

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

The March 12, 2025 board meeting opened at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Board members present were Marc Adami, Judy Deter, Anne Mills, Melissa Nyboer, Chris VanderLeest, Nora Wenzel, and Becky West. Acting Director Lisa Boles was present. JD Benko was also present.

Public Comment: JD Benko thanked the Board for giving him the job as director, but explained that he felt it was not in the best interest of the Library or for himself to continue in the position.

General Business: A) Minutes of the February 12, 2025 board meeting was filed as submitted. B) Bills in the amount of \$9,918.52 were approved. Motion by VanderLeest, second by West. (Roll call vote-Adami yes, Deter yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanderLeest yes, Wenzel yes, West yes) C) The Treasurer's report was filed as submitted. D) The Director's Report was filed as submitted. The Odell Public Library Friends' Report was discussed.

Unfinished Business: VanderLeest reported that her meeting with the Friends' group went well. She informed the board that the Friends' group is going to pay the yearly Prairie Cat fee of \$10,158.98/year.

New Business: A) JD Benko has resigned the position of Library Director. B) The Hiring Committee recommended the hiring of Christina Snyder as the new director of Odell Public Library. Nyboer moved that the board hire Snyder as 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 and to include the cost of individual health insurance as provided by the City of Morrison. A start date is to be determined. Second by Deter. (Roll call vote-Adami yes, Deter yes, Mills yes, Nyboer yes, VanderLeest yes, Wenzel yes, West yes) C) Each board member received a Statement of Economic Interests to be filed with the Whiteside County Clerk by the end of May 2025.

Closed session: none

Board Ideas/Concern: none

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm, motion by West, second by Wenzel (passed with a voice vote)

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Nyboer, Secretary