Monroe Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2025

Location: Monroe Library

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Nicki Tapps, Beccy Ver Heul, Stacie McCoy, Rachel Purvis, Kristina Cimaglia

Staff: Mallory Hackett

Guest: n/a

Approval of Minutes

Stacie McCoy moved to approve the minutes from September 3, 2025. Seconded by Beccy Ver Heul. Motion carried.

Bills and Financial Statements

Bills and financial statements were presented.

Nicki Tapps moved to approve payment of bills through September 30, 2025. Seconded by Kristina Cimaglia. Motion carried.

The new shelter for behind the building, and several new books were ordered for the collection.

Director's Report

September Stats:

408 patrons entered the library

8 new patrons

550 items checked in

506 items checked out

239 renewals

85 new items added to collection (notably donated romance novels)

198 website visits (516 interactions)

31 program attendees

Created monthly book ordering log to research patron requests, new and upcoming books.

Unfinished Business

Shelter/Landscaping Update (Jasper Community Foundation Grant) Topic carried forward to November 5 meeting.

- Shelter kit was ordered and delivered
- Mallory is working with Marc to coordinate building plans
- There is approximately \$200 grant funds remaining; need to decide the best use of funds.

Trustee Training in Prairie City on October 20

- Training is at the Prairie City Library from 6-8pm
- Potluck dinner; bring a dish to share

New Business

Albert and Vera Clement Trust proposal:

- Requested \$14,000 for improvements, including a handicap door, sidewalk, outdoor seating and books.
- We will hear if our proposal has been accepted in December 2025.

Halloween Party:

- Games and crafts on 10/16 5-6pm
- Advertised online and around town

Gathering Place Connecting the Community Event:

• Mallory will be reading to 2nd graders in October and 1st graders in November

Evening Book Club:

- Begins 10/2 and will occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month going forward
- Several patrons have signed up and shown interest.

State annual survey:

- Due at the end of October
- Mallory is working on gathering data.

Next Meeting

Date: November 5, 2025

Time: 4:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by general consent at 5:00 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Nicki Tapps, Board Secretary