

Odell Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The February 12, 2025 board meeting opened at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Board members present were Marc Adami, Judy Deter, Larry Jackson, Anne Mills, Melissa Nyboer, Chris VanderLeest, Becky West, and Jess Wroble. Acting Director Lisa Boles and Children's Librarian, Katie Rider, were also present.

Public Comment: JD Benko, the Hiring Committee's recommendation for the position of Library Director introduced himself.

General Business: A) Minutes of the January 8, 2025 board meeting was filed as submitted. B) Bills in the amount of \$11,464.30 were approved. Motion by Nyboer, second by Jackson. (Roll call vote-Adami yes, Deter yes, Jackson yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanderLeest yes, West yes, Wroble yes) C) The Treasurer's report was filed as submitted. D) Katie Rider gave an update on the Odell Public Library Friends. Lisa Boles informed the board about her actions concerning Hot Spots that have not been returned. The Director's Report was filed as submitted.

Unfinished Business: The Hiring Committee recommended the hiring of JD Benko as the new director of Odell Public Library. West moved that the board hire JD Benko at a full-time position, working approximately 24-35 hours per week, not to exceed an average of 35 hours per week at a rate of \$19.25 per hour with a start date of March 3, 2025. It was noted that Mr. Benko has declined the offer of Health Insurance as provided by the City of Morrison. Second by Wroble. (Roll call vote-Adami yes, Deter yes, Jackson yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanderLeest yes, West yes, Wroble yes)

New Business: A) The board welcomed Larry Jackson as a new Trustee to the Odell Public Library. B) VanderLeest will be meeting with the Friends of the Odell Public Library on Monday, March 3 to explain Odell's budget and the plan to keep the Mitick endowment invested in CD's, placing the interest earned in the General Fund to be used for operating expenses. She will also present a "Needs List" which includes needed repairs, long-term needs, and items and services to be considered. This is a list that will help in the development of long term and short-term goals for the library. C) The new director and the board president will need to complete certification as FOI designees. (Adami completed training shortly after the meeting) D) Nyboer completed certification as an OMA designee for the board.

Closed session: none

Board Ideas/Concern: none

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm, motion by West, second by Mills (passed with a voice vote)

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Nyboer, Secretary