

Minutes of the Prairie Skies Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: 10-14-25

Location: Ashland

Trustees present: Jon Klepzig, Rachel Kocis, Diane Hatcher, Jennifer Petefish, Kevin Kesselring.

Trustees Absent: Jan Davis, Bob Butcher

Staff present: Cindy Boehlke, Hunter King

Guests: Jennifer Nass, Toby Nass Helfner, Jodi Canny

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Petefish at 6:00PM.

The agenda was adopted on a motion made by Hatcher, seconded by Kocis and approved by all.

The guests were introduced.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and accepted on a motion made by Hatcher, seconded by Kocis and approved by all.

The financial report was reviewed and Jodi discussed what the board can learn from all of the different financial reports and Jodi answered questions about her duties as well. We also discussed the library's status as a non profit organization and the need for a 990. The financial report for September 2025 was accepted on a motion made by Kocis, seconded by Klepzig and approved by all in a roll call vote.

Roll Call aye: Klepzig, Kocis, Hatcher, Petefish, Kesselring.

Naye: none

Absent: Davis, Butcher

The review of the payment of the bills was approved in a motion made by Kesselring, seconded by Hatcher and approved in a roll call vote.

Roll Call aye: Klepzig, Kocis, Hatcher, Petefish, Kesselring.

Naye: None.

Absent: Davis, Butcher

Boehlke reviewed the Director's report that discussed programming at both locations, meeting updates and building updates. The September statistics were also reviewed.

New Business

Toby Nass Helfer made a presentation to the board about an Eagle Scout project that he would like to complete in Plains. He wants to kill off the grass, place weed barrier, install an edging and place rocks under the solar panels. The board approves the project but asked him to look into seeing how much funds he could raise elsewhere and the board would then look into filling in any amount not raised. His quote for the project was \$1,423.68. After the discussion, he will investigate stone for the edging and look at other funding sources.

The Illinois Standards for Public Libraries was reviewed with Boehlke providing a list of items that we did not achieve. The board discussed some solutions and their thoughts on some of the other standards. The Standards are meant to be a guide, not a requirement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hatcher, seconded by Klepzig and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 by Treasurer Kesselring. Secretary Petefish had to leave the meeting early.

Submitted by Cindy Boehlke 10-15-25.