

Special Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes

Peotone Public Library District

May
May 24, 2024

Location: Peotone Library Office Room

Call to Order: 10:00 am by M Horne, Library Board President

Committee Members: M Horne, S Ehlers, S. Chisausky, MJ Carlson

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The committee began by outlining the main objectives of this committee as follows:

Main objective: To answer 'what is the best way to serve the district concerning library buildings while keeping in mind strategic planning for the future.'

Need for branch library in Monee

Ideas to build awareness of the library in Monee and other parts of the district

Quantify maintaining current library building vs new library building

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Discussed formulating a community survey that we could add to the Monee Park District package coming out this Fall in September. Sarah gave each member a copy of a similar survey and each member was to respond with other questions for the September flyer. Susan agreed to quantify the cost of this survey. Survey would promise each person who submits a completed survey a chance to win \$100 Amazon gift card.

Mary Jane was to determine if Green Garden residents receive the Monee Park District package in the Spring and Summer.

Facebook advertising could also start in the Fall. Cost would be investigated by Sarah.

Discussed other ideas like lockers in Monee that would have self-entry for book pick-ups. Could Amazon supply lockers?

Susan suggested a book mobile or van as another way to service our community.

Other items discussed:

The map of the district our library is servicing.

Levy numbers per area in our district.

New library building could cost around 5 million dollars. We are currently looking at close to 2M dollars of maintenance fees for the current library building.

The Committee decided to tour the Elwood branch library on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 10:00 am. Committee will meet at the Peotone Library building and we will all drive together. Time permitting, we may tour the New Lenox Library near other public buildings like police and town hall etc.

Next committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 10:00 am at Peotone Library.