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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sue Waechter at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Mindy Nasir, Fran Robley, Becky Schafer, John Walker, and Glenda Williams

Members absent: Kathleen Robnett and Ruth Williams

Also present: Library Director, Christal Bruner and Secretary to the Board, Monica Taylor.

Patron concerns: None.

Approval of bills and minutes:

Approval of June bills with a motion by Walker, second by Robley; motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Nasir, Robley, Schafer, Walker, and G. Williams.

Abstain: Acting President, VP Sue Waechter

Approval of June minutes with a motion by Schafer, second by Walker; motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Nasir, Robley, Schafer, Walker, and G. Williams.

Abstain: Acting President, VP Sue Waechter

Monthly Reports:

Director's Report – sent in packet

Statistical Report – sent in packet

Committee reports:

Finance/Endowment/Investment Fund Committee Robnett and Walker

Property/Equipment/Building Committee Nasir – Schafer - Waechter

Personnel Committee Robley and G. Williams

Unfinished business: None.

New business:

Due to continuing efforts to reduce property tax in Missouri, many libraries are looking at sales tax as a "backup plan" to compensate for some of the anticipated lost revenue. The current library sales tax law would need to be amended to include Audrain County, and several libraries have discussed collaborating on this project. If our county is added to the law, it means that the Board would be able to ask Audrain County voters to approve a sales tax in the future if they feel it is necessary. What we're doing is only the first of three steps: 1) added to law; 2) Board approves asking voters; 3) voters decide.

Motion by Walker to add the Mexico-Audrain County Library District to the list of libraries that would like their county to be added to the state library law for sales tax eligibility; second by Schafer; motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Nasir, Robley, Schafer, Walker, and G. Williams. Abstain: Acting President, VP Sue Waechter

Motion by Walker to approve updated Meeting Room forms for Mexico and Vandalia; second by G. Williams; motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Nasir, Robley, Schafer, Walker, and G. Williams. Abstain: Acting President, VP Sue Waechter

Staff concerns: None.

<u>Other:</u> Robley reported that the library is signed up to host a Chamber After Hours event on a Tuesday in March of 2026. We will firm up details as we get closer to that time.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. with a motion by Walker, second by Robley; motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Nasir, Robley, Schafer, Walker, and G. Williams. Abstain: Acting President, VP Sue Waechter

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., August 20th, 2025 at the Mexico Library.