

Boulder Junction Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
May 8, 2025 – 5:30pm

Call to Order: Murphy Blank called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call of Members: Members present were Dennis Aukstik, Nancy Harvey, Ellen Murphy Blank, Lanette Nelson and Laura Sass.

Library Director, Cherie Sanderson, was also present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

Children's Program Assistant/Library Assistant, Kate Frisk, was also present.

Recognition of Visitors/Comments: None.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Aukstik to approve the agenda as presented with the Chair's discretion to move the order of items on the agenda. Motion seconded by Murphy Blank. Motion carried.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Sass to approve the April 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Aukstik. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Harvey presented the March and April Treasurer's Reports. The balance in the "5311" checking account at the end of April was \$31,369.85. The balance in the "1012" account at the end of April was \$18,507.57. The balance in Reading Garden designated funds at the end of April was \$2,473.94. Total funds held by the board at the end of April is \$49,877.42. Murphy Blank accepted the report to be placed on file for audit.

Audit and Approval of Bills and Credit Card Transactions: Sanderson reviewed the bills to be paid. Bills to be paid by the library board total \$839.28. Bills to be paid by the Town total \$125.47. Bills already paid by the Town total \$7285.89. Bills to be paid by the Friends total \$1966.32. Motion by Aukstik to approve payment of the bills as presented with payment to Marco when the statement is received. Motion seconded by Sass. Motion carried.

Director's Monthly Report (taken directly from the report handed out at the meeting):

Circulation and Usage Statistics: See attached report.

Friends of the Library Update: The Friends meeting was Wednesday, May 7 at 1pm (one week earlier than usual). They updated their by-laws. They have also begun the process of ordering more history books. Used Book Sales start June 3rd.

Children's Programming Updates: April was a busy month for us! We did delay the start of Lighted Schoolhouse due to initial low sign-up but started on the 14th with 6 students. No session was held on the 21st due to Easter break and no session will be held Memorial Day. The last session will be on June 2nd as school lets out that

Friday for summer. The Lions' Bunny Brunch on the 12th had a great turnout and we received a lot of compliments on our activities which included building a graham cracker peep house as well as a peek-a-book chick and egg craft. A new book walk is up (though we are somehow missing a bookstand on the Northeast side of the ball diamond). The Earth Fair had a good number of kids show up to do our activities as well as visit the vendors with their families. Kate plans to come up with a better way for kids to have a good time with the door prize raffle as the prizes weren't really kid friendly. Summer programming is almost finalized - Kate is waiting on the Discovery Center to put together a name and description for what they are planning on doing for their program before final promotional materials are made. The state discontinued the contract with Beanstack, the reading tracking app we used last summer. Kate and Cherie looked into an individual contract with Beanstack and a competitor app, but both were pricey even with discounts. Kate will be trying to use a free website called The Great Reading Adventure that was developed in Arizona. There is no app but the website is very mobile friendly and the interface is very similar to how Beanstack works.

Adult Programming Updates: Programming has geared up again as we approach summer. See offerings below. I have filled most program slots for this summer but may be adding some author visits.

NWLS/NWLN Updates: Jackee Johnson's position is still not being filled. I will continue to forward emails with updates about IMLS funding and how that affects state and system funding/cuts.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

- May Art in the Library has not been filled – student art will remain up
- June Art in the Library is Leah Chayer
- Tuesday Tech Time – every Tuesday from 2-4pm
- Boulder Junction Book Club – 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
- Books & Brews Book Club – 1st Wednesday at 7 pm at Aqualand (sometimes other dates/locations)
- Mah Jongg – every Monday from 1-4 pm
- Chat 'n Craft Club – every first and third Wednesday from 10am to Noon
- Northern Waters Genealogical Society - 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
- Boulder Junction Music Gathering – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5 pm
- Meditation Sessions – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:30am (through June?)
- Flea Market Used Book Sales Tuesdays – June 3 – August 26
- Book Bike at Music on Main on Wednesday nights June 18-August 13
- Tuesday, May 13 – Intro to Kanopy Class from 1-2pm
- Wednesday, May 14 – Felt Dryer Ball Workshop from 10am to Noon
- Monday, May 19 – Vilas County ADRC Memory Check Ups from 10am to 12pm
- Tuesday, May 20 – Intro to Transparent Languages Class from 1-2pm
- Tuesday, May 20 – Library closing at 4pm
- Tuesday, May 20 – Volunteer Appreciation Party at 5pm
- Wednesday, May 21 – Volunteer Training Meeting at 1:30pm
- Thursday, May 22 – OurStory History program with Matt Christoff at 7pm
- Monday, May 26 – Closed for Memorial Day

- Tuesday, May 27 – Tips to Tackle Technology Class from 1-2pm
- Tuesday, May 27 – Town Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- Saturday, May 31 – Children’s Book Author Terri Leedom at 10:30am
- Monday, June 2 – Summer Hours Start
- Wednesday, June 4 – Vilas County ADRC Caregiver Roadmap Event from 1-4pm
- Wednesday, June 4 – Gardening Webinar Attracting Hummingbirds at 6:30pm
- Thursday, June 12 – Identity Theft with Jeff Kersten at 10:30am
- Thursday, June 12 – Library Board Meeting at 4pm
- Tuesday, June 17 – DNR Wildlife Biologist at 7pm
- Tuesday, June 24 – Town Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- Thursday, June 26 – OurStory History program with Kay Krans at 7pm
- Friday, July 4 – Library Closed but we’ll be in the parade
- Wednesday, July 9 – Friends of the Library Meeting at 8:30am
- Thursday, July 10 – Library Board Meeting at 4pm
- Thursday, July 10 – John Bates at 7pm
- Saturday, July 19 – Vilas County L&W AIS program from 11am-Noon
- Monday, July 21 – Author Sara Rath at 7pm
- Tuesday, July 22 – Town Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- Thursday, July 24 – OurStory History Program with Jim Bokern at 7pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION):

- Discussion and Possible Action – Reading Garden Update – Approval of Garden Fence Purchase:** Motion by Murphy Blank to spend up to \$300 on materials to create a deer fence for the soon-to-be renovated section of the Reading Garden. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.
- Discussion and Possible Action – Art in the Library Update – Upcoming Openings:** November and December are still open. No action taken.
- Discussion and Possible Action –2025 Operations Calendar Monthly Review:** Current items were reviewed. No action taken.
- Discussion and Possible Action – Director Goals – Q1 Programming Tracking, Book Bike Volunteer Support:** Frisk and Sanderson shared the new program tracking section on the monthly report. Book Bike volunteers were also discussed. No action taken.
- Discussion and Possible Action – Trustee Term Renewals and Appointment to Fill Upcoming Vacancy:** Harvey and Sass are up for re-appointment. One application has been received for the trustee vacancy. Tabled to June meeting. No action taken.
- Discussion and Possible Action – IMLS Funding Updates and Advocacy Requests:** Discussion of the IMLS shutdown/funding cut situation and current advocacy actions that have been taking place. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION):

- Discussion and Possible Action – Volunteer Appreciation Party Planning/Task Assignments:** The board discussed who would be assigned to each task. No action taken.

Set Date and Time for the Next Meeting: The next regular meeting date will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 4pm.

Adjourn: Murphy Blank adjourned the meeting by consent at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Cherie Sanderson on June 6, 2025