

Mexico-Audrain County Library District
Minutes for Board of Trustee's Monthly Meeting
April 16, 2025

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ruth Williams at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Karen Mossman, Kathleen Robnett, Becky Schafer, Sue Waechter, John Walker, Glenda Williams, and Ruth Williams.

Members absent: None.

Also present: Library Director, Christal Bruner; Farber Branch Manager, Brenda Gower; and Secretary to the Board, Monica Taylor.

Fran Robley, new Board member from Mexico, was welcomed. Fran will join the Personnel Committee.

Patron concerns: None.

Approval of bills and minutes:

Approval of March bills with a motion by Schafer, second by Walker; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Mossman, Robley, Robnett, Schafer, Waechter, Walker, and G. Williams.

Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Approval of March minutes with a motion by Waechter, second by Robnett; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Mossman, Robley, Robnett, Schafer, Waechter, Walker, and G. Williams.

Abstain: President Ruth Williams

Monthly Reports:

Director's Report – sent in packet

Statistical Report – sent in packet

Committee reports:

Finance/Endowment/Investment Fund Committee

Robnett and Walker

Nothing new to report.

Property/Equipment/Building Committee

Schafer and Waechter

Mexico handrail project will be finished soon pending weather conditions.

Personnel Committee

Mossman and G. Williams

Due to a variety of pending legislation that could negatively impact library funding in a major way, there is a great deal of uncertainty about future revenue. The committee recommends a wage/salary freeze for the 2026 budget year. It was decided to table the vote until the next meeting which will take place after the legislative session ends.

Due to the implementation of the Senior Tax Credit in Audrain County, as well as many other pending cuts to library funding, we are looking for ways to trim costs in all areas. Currently Mexico and Vandalia are open until 1:00 on Saturday, while Farber, Laddonia, and Martinsburg close at noon. Schafer made a motion to adjust Saturday hours so that Mexico and Vandalia close at the same time as the other branches. Walker seconded the motion. Yes votes from Mossman, Robley, Robnett, Schafer, Waechter, Walker, and G. Williams. Abstain: President Ruth Williams
Beginning June 7th all branches will close at noon on Saturday.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: None.

Staff concerns: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion by Walker, second by Waechter; motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Mossman, Robnett, Schafer, Waechter, Walker, G. Williams and R. Williams.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., May 21st, 2025 at the Laddonia Library.