoted Ellen a price of $1,065 to trim back and thin the bushes.
- Dave offered to try trimming them up as another option.
- We also discussed options to address the grass that doesn't grow and is full of rocks.

Election of Officers

Motion made by Jaci to retain the slate of officers from the 2025-26 term for the current 2026-27 term: Mike Meyering, president; Marcus Rasmus, vice president; and Lori Griesert, recording secretary. Additionally, signers for the account City of Garner—William Henschen Trust Fund at Reliance State Bank will remain the same: Mike Meyering, current president; and Lori Griesert, current recording secretary. Second: Holly. All in favor; motion carried.

Report of Trustees – None
Report of Committees – None
Discussion – None

Adjournment

Motion made by Jaci to adjourn the meeting. Second: Deb. All in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Marcus Rasmus, Vice President

Lori Griesert, Recording Secretary