

Boulder Junction Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
July 10, 2025 – 4:00 pm

Call to Order: Interim President Laura Sass called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Roll Call of Members: Members present were Dennis Aukstik, Nancy Harvey, Lanette Nelson, Herman Peterson, 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 present.

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 Harvey. Motion carried.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Harvey to approve the June 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Aukstik. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Sass and other board members welcomed Herman Peterson to his first board meeting. Motion by Aukstik to approve the slate of officers as follows: Sass, President; Aukstik, Vice-President; Harvey, Treasurer; Nelson, Secretary; and Peterson, Member-at-Large. Motion seconded by Sass. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Harvey presented the June Treasurer's Reports. The balance in the "5311" checking account at the end of June was \$26,559.20. The balance in the "1012" account at the end of June was \$18,634.19. The balance in Reading Garden designated funds at the end of June was \$2,474.94. The balance of the CD at the end of June was \$25,195.68. Total funds held by the board at the end of June is \$68,428.39. Sass 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 \$523.13. Bills to be paid by the Town total \$197.05. Bills already paid by the Town total \$5,926.14. Bills to be paid by the Friends total \$5,221.10. Motion by Aukstik to approve payment of the bills as presented with payment to Marco when the statement is received. Motion seconded by Peterson. 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 Used Book Sale has been doing very well! Lauren is tweaking the Taste of Boulder Junction auction/raffles and will announce the changes soon. The Friends met on Wednesday, July 9. Their next meeting is in September – date to be decided.

Children's Programming Updates: Summer programming has kicked off with a great start! We are averaging over thirty participants for the Wednesday sessions and currently have 22 signed up for the reading challenge - though more may be tracking without the app. Music on Main has been rained out once so far and had one slow week with almost no children in attendance, but July 2nd made up for the lack with 18 books being handed out! No further news on the Little Forest School as of yet. A new book went into the book walk during the 4th that focuses on the importance of parks in a community. Speaking of the book walk, there is no word on the missing stand. We re-numbered the stands while putting in the new book and we have made the decision to keep the gap as is for the remainder of the year.

Adult Programming Updates: Programming is underway and going well. See listing below. More author visits have been added in August. Thinking about fall programming already!

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:

- July Art in the Library is Glennes Youngbauer (quilts)
- August Art in the Library will be Jim Arnold (underwater photography)
- September Art in the Library will be Kate Reichl (astrophotography)
- Tuesday Tech Time – every Tuesday from 2-4pm by appointment only
- 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
- Flea Market Used Book Sales Tuesdays – June 3 – August 26
- Book Bike at Music on Main on Wednesday nights June 11-August 13
- Summer Library Program on Wednesdays at 10:30am from June 18-August 6
- 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
- July 30-August 4 – Cherie PTO
- Thursday, August 7 – Author Ted Rulseh at 7pm
- Friday, August 8 – Getting Excited about Science at 10:30am at NL Discovery Center

- Monday, August 11 – Author Suzie Hunt at 7pm
- Thursday, August 14 – Library Board Meeting at 4pm
- Tuesday, August 19 – Author Judy DuCharme at 7pm
- Tuesday, August 26 – Town Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- Thursday, August 28 – OurStory History Program at 7pm – TBA
- Saturday, September 6 – Getting Started on Your Genealogy Workshop 10am-Noon

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION):

- Discussion and Possible Action – Reading Garden Update:** Thank you's were expressed to Sue Fehlandt and Laura Sass for their help with the garden. Discussion about plants that need to be replaced/removed, need for a detailed plan from NLDC so we know what is planted and where, and request to get an invoice from NLDC. No action taken.
- Discussion and Possible Action – Art in the Library Update:** 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 – Q2 Tracking:** Frisk and Sanderson explained the statistics database that is being used. No action taken.
- Discussion and Possible Action – Succession Planning Update:** Discussion of when to make the official announcement. Aukstik would like this item to remain on all future agendas. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION):

- Discussion and Possible Action – Review Circulation Policy:** Motion by Sass to approve the Circulation policy with changes as discussed. Motion seconded by Aukstik. Motion carried.
- Discussion and Possible Action – Check Copies/Fines Balance Held by the Town:** Sanderson presented the current account balance received from Dan Driscoll. No action taken.

Set Date and Time for the Next Meeting: The next regular meeting date will be held on Thursday, August 14 at 4pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Nelson to adjourn at 5:41pm. Motion seconded by Aukstik. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Cherie Sanderson on July 23, 2025