

FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2025

Members of the Fondulac District Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Kolb Memorial Conference Room, 400 Richland Street, East Peoria, IL, for their regular meeting. President Hanks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hanks appointed Mrs. Carbiener Secretary Pro Tem.

On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Carbiener, Mr. Grose, Mrs. Hanks, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Pulling, and Mr. Sherwood. Also present was Mrs. Buhr, Director, and Mrs. Cox, Business Manager. Mr. Swearingen was absent.

Youth Services Specialist Jacob Roberts presented the “Mission Moment” where he discussed the upcoming Big Rig Petting Zoo event.

M/S/P (Pulling/Carbiener) to approve the consent agenda which includes the March 31, 2025, regular board meeting minutes and approval of bills. All present voting ye.

For the Treasurer’s Report, Fund Activity was reported – see attachment to minutes.

Mrs. Buhr presented her Director’s Report. The library has been assigned a new representative from MissionSquare who should be able to help launch the 457b plan to staff soon. Mrs. Buhr also completed an application for FDL to become a FamilySearch affiliate library which would give patrons access to additional genealogical records while within the building. Mrs. Pulling asked about the Library Digital Equity Grant and if there was any way for the library to prevent loss of the hotspots. Mrs. Buhr answered that the hotspots are currently turned off when they go missing but that unfortunately still does not prompt people to return them. There are not great ways to prevent the theft of hotspots.

Correspondence included a copy of the East Peoria Hometown Voice article that the library submitted for April.

In Library Statistics, Mrs. Buhr included a new report pulled from the Library Calendar system that lists all public events held in March, including events that had to be cancelled. She asked the Board to provide feedback regarding this report but believes that it would be good to include in the Board books going forward so we have a preserved record of events.

M/S/P (Grose/Carbiener) to repeal the Reserve Fund Resolution. Mrs. Buhr looked at this resolution while working on financial policies and noticed that it still refers to FDL as a “township library” instead of “district library.” In reaching out to the attorneys it was found that this needs to be fixed to properly reflect the nature of FDL. On roll call, all present voting ye.

M/S/P (Carbiener/Sherwood) to approve adoption of Ordinance No. 25-322: Special Reserve Fund Ordinance. This ordinance replaces the Resolution that was just repealed. It functions the same way as the previous ordinance but with FDL being properly referred to as a "district library." On roll call, all present voting yea.

M/S/P (Sherwood/Pulling) to approve adoption of Ordinance No. 25-323: Special Reserve Fund Plan Ordinance. During attorney review, it was determined that this ordinance needed to be passed after the establishment of Ordinance 25-322 to spell out appropriate uses of the Reserve Fund. On roll call, all present voting yea.

M/S/P (Grose/Humphrey) to approve an additional bond payment. Mrs. Buhr has been closely watching bond income versus what is owed on the bonds. Prepayments have been made but the levy is still collected according to the original schedule. The recommendation before the Board is to pay the remainder of the bond that an extra \$300,000 was paid on last year. On roll call, all present voting yea.

M/S/P (Sherwood/Carbiener) to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. All present voting yea.

Secretary Pro Tem

Approved as _____
May 19, 2025
Recorded by: Rebecca L. Cox