Calhoun Memorial Library Board Meeting Minutes
Aug. 4, 2026

Minutes of the Calhoun Memorial Library Board of Director's Meeting: Aug. 4, 2026

The board meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. on Aug. 4, 2026, by President Jean Wacker at the Calhoun Memorial Library.

Members present: Jean Wacker, Barb Ryan, Sally Johnson, Louise Brown, Jeff Martin, Scott Bachowski , John Hunsinger and Rachel Westberg. Also present was Library Director Emily Resendiz, library aids Brittany Olson and Jessica Nelson, and Friends of the Library member Lettie Dreyer. Not present was Louise Brown.

The agenda was approved by motion of Barb Ryan, seconded by Sally Johnson. Motion carried.

There were no in-person comments, though Resendiz noted there continues to be many compliments about the front walkway.

Minutes of the July regular board meeting were presented to board members in printed form. Motion was made by Sally Johnson, seconded by John Hunsinger, to accept the minutes with one minor correction. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rachel Westberg, seconded by Barb Ryan, to accept the July reoccurring expenditures/treasurer's report and monthly expenditures as presented by Resendiz. Motion carried. Resendiz also presented the month's petty cash, statistics, and activities as part of the director's report.

Library Friend Lettie Dreyer reported on the latest from the Fiends of the Library.

Rachel Westberg, school representative, reported on Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School activities.

Mayor Jeff Martin provided an update from the City of Chetek.

Scott Bachowski reported on news from the Barron County Board.

To maintain building safety, a motion was made by Scott Bachowski, seconded by Barb Ryan, to approve electrical work and quotes as provided by Red Cedar Electric, totaling an estimated $2,952. A larger-scale electrical project is still in the bidding process.

The board continued discussion on the potential need for a formal "Programming Policy" and a "Volunteer Policy." No formal action was taken, but Resendiz has proposed a programming policy for the board to review in September.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) a motion was made by Jeff Martin, seconded by Rachel Westberg to go into closed session to consider an employee's annual performance evaluation. By a roll call vote, the board unanimously agreed to go into closed session. Following closed session discussion, a roll call vote was held to break back into open session, which was agreed upon unanimously. A motion was made by Sally Johnson, seconded by Barb Ryan to approve the employee evaluation; motion carried, with abstentions from Scott Bachowski and John Hunsinger.

Items for the September meeting agenda include the 2027 budget, building inspections, employee salaries, and program and volunteer policies.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Martin, seconded by Scott Bachowski. Motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

