

Meeting Minutes

Trails Regional Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:00pm

Holden Branch - 207 S Main Street Holden, MO 64040

1. Call to order

- a. Time meeting began: 7:00pm by
- b. Called to order by: Patty Long, President

2. Roll Call

- a. Board members present in person: Patty Long, Carlin Dillon, Jane Beal, Goldie Edwards, Dan Brigman, Heather Jepsen, Bekki Currier
- b. Board members present online: Leanna Watts
- c. Board members absent: Mike Elder, Chris Fillpot
- d. On Duty Staff present: Jackie Hawes, Director & Teresa Opoien, Holden Branch Manager
- e. Guests present: None

3. Public Comments

- a. Teresa Opoien, Holden Branch Manager, shared branch updates

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes (March, Foundation Committee, and February closed session)
- b. Financial report: General Fund
- c. Financial report: Designated Gifts
- d. Financial report: Approval of Invoices & Checks

Motion by Leanna Watts to approve the consent agenda

Second by Jane Beal

All Ayes - Motion Passed

5. Unfinished Business

- a. None

6. New Business

- a. Consider approval of Corder Branch lease renewal

Motion by Goldie Edwards to approve the lease agreement renewal for the Corder library branch

Second by Dan Brigman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- b. Consider approval of MOLIB2GO memorandum of understanding

Motion by Bekki Currier to approve the MOU for MOLIB2GO

Second by Jane Beal

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- c. Consider approval to recommend reappointment of Carlin Dillon to the TRL Board of Trustees for her 2nd term

Motion by Goldie Edwards to recommend reappointment of Carlin Dillon for her 2nd term

Second by Bekki Currier

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- d. Upcoming Board vacancy in Lafayette County

- e. Discussion on the back & side lot at the Concordia Branch (August 2023-tabled until north wall repaired, tabled again at last meeting pending possible other plans)
 - i. Community garden or green space mentioned
 - ii. People tend to use the space to drive through, oftentimes too fast

Motion by Jane to bump the project up in priority, with plans to be made by the branch and presented to the board

Second by Leanna Watts

Discussion: Giordian does the bidding process, Dan suggested if we put out for bid ourselves w/o Giordian that we try to get at least 3
Concrete or asphalt? Goes up against the chip & seal surface. Concrete would be the preference.

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- f. Consider approval to enter into agreement with The Wilson Group for alternate walkways/stairs improvement at the Warrensburg Branch
 - i. Concerned with the trees that would need removed, a retaining wall that would need to be navigated, and a nearly 2-foot elevation change
 - ii. Jackie says Opt 1 is ideal because that's where people already walk and it is the least expensive option
 - iii. The parking issue has been addressed and the church is allowing library team members to park in the back part of their lot, across Holden Street
 - iv. Heather thinks we should go with Opt 1 because it may be a long while until we're able to put in a parking lot or other plans for the space

Motion by Heather Jepsen to enter into agreement with The Wilson Group for alternate walkways/stairs improvement at the Warrensburg Branch, going with Option 1

Second by Jane Beal

Votes as follows:

Yes - Leanna Watts, Patty Long, Jane Beal, Dan Brigman, Heather Jepsen, & Bekki Currier

No - Goldie Edwards, Carlin Dillon

- g. Discussion on designated spokesperson for official statements and media questions
 - i. Jackie put an article in the Odessian re: issues the library is facing. She has a good relationship with Hannah, the reporter.
 - ii. Does this fall under Public Services job description? She usually checks in with Jackie on any matters anyway, so it ends up being Jackie.
 - iii. If a reporter reaches out to us, direct them to Jackie & then follow up and let Jackie know who may be contacting her.
- h. Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) update
 - i. 8th of April: state library COSLA, no add'l info, 3 states received letters that grants were canceled - those grants were tied to DEI initiatives
 - ii. Some IMLS staff has received termination letters - state contact was let go
 - iii. Payments were being held, just released recently
 - iv. State cannot reimburse for reimbursable grants until they receive the funding
 - v. Lawsuit from several states trying to get funds released
 - vi. LSTA funds do not cover state library employees in Missouri, but some states have multiple people who are
 - vii. MOSL asked libraries to prioritize fund needs and send them that list
 - viii. State courier (highest concern for most libraries), Evergreen, 68% avg increase for MO Evergreen membership
 - ix. 50% of state aid must be distributed by capita, which is how it is done now
 - x. Reach out to legislators with concerns & ask for A&E to be fully funded
 - xi. House bill 903 is wanting to do away with property taxes
 - We cannot go for sales tax at this time.
 - xii. House bill 1146 - look into this one
 - xiii. Johnson & Lafayette 4th class counties - special provision to be 2nd class counties had been in place
 - xiv. Possibility that eRate could go away - court case being heard by supreme court in June
 - xv. Missouri has not received a draw down
 - xvi. State aid is not part of IMLS funding
 - xvii. South Dakota canceled their state-wide courier services already

xviii. State budget - right now everything is funded at the same level as last year

i. Foundation update

- i. Jackie met w/ the foundation secretary to go over tasks that library staff is handling, she took quite a few of those tasks on and is willing to assist with treasurer's tasks
- ii. The foundation is now in charge of scheduling and rescheduling their meetings as well as any necessary cancelations
- iii. First Wed in May is their next meeting (May 7)

7. Announcements

- None

8. Consider approval to go into Closed Session 610.021 (13) - Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment

- a. Time closed session began: 8:16pm
- b. Time closed session adjourned: 8:49pm

Motion by Dan Brigman

Second by Carlin Dillon

All Ayes - Motion Passed

9. Adjournment

- a. Time meeting concluded: 8:50pm

Upcoming Meetings:

May 21, 2025	Warrensburg Branch
June 18, 2025	Odessa Branch