



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 22, AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT; Carrie Allen, President; Randy Turner, Vice President; Leslie Leitner, Secretary; Gary Gillis, Treasurer; Christy Gardner; Maureen Naughtin; Mary Ann Ladendorf; Mary Jane Sours; Tim Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Lambe

President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The MINUTES of the Tuesday, March 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting; Thursday, March 20, Joint Finance and Personnel Committee; and Thursday, April 10, Personnel Committee; were approved as presented. Copies of the minutes and financial reports were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Trustee Williams MOVED to APPROVE the minutes. Trustee Gillis SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Connection  
Upcoming Programs

Emily Lambe updated the Board on programming for May and the Summer Adventure.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

Following discussion, Trustee Leitner MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for March in the amount of \$134,310.26. Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Allen, Turner, Leitner, Gillis, Gardner, Naughtin, Ladendorf, Sours and Williams voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Leitner updated the Board on the last two meetings of the Personnel Committee. The Director's Evaluation has been updated and will be sent to the Board for completion. There will be a joint Personnel and Finance Committee meeting on May 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the library.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Brooks updated the Board on the website progress and showed a video from the website designer on the changes being made to make the website accessible. Garden and landscape bed clean up will take place this spring.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve the Contract for the Garden Fence Project

Trustee Ladendorf MOVED to APPROVE the Garden Fence Contract to Lovewell Fence, Inc., from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund. Trustee Naughtin SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks explained he received six requests for RFP's, and received three proposals. Lovewell came in with the lowest bid after the Classic Fence bid was rejected for failure to meet RFP requirements. On roll call vote, Trustees Allen, Turner, Leitner, Gillis, Gardner, Naughtin, Ladendorf, Sours and Williams voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Approve New Evaluation  
Form for Library Director

Trustee Leitner MOVED to APPROVE the New Evaluation Form for Library Director. Trustee Gardner SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Approve FY2026 Budget

Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE the FY2026 Budget. Trustee Williams SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks noted some new line items and moved some expenses to the new expense line. The 2023 and 2024 audits are expected to be completed this fiscal year. On roll call vote, Trustees Allen, Turner, Leitner, Gillis, Gardner, Naughtin, Ladendorf, Sours and Williams voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Gillis MOVED to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Trustee Leitner SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

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Secretary

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President