Turtle Lake Public Library Board
August 11, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Todd B., Georgeina O., Jamie M., Shelley B., Laurie T., and Colby P.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by President Todd Beaver. Present at the meeting were board members Todd Beaver, Jamie McCready, Georgeina O'Connell, Laurie Tarman, Library Director Colby Peterson, and new school district representative, Shelley Bauer. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jamie McCready made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Georgeina O'Connell and passed by voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report:

I. July Events
- Partnership with Parkview Methodist Church for the Heifer International Read to Feed Program
- The Summer Reading Program numbers:
  - Entry forms by activity:
    - 22 book reviews
    - 29 BINGOs
    - 26 reading logs
    - 5 scavenger hunts
    - Total entry forms = 82
  - Event attendance
    - Approximately 338 total attendees
  - Jaime M. and Shelley B. recommend that our Summer Reading Program take place in late July to mid August to boost literacy before school begins, and to accommodate families who play sports and participate in the county fairs.

- Shelley B. recommends that the library place ads on the Village website and through the school's media channels.
- All members agree that afternoon programs will be more well attended than morning programs.

- National Night Out on August 4th: Ella gave out almost 500 books to people in our community!
- PaperPie Learning has donated $193 to purchase new books through their website. We earned the donation by giving 4 boxes of our used books to the Polk County fair used book sale.

II. July Updates

- Teen intern Ella Koenig will have a party on her last day, August 21st .
- We are partnering with the Coffee Barn to be able to offer $0.75 off your order at the Coffee Barn when you show your library card!

Old Business: None

New Business:

I. Discussion of 2027 Budget
   a. Colby's priorities for the 2027 budget:
      i. Increase staff wages to match the rate of library staff workers in surrounding communities (Colby will bring the numbers and evidence to the next meeting)
      ii. Increase the special programs budget line, due to 40% ($600 out of the $1,500 allocated funds) being spent on feeding our TACOS group
      iii. Increase the supplies and postage budget lines
   b. The board supports increasing the outlined budget lines provided that there is evidence to reinforce the increases.

Budget: Laurie Tarman made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Todd Beaverand passed by voice vote.

Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, at 4:30 pm in the library.

Adjournment: Laurie Tarman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Georgeina O'Connell and passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.