

Meeting Minutes

Trails Regional Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7:00pm

Waverly Branch, 203 E Kelling, Waverly, MO

1. Call to order

- a. Time meeting began: 7:02pm
- b. Called to order by: Patty Long, Board President

2. Roll Call

- a. Board members present in person: Goldie Edwards, Jane Beal, Claire Wingert-Dudley, Patty Long, Dan Brigman, Mark Krause, and Rhonda Beerman
- b. Board members present online: Carlin Dillon and Heather Jepsen
- c. Board members absent: Bekki Currier (joined meeting at 7:11pm)
- d. On Duty Staff present: Jackie Hawes, Director
- e. Guests present: None

3. Public Comments

- a. Amy Boland, Waverly Branch Manager
 - i. Welcomed the TRL Board of Trustees to the Leeton Express Branch
 - ii. Gave update on SRP programs

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion by Claire Wingert-Dudley to approve the consent agenda

Second by Rhonda Beerman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

5. Unfinished Business

- a. None

6. New Business

- a. Consider approval of Warrensburg Branch Manager credit card with credit limit of \$1K
 - i. New Warrensburg Branch Manager, Matt Kelsey, needs a credit card to make purchases

- ii. All branch managers have a credit card with credit limit of \$500, with the exception of Warrensburg Branch having a limit of \$1K
- iii. Board must approve new credit cards for staff

Motion by Claire Wingert-Dudley to approve a credit card for the new Warrensburg Branch Manager, Matt Kelsey, with a credit limit of \$1K

Second by Rhonda Beerman

All Ayes - Motion Passed

b. Consider approval of the FY27 preliminary budget

- i. Several trustees had questions, and Director Hawes answered their questions.

Motion by Dan Brigman to approve the salary adjustment scale to adjust for compression

Second by Bekki Currier

All Ayes - Motion Passed

c. Discussion on staff appreciation event in August

- i. There was a discussion on the staff survey results that staff conducted at the request of the Board of Trustees.
- ii. Trustee Dillon was opposed to the idea of the Board of Trustees having a staff appreciation event. She does not feel this is a responsibility of the Board of Trustees, and the responsibility should fall on the Director.
- iii. This was a goal set by the Board of Trustees at the Board Retreat in October 2023. Trustee Edwards explained that the Board of Trustees wanted to do something to show appreciation for the staff and to build and/or establish relationships between the Board of Trustees and the staff.
- iv. After discussion, the Board of Trustees would like to:
 - provide a catered lunch for our All Staff Day on October 12th
 - have all trustees attend the event (if possible)
 - surprise the staff with an extra 4 hours of leave
 - form a committee to plan the event

d. Consider forming a committee to plan staff appreciation event

- i. President Long asked for volunteers to serve on the committee
- ii. President Long appointed Mark Krause, Claire Wingert-Dudley, Rhonda Beerman, and Goldie Edwards to this committee

e. Discussion on Trustee Krause's conversation with Johnson County Fire Protection District

- i. The Johnson County Fire Protection District is not interested, at this time, in selling the building next to the Warrensburg Branch. Trustee Krause requested that if they ever do decide to sell that they keep Trails Regional Library in mind.

f. Discussion on Pastor Tim Whitmore's (First Christian Church) visit with Director Hawes

- i. Director Hawes described her visit with Pastor Whitmore.
- ii. The First Christian Church is planning to move ahead with the building demolition and expanding their parking lot. This should create approximately 50 additional parking spaces.
- iii. The First Christian Church would like to know if the TRL Board of Trustees would be interested in partnering on this project.
- iv. The Board of Trustees had a discussion on the topic:
 - Would need an agreement/MOU/contract between the two parties
 - Would like to invite the First Christian Church administration to the TRL Board of Trustees September meeting if they have numbers and more details to discuss with the library.
 - Trustee Jepsen offered to be the go-between with Pastor Whitmore since they are both pastors.

7. Announcements

- Trustee Wingert-Dudley announced that she was pregnant and due in October.
- Johnson County Commissioner Charlie Kavanaugh passed away.
- The Johnson County Commission approved Anthony Albertina's appointment to the library board. His term will begin on July 1st.

8. Consider approval to go into Closed Session 610.021 (1) – Legal actions, causes of actions or litigation involving a public body and any confidential or privileged communications...

Motion by Rhonda Beerman to move into closed session as referenced above.

Second by Dan Brigman

Roll Call Vote: Krause-Yes; Jepsen-Yes; Long-Yes; Dillon-Yes; Edwards-Yes; Currier-Yes; Beerman-Yes; Brigman-Yes; Wingert-Dudley-Yes; and Beal-Yes

All ayes, Motion carried.

Board moved into closed session.

9. Adjournment

- a. Time meeting concluded: 8:37pm