

Meeting Minutes

Trails Regional Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:00pm

Warrensburg Branch, 432 N Holden Warrensburg, MO

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll Call

- a. Board members present in person: Patty Long, Bekki Currier, Carlin Dillon, Dan Brigman, Jane Beal, Heather Jepsen
- b. Board members present online/on call: Mike Elder
- c. Board members absent: Chris Fillpot, Goldie Edwards, Leanna Watts
- d. On Duty Staff present: Jackie Hawes, TRL Director
- e. Guests present: TRL Foundation Treasurer, Bobbie Erickson

3. Public Comments

- a. None

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes (April open & closed sessions)
- b. Financial report: General Fund
- c. Financial report: Designated Gifts
- d. Financial report: Approval of Invoices & Checks

Motion by Jane Beal to approve the Consent Agenda

Second by Dan Brigman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

5. Unfinished Business

- a. None

6. New Business

- a. Consider approval of FY26 Board of Trustees meeting dates and locations
 - 7/16/25 Leeton
 - 8/27/25 Warrensburg
 - 9/17/25 Warrensburg
 - 10/15/25 Corder
 - 11/19/25 Knob Noster

- 12/17/25 Warrensburg
- 1/21/26 Warrensburg
- 2/18/26 Concordia
- 3/18/26 Lexington
- 4/15/26 Odessa
- 5/20/26 Holden
- 6/17/26 Waverly

Motion by Heather Jepsen to approve meeting dates and locations for FY26

Second by Jane Beal

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- b. Consider TRL Foundation Board applicants to make appointment to the vacant Johnson County seat

- Delann Lewis
 - Retired teacher

Motion by Jane Beal to approve Delann Lewis to the vacant Johnson County seat on the Trails Regional Library Foundation board

Second by Heather Jepsen

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- c. Consider TRL Board of Trustees applicants to recommend appointment to the upcoming vacant Lafayette County seat

- Rhonda Beerman
 - She would start in July
 - Approval now allows consideration by the county commissioners at one of their next meetings

Motion by Bekki Currier to recommend Rhonda Beerman to the commissioners for approval to serve on the TRL Board of Trustees

Second by Dan Brigman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- d. Consider approval to dispose of a vehicle ladder rack via GovDeals

Motion by Dan Brigman to dispose of the vehicle ladder rack via GovDeals

Second by Jane Beal

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- e. Discussion on Leeton Express Branch

- Funding cuts may mean we need to eliminate this branch as part of TRL. We pay approximately \$12k/yr to support the branch.
 - 16 hours/week, 20 hours/week when open on Saturday
 - Have to give a year notice if we plan to discontinue the partnership
 - Reports being sent, but not received? Nothing reported since the end of last year.
 - Concern was brought about the discrepancy between worrying about \$12k for library services to remain in a small community vs easily approving \$60k for sidewalks that only get used by a handful of people
 - We need to address why the numbers have dropped and what the best course of action would be
 - Director Hawes will reach out to the Leeton Express Branch Manager and the school to invite them to the July meeting for a discussion
- f. Discussion of lump sum payment on Odessa Branch building
- \$110k was budgeted to be pulled out of developmental reserves
 - \$368,637 still owed
 - \$7,036 is approximately what we pay on the Odessa branch loan monthly
 - Carlin Dillon feels some of our projects we have already signed contracts on are luxuries and thinks we need to focus more on making sure we aren't cutting library services

Motion by Heather Jepsen to hold the lump sum payment for the Odessa Branch until we know more how the FY26 budget will come out

Second by Dan Brigman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- g. Discussion on FY26 draft budget
- Conservation PILT & others - tax we end up getting, not figured in tax levy
 - Sidewalks come out of capital expenses
 - Any way to cut down expenses for the courier? Only if we don't run it every day.
 - Is there a danger that Evergreen will be cut from the state budget? Not at this time since they've already approved the budget, but governor could withhold funds.
 - Full \$60k is still in the FY25 emergency fund

7. Announcements

- Public auction on old courier van ends May 20th at 3pm
 - \$6,600 was the final price
- Email from Lexington Branch employee Terri Serviss - Beanstack Reading Challenge - employee recognition has really made an impact

- Slight increase (\$200) to sidewalk project to demolish the old stairs down to North St. sidewalk

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: 7:57pm

Motion by Heather Jepsen to go into Closed Session

Second by Dan Brigman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- b. Time closed session adjourned: 8:15pm

9. Adjournment

- a. Time meeting adjourned to closed session: 7:57pm
- b. Time meeting concluded: 8:15pm

Upcoming Meetings:

June 18, 2025

Odessa Branch