

**The Village of Cremona Library Board – Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 26, 2026, at the Cremona Library**

Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.

**Attending:** Jennifer Foat (Chair), Rosemarie McGonigle (Secretary), Jan Shand (Treasurer), Richard Forsberg, Colleen Peterson, Autumn Schmidt, Jennifer Kennedy, Greg Harris, Cristina Liu, Rebecca Smith (Library Manager)

**Regrets:** Cam MacFarquhar

**Words from the Chair:**

- Welcome to our first meeting of the Spring. Our next meeting will be In Service Training.

**Additions/Adoption of Agenda:**

Add to new business - Jan to request BDWAB donation

MOTION: to adopt the agenda as amended - Jan moved, all in favour, carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: to accept regular minutes from Feb 26, 2026 - Richard moved, all in favour, carried.

**Correspondence:** (as per meeting package)

MOTION to accept correspondence as information only - Rosemarie moved, all in favour, carried

**Treasurer's Report:** (Colleen, as per meeting package)

- Now also includes CALP payment of approximately \$22,977.38, which includes salaries for ELL programmer, mileage, and program funding for Jan 1/26 to June 30/26

MOTION to accept Treasurer's report - Cristina moved, all in favour, carried.

**Friends of the Library Report:(FOTL):** (Jan, as per the meeting package)

- Craig Lerbekmo was approached to build the bulletin board sign to be placed in front of the library
- Allison Gentry has joined the FOTL
- Revisions to be done on the Not For Profit application

MOTION: to accept the FOTL report - Jennifer F. moved, all in favour, carried

**Library Report:** (Rebecca, as per meeting package)

- 'Reading for 15' challenge results have not been followed up on, so it was agreed that Rebecca will pass the trophy on to Coaldale who had great results in the Challenge
- Peeps Diorama contest running in library with 22 entries. Board members were encouraged to vote

MOTION to accept Library Report - Jennifer K. moved, all in favour, carried.

**Other Highlights**

- Richard attended the Village Viability Study meeting - Ken Allen from Public Library Services spoke. Meeting information can be accessed on the alberta.ca website.
- Greg questioned the removal of County and Village reports without a motion being passed. Board members discussed the decision.

MOTION: to return to original agenda format with space for County Information and Village Information to be presented - Rosemarie moved, all in favour, carried.

- County Council has approved going forward with a meeting with Cremona Library (i.e. Board Chair and Library manager) and 2 other Libraries regarding new agreements to be put in place. County funding for Libraries will not be released until the agreements are in place. Cremona Library will be funded at a rate of \$19.64 per capita.
- In the future, 100% of the payments will be received on Jan. 30 of each year, occurring automatically, unless changes are made to the agreement.

**Open Issues:**

- 2026 Budget (Rebecca, as per meeting package)

MOTION: to accept proposed budget, Colleen moved, all in favour, carried

- Audit - Lori Eslinger is away until April 14th, and will complete the audit upon her return
- MOU Draft (as per meeting package)

MOTION: to accept MOU Draft as amended - Rosemarie moved, all in favour, carried.

**New Business:**

MOTION: to donate a BDWAB to be gifted to Finleigh Hill, a young community member who has been in a serious accident, Greg moved, all in favour, carried

**Meeting Hours:** Rosemarie 2.5, Richard 2.5, Jennifer F. 2.5, Jan 2.5, Colleen 2.5, Jennifer K 2.5, Autumn 2.5 Total: 17.5 hours

**Other Volunteer Hours:**

Library Operations: Cam 1, Richard 4.5, Jennifer F. 16, Rosemarie 2, Jennifer K. 4, Jan 5, Colleen 2, Autumn 3.5, Total: 38 hours.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 9:29 pm by Jennifer F.

**Next Meeting:** will be on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rosemarie McGonigle.

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