

Scenic Regional Library
Board Minutes – April 15, 2025

Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees met at the Scenic Regional Library Union Branch on April 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Board President Joy Dufrain presided at the meeting. Board members attending the meeting were John Barry, John Cheatham, Bob Niebruegge, Kathi Ham, Sarah Rothermich, Laura Hengstenberg, Martha Lindsley, Carla Robertson and Susan Richardson. Board members Paula Sutton, Karen Holtmeyer and Linda Andrae were absent.

Library Director Steven Campbell, Assistant Library Director Megan Maurer, Director of Business and Human Resources Kjersti Merseal, and Administrative Assistant Bree Hendrickson were also present.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. They were approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Director Campbell stated that there were a few lines in operating lines close to 100% expended, which was expected. He said our revenue is also where it should be at this point in the year. Director Campbell mentioned to the Library Board that he was looking into getting another \$1 million CD for 12 months at United Bank of Union.

Financial Report

Bob Niebruegge made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Martha Lindsley seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried 10-0.

Reports:

Director Campbell informed the Board that as it stands now, it seems that we will be receiving the same funding as last year which was around \$115,000.

A&E Funds

Director Campbell stated that the Secretary of State is advocating for full funding for libraries from the State. He also flew to Washington, D.C., and was lobbying for IMLS funding.

State Funding

The personal property tax bill (HB 903) has not been voted on yet. Director Campbell said that when he spoke to Senator Ben Brown at Library Advocacy Day this year, he said that he did not anticipate this bill moving forward this year.

Personal Property Tax Bill

E-rate is a federal program that provides subsidies to schools and libraries for telecommunications and Internet access. Director Campbell stated that there was a law passed in the last year that allows e-rate funds to be used to pay for Wi-Fi hotspots. This could give the library between \$30,000-\$40,000 a year. Collection Development Manager, Paul Schroeder submitted an application for the grant. We should hear back from them in May.

E-Rate Funds

The concrete work in Warrenton should begin in the next few weeks. Director Campbell anticipates the branch will be closed 2-3 days during this time.

Warrenton Concrete Work

Director Campbell was supposed to have a meeting with the MU Extension Council about the teaching kitchen, but the meeting was postponed until May.

MU Extension

The community garden in Owensville is open and 3 people have already checked out beds.

**Owensville
Community Garden**

There was no unfinished business.

**Unfinished
Business:**

New Business:

Julie Hook, with HOPE for Franklin County Coalition, contacted the library about a Naloxone vending machine for the Sullivan branch. They provided the machine at the St. Clair branch. Director Campbell stated that we have not had any issues with the machine in St. Clair aside from one complaint from a resident. The machine in St. Clair distributed 1,250 boxes of naloxone in the first nine months. Director Campbell asked the Library Board if they had any concerns about accepting the Naloxone machine for the Sullivan branch. The Board expressed no concerns.

**Naloxone Vending
Machine**

Martha Lindsley made a motion to move into executive session. Sarah Rothermich seconded the motion.

**Closed Session-
RSMO 610.021 (3)
Personnel**

There was a roll call vote to move into executive session. John Cheatham- Aye, Bob Niebruegge- Aye, Carla Robertson- Aye, Sarah Rothermich- Aye, Kathi Ham- Aye, Laura Hengstenberg- Aye, Martha Lindsley- Aye, Joy Dufrain- Aye.

The Board moved into executive session at 7:21 PM.

There was a roll call vote to move out of executive session. John Cheatham- Aye, Bob Niebruegge- Aye, Carla Robertson- Aye, Sarah Rothermich- Aye, Kathi Ham- Aye, Laura Hengstenberg- Aye, Martha Lindsley- Aye, Joy Dufrain- Aye.

The Board moved out of executive session at 7:52 PM.

There being no further business, Joy Dufrain adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Adjourn

Secretary

Approved: _____
President, Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: _____