

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting
213 Adams Street, JC Chamber Board Room
Jefferson City, Missouri
March 18, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The regular Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bob Priddy.

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Members present: President Bob Priddy, Vice President John Gulick, Secretary Jessica Davis, Treasurer Kay Kasiske and members: Lori Bruce, Ithaca Bryant, Becky Layton, Samantha Mebruer, Rodney Mulvania, Anne Rottmann and Bob Swift

Member(s) absent: Jeff Briggs

Also present: Claudia Young, Library Director; Angie Bayne, Assistant Director of Public Services; Diane Clingman, Human Resources Manager; Debra Winter, Chief Financial Officer; Tara Espinoza, Marketing Specialist & Website Coordinator; and Robin Coffman, Administrative Assistant

As outside presenters (Mayor Fitzwater and City Administrator Crane) were in attendance to discuss the prison site redevelopment (agenda item 7A), the Board moved the closed session earlier on the agenda to accommodate schedules.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Swift made a motion, seconded by Lori Bruce, to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Kay Kasiske presented the monthly financial report (Attachments A & B). Kay Kasiske made a motion, seconded by John Gulick, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Expenditures, as presented. Motion carried.

5. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Claudia reported that she has included three (3) articles with her written report of which the Board may be interested; one concerning proposed state legislation regarding digital library materials as well as local library board's accountability and responsibilities. She reported that Secretary of State Hoskins has paused OverDrive money for digital resources for schools, but this does not affect public libraries. She also wanted the MRRL Board to be aware that President Trump's Executive Order regarding the Institute of

Museum & Library Services may negatively impact federal funds that flow to public libraries.

Claudia reported that there have been a few days of inclement weather and facility issues which resulted in the main library and/or the Osage Branch being closed. She indicated that she expects the new library van to be delivered on March 24.

Claudia indicated that the Foundation's mini-golf events were successful with greater numbers in attendance than last year.

She also indicated Shirks Country Market in Centertown will house the small anytime book locker at their site and volunteered its internet access at no cost.

Angie Bayne reported that the annual used book sale was a great success and that the gross sales were about \$4,000 more than in 2024. She'll report more on this next month.

Claudia also highlighted the partnership between the library and Jefferson City Parks & Recreation to have the bookmobile parked at Riverside Park in June and then Memorial Park in July from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. daily during the week.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Capital Facilities Committee (Kay Kasiske) No Report

B. Executive Committee (Bob Priddy) No Report

C. Finance Committee (Kay Kasiske) No Report

D. Foundation Liaison (Lori Bruce)

The Foundation postponed its March 13th meeting to later in the month as several members were ill and a quorum was not available.

E. Marketing/Communications Committee (Jeff Briggs) No Report

F. Planning Committee (Ithaca Bryant) No Report

G. Bylaws Committee (Bob Priddy) No Report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Prison Site Redevelopment

John Gulick made a motion, seconded by Jessica Davis, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public body.

Roll Call Vote:

Lori Bruce - Yes

Ithaca Bryant - Yes

Jessica Davis - Yes

John Gulick - Yes

Kay Kasiske - Yes

Becky Layton - Yes

Samantha Mebruer - Yes

Rodney Mulvania - Yes

Anne Rottmann - Yes

Bob Swift - Yes

Bob Priddy - Yes

Motion carried. The Board voted to go into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

Jessica Davis made a motion, seconded by John Gulick, to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote:

Lori Bruce - Yes

Ithaca Bryant - Yes

Jessica Davis - Yes

John Gulick - Yes

Kay Kasiske - Yes

Becky Layton - Yes

Samantha Mebruer - Yes

Rodney Mulvania - Yes

Anne Rottmann - Yes

Bob Swift - Yes

Bob Priddy - Yes

Motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved May 20, 2025.