

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: August 11, 2025 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Phyllis Karpus, Karin Edwards, Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Christina Krost, Jamie Golladay, Greg Ray

Board Members Absent: Harold Pettigrew, Jacob Kimery

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr

Other Present: Christian Labeck

Consent Agenda: Motion by Karpus, second by Righter, to approve consent agenda, which consists of July meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Motion carried.

Presentation: Christian Labeck of Earthwise Energy presented to the board on his company's local activities and proposed \$100,000 donation to our library. The board discussed having more flexibility on use of the grant.

Action Items: Motion by Karpus, second by Ray to approve annual SHARE agreement with Illinois Heartland Library System for \$13,831. Motion carried.

Motion by Righter, second by Edwards to approve Public Works department recommendation to cut the ash tree in the front lawn at no cost to the library. Motion carried.

Motion by Krost, second by Golladay to approve agreement with the Sheridan Group to print 1,000 hardcover books on the Big Dig for \$11,146. Motion carried.

Program report: The board heard updates on the upcoming Debra Miller presentation, the Manhattan Short program and a review of Summer Read from Community Engagement Director de Buhr. De Buhr also presented ideas for the annual fundraiser set for November 19.

Director's Report: Walworth reported on plans to research potential ways to use a possible estate gift.

He also provided an update on the Charleston Avenue construction project, the literacy program and the most recent newsletter.

Adjournment: Motion by Righter, second by Ray to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Next meeting: September 8, 2025