

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting
@ the Osage County Library
22 Library Lane, Linn, Missouri
May 20, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The regular Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Bob Priddy.

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Member(s) absent: Jeff Briggs, Ithaca Bryant and Kay Kasiske

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anne Rottmann made a motion, seconded by Bob Swift, to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Debra Winter presented the monthly financial report (Attachments A & B) along with budget adjustments for 2024. John Gulick made a motion, seconded by Lori Bruce, to approve the Treasurer's Report, Monthly Expenditures, and the budget adjustments for 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

5. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Claudia thanked Sarah Falter, Osage County Branch Manager, for hosting the May MRRL Board meeting. Claudia reported that not only is it impressive for Osage County to have 200+ FOCL (Friends of the Osage County Library) members, but also the programs presented are pertinent and engaging for the community, and the programs are well attended.

Claudia reported that April was a very busy and successful month for the library. MRRL observed National Library Week, hosted the Storytelling Festival, celebrated two outstanding library volunteers, provided a lunch in honor of library workers day and lunch

for Patron Appreciation Day. The library also sponsored/hosted the annual Capital READ events.

Claudia indicated that she had presented to three organizations in April – Cole County Communities, the Chamber of Commerce and the local DAR chapter. The library also sponsored April's *Chamber Coffee*. She reported that the library was nominated for two Readers Choice awards and won the Family Entertainment category, which says a lot about the programming offered by the library, especially for children and teens.

Claudia announced that the two new study pods have arrived, been installed, and patrons have already utilized this space. The library's new Book Sprinter Van has arrived and the "grand reveal" is scheduled for later this month.

Lastly, Claudia addressed concerns related to the reduction in federal funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). To date, there is little impact from this action. Funding for libraries is still intact in the state's fiscal year 2026 budget which begins July 1.

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 Board of Directors are currently engaged in reviewing and revising their bylaws. They are also developing a brochure regarding charitable giving to be distributed to financial advisors within the community. The goal is to have the brochures distributed by September. Information will also be available on the web.

E. Marketing/Communications Committee (Jeff Briggs)

The committee met immediately prior to the MRRL Board meeting. Claudia provided committee members with a summary regarding strategies and action steps in which staff are engaged to highlight and educate the community on the services and programs offered by the library.

F. Planning Committee (Ithaca Bryant) No Report

G. Bylaws Committee (Bob Priddy) No Report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Prison Site Redevelopment

Anne Rottmann made a motion, seconded by Lori Bruce, 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

Jessica Davis - Yes

John Gulick - 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 6:36 p.m.

John Gulick made a motion, seconded by Bob Swift, to (1) reject building a new library within the prison redevelopment site, and (2) reject the City's proposed real estate purchase and sale agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Lori Bruce - Yes
Jessica Davis - Yes
John Gulick - Yes
Becky Layton - Yes
Samantha Mebruer - Yes
Rodney Mulvania - Yes
Anne Rottmann - Yes
Bob Swift - Yes
Bob Priddy - Abstained

Motion carried.

Lori Bruce made a motion, seconded by Jessica Davis, to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote:

Lori Bruce - Yes
Jessica Davis - Yes
John Gulick - 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 return to open session at 7:30 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved June 17, 2025.