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GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, August 18, 2026
5:30 PM

Location: Kremmling Library or Zoom
Meeting ID: 863 4751 3182
Passcode: gMNz7j

MINUTES

Trustees: Jeremy Krones, Jen Goertz, Jennifer Tibbetts, L Jones, Erika Cohen, Miriam Roskam
Staff: Mary Ann Degginger, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Emily Pedersen
Public: Joe Farstad, Elizabeth Bauer, Deric Duerst Jones

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Jeremy Krones.
Absent – Alan Walker

II. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Jen Goertz motion; Miriam Roskam 2nd
Approved

5:35 p.m.

III. Consent Agenda:
A. July Regular Meeting Board Minutes
B. Correspondence
Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Miriam Roskam motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd
Approved

5:40 p.m.

IV. Reports
A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
Book sale in Grand Lake was successful. A membership drive is being conducted to recruit new members. An article in Sky-Hi News ran this week.
B. Public Comment
None

5:50 p.m.

V. Business Items
A. Kremmling Library Update
Emily Pedersen welcomed Trustees to the library and summarized activities, projects, and outreach happening in the branch. Staff have been glad to be involved in the design of the new library.
B. Kremmling Library Project Owner's Representative Report

Joe Farstad of Wember, Inc. gave the monthly report on the status of the Kremmling Library Project. A summary of the Project Update Report dated 8/12/2026 was given. Budget alignment is the primary focus currently. Structure and select finishes are being reviewed along with utilities, concrete systems, and mechanical systems to find areas for saving. This is a normal part of the design process. Farstad fielded questions from Trustees.

C. West Grand School District Presentation

Elizabeth Bauer, Superintendent, gave a presentation about the school district's capital construction grant, which is a matching grant. The district is responsible for a local match of $13.3M. They are asking for current level of investment, with no tax increases needed. Proposed improvements include renovations to the Jr/Sr High School, fire protection, secure entries, infrastructure systems, and accessibility and ADA upgrades. Bauer fielded questions from Trustees.

D. Review by Executive Director of July GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Degginger gave a review of July's action plan progress including projects, programs, events, and statistics. The Summer Library Program theme was fun, and people enjoyed the activities and programs provided. Outreach events have ramped up so the Library can be as visible as possible. Back-to-school teacher outreach events are happening. The fundraising committee has been meeting to develop plans for upcoming needs. United for Libraries, through the state, is available to staff members and Board members. More information is coming soon. General circulation for July was up 17.8% from the same time last year. Games have been very popular; Library of Things items are moving nicely. Anthony is working on scheduling updates to the Verkada system at all locations. One Grand Book events are being publicized in anticipation of Ben Goldfarb's visit in October.

E. Meeting Calendar

1. September 9-11 CALCON Conference (Aurora)
2. September 15 BoT Meeting at Granby Library
3. October 13 BoT Meeting at Granby Library

F. 2027 Budget Discussion and Reserve Allocations

Tara Thompson facilitated an initial discussion for 2027 budget planning. There are different budgeting models that could be considered. Historically, we have operated using zero-based budgeting versus incremental budgeting. Reserve allocations must also be considered, how they are earmarked and utilized. Thompson solicited discussion from the Board regarding use of available reserve funds.

G. Window covering proposal

Review of pricing options for capital project approval. Degginger summarized the need for window coverings at three locations including Fraser Valley, Granby, and Juniper. Updated quotes have been received. Grand County Interiors quote includes installation, and The Shade Store's quote does not. The project is coming close to budget with the quotes received. Grand County Interiors has been selected as a local business to complete the project.

H. Strategic Plan 2027-2030

Degginger summarized the draft of the new Strategic Plan for consideration by the Board. This document was developed with the assistance of Rob Cullin from ReThinking Libraries as well as staff, community, and Board member feedback. Plan includes well-defined GCLD Values, which are new to the organization. Four focus areas were identified including goals and key initiatives. Board members asked questions and provided feedback.

I. November Ballot update

Degginger gave a report on the ballot process and timeline. We have signed an MOU with the County Clerk to alert them that we would like to be on the ballot. Proposed ballot language provided by lawyers was shared. Every Library has provided a document to assist Board members and staff during the public education process. Every Library offered to come to a meeting to provide training. Marketing plan is being developed along with written materials and signage. The project timeline was shared.

7:45 p.m.

VI. Action Items

A. Vote for expenditure for window covering capital project

Motion to approve the expenditure for window covering capital project with Grand County Interiors as presented in the quotation.

Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Jen Goertz 2nd

Approved

B. Vote for adoption of 2027-2030 Strategic Plan

Motion to adopt the proposed 2027-2030 Strategic Plan pending the recommended edits from meeting discussion.

Jen Goertz motion; L Jones 2nd

Approved

C. Vote to approve resolution 2026-08-01of ballot language

Motion to approve resolution 2026-08-01 for ballot language pending legal review and formatting.

Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Miriam Roskam 2nd

Approved

8:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.