

Meeting Minutes
Trails Regional Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 7:00pm
Odessa Branch, 107 W Mason Odessa, 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: Dan Brigman, Carlin Dillon, Jane Beal, Patty Long, Rhonda Beerman, Mark Krause, Bekki Currier
- b. Board members present online: Heather Jepsen, Claire Wingert-Dudley, Goldie Edwards
- c. Board members absent: n/a
- d. On Duty Staff present: Jackie Hawes, Library Director & Kendra Redden, Odessa Branch Manager (Kendra left after comments)
- e. Guests present: Collette w/ Navigate (left after presentation)

3. Public Comments

- a. Kendra Redden, Odessa Branch Manager
 - i. 10th anniversary party May 9, 2026, 2-4pm, inside & outside activities
 - ii. Busy prepping for summer reading along w/ the anniversary party

4. Consent Agenda

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

Discussion: Concerns w/ Gifts & Reimbursement and Professional Services
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 to hire TrustCentric to facilitate our next strategic planning process

Discussion: OrangeBoy hadn't completed things as promised, ie Strategic Plan, so decision was made to move away from them. TrustCentric was found at a conference - they were impressed by their message "closing the trust gap".

No contract with TrustCentric, just an agreement to partner for strategic planning.

Total cost \$21,500

Motion by Jane Beal to approve to hire TrustCentric to facilitate our next strategic planning process

Second by Rhonda Beerman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

- b. Consider approval to hire Navigate Building Solutions to complete a facility needs assessment (task order #2)

Discussion:

- Collette shared that if we were going to be asking for a tax increase, we have to consider all branches. Cost of Navigate's service is \$26,973 after adding annex & maintenance buildings @ Warrensburg, originally \$24,650 without any Warrensburg assessments
- Projects under \$75k don't require prevailing wage
- We lease: Holden, Corder, Leeton - specific leases would vary regarding things that are our (as the tenant) responsibility
- We own: Warrensburg, Waverly, Odessa, Knob Noster, Lexington, and Concordia
- This cost would come out of Professional Services in 26-27 fiscal year
- Johnson county voted down the tax freeze, but Lafayette did not
- Steifel's part of the presentation was about how much we would have to ask for when asking for a tax increase: \$.02 increase \$2.8 million, \$0.03 \$4.5 million (part of the WB Branch assessment)
- Payment would be divided monthly over the four months of the assessment

Motion by Carlin Dillon to hire Navigate Building Solutions for \$26,973 to complete a facility needs assessment (task order #2)

Second by Dan Brigman

Roll Call Vote

All Ayes - Motion Passed

*Perception of the unhoused & lack of parking are repeated concerns that may affect a future vote.

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

Motion by Bekki Currier to recommend reappointment of Patricia Long to the TRL Board of Trustees for her 2nd term

Second by Jane Beal

Discussion: You're doing an awesome job!

All Ayes - Motion Passed

d. OD 10-year celebration invitation-May 9th from 2-4pm

e. Consider approval of location release for Anomaly Entertainment, Inc.

Motion by Dan Brigman to approve location release for Anomaly Entertainment, Inc.

Second by Bekki Currier

Discussion: They require this, otherwise it is just a usual facility use request.

All Ayes - Motion Passed

f. Consider approval of FY27 meeting dates & locations

Motion by Jane Beal to approve FY27 meeting dates & locations

Second by Rhonda Beerman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

g. Consider approval to close Concordia Branch & Lexington Branch on Thursday, June 4, 2026

Motion by Rhonda Beerman to approve closing Concordia Branch & Lexington Branch on Thursday, June 4, 2026 for special programming coverage at the Odessa Branch

Second by Dan Brigman

Discussion: Dino Encounters

All Ayes - Motion Passed

h. Consider approval to close Holden Branch & Knob Noster Branch on Friday, June 5, 2026

Motion by Rhonda Beerman to approve closing Holden Branch & Knob Noster Branch on Friday, June 5, 2026 for special programming coverage at the Warrensburg Branch

Second by Dan Brigman

Discussion: Dino Encounters event, 3 different shows that day. Holden & Knob Noster staff would go to Warrensburg Branch on June 5; Concordia & Lexington staff would go to Odessa Branch on June 4

All Ayes - Motion Passed

7. Announcements

- National Library Week April 19-25, 2026
- Bekki - Holden & Leeton

- Mark - Waverly & Concordia
- Jane - Odessa
- Claire - Corder
- Dan - Admin Warrensburg
- Patty - Lexington
- Goldie - Knob Noster

8. Adjournment

- a. Time meeting concluded: 8:02pm

Upcoming Meetings:

May 20, 2026	7pm	Holden Branch
June 17, 2026	7pm	Waverly Branch