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GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Rescheduled Regular Meeting, May 26, 2026
5:30 PM

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

MINUTES

Trustees: Jeremy Kronen, Jen Goertz, Alan Walker, Erika Cohen, Jennifer Tibbetts, L Jones
Staff: Mary Ann Degginger, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell
Friends: Judy Smith
Public: DJ Wells, Joe Farstad

Board of Trustees Meeting

5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting called to order at 5:42 p.m.
Absent – Miriam Roskam
- II. Amendments to the Agenda
Finance committee would like to add discussion about capital budgeted items for security systems – Grand Lake location and multiple community room doors.
Second is an update on the Wपुरा Tax Incremental Financing project to be included in the executive director's regular update.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Alan Walker motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
Approved

5:35 p.m.

- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. April Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 - B. May Strategic Planning Workshop Minutes
 - C. Correspondence*Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.*
Erika Cohen motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd
Approved

5:40 p.m.

- V. Reports
 - A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
Judy Smith provided an update. The Grand Lake progressive dinner has been postponed, with the hope of hosting the event in the fall. Reminder – July 4th Book Sale will be held at Granby Library on Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Last year this event brought in over

\$2,000 during the four hour sale. All branches, except Hot Sulphur Springs, will receive book donations during business hours. There was a question presented about the closure of Midtown Café and the retrieval of the book collection. Judy is still waiting for a response from the former business owners.

B. Public Comment

None

5:50 p.m.

VI. Business Items

A. Kremmling Library Project Owner's Representative Report

Joe Farstad of Wember, Inc. introduced himself prior to DJ Wells' report on the Kremmling Library project. There have been two large design meetings over the past couple of weeks. Building location was considered, and a concept plan has been distributed to the list of potential General Contractors. There are many good candidates for this role. Proposals from GC's are due mid-end of June. Candidates will be shortlisted and interviewed. The goal is to make a recommendation for the July Board meeting. The design process will continue during GC solicitation. Square footage of the building has been considered and increased to 9,000 square feet. The overall project budget is consistent with original projections. Trustees asked questions specific to budget considerations regarding unexpected contingencies; Farstad and Wells provided clarification.

B. Review by Executive Director of April GCLD Department Highlights Statistics

Mary Ann Degginger gave a review of the past month's strategic plan progress including projects, events, and statistics for the month of April. Town meetings have been successful; thank you to Trustees who have been able to attend. Town meetings for Kremmling and Hot Sulphur Springs will be scheduled in the fall. Kudos to Tara for her AFA presentation to the Finance Committee. Financial Consultant has been hired. Active Shooter trainings have been happening in all the buildings.; walk-throughs with the Sheriff's Department have been helpful. An infographic produced from PLAR was shared; it provides valuable talking points for advocacy in the community. The annexation packet for the Kremmling Library project has been accepted by the Town of Kremmling. The Charette design process for the new library was successful, and an agency plan is complete. An update of the WPURA TIF agreement was given; the GCLD proposal was approved and signed. We have begun designing the new website with a goal to go live later in June.

C. Meeting Calendar

1. May 31 Juniper Library 20th Anniversary Celebration
2. June 16 BoT Meeting at Juniper Library – Jeremy Krones absent
3. June 17 Regional SDA Workshop – Mary Ann Degginger
4. June 27 Granby Library 20th Anniversary Celebration
5. July 21 BoT Meeting at Hot Sulphur Springs Library
6. August 18 BoT Meeting at Kremmling Library

D. Summer Library Program Update

Chris Newell provided an update on the spring programs happening across the Library District. She gave an overview of the Summer Library Program. This year's theme: Unearth a Story. Many performers and special programs are planned for the summer.

E. Security system updates

Two projects are being considered. First, \$16,100 for Grand Lake to install Verkada system for keypad entry to bring Juniper Library up to similar security standards for all buildings. Second, Verkada will be used to update community room doors in three locations to bring them online with the rest of the security system. \$13,900 is the new quote for this project. This meets goals of safety and security for the organization. Finance committee provided information about these projects.

6:50 p.m.

VII. Action Items

7:21 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Grand County Library Foundation Meeting

7:21 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m.

Absent – Miriam Roskam

II. Amendments to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Erika Cohen motion; Alan Walker 2nd

Approved

7:25 p.m.

IV. Business Items

A. Grand County Library Foundation Business Items

1. Fundraising Consultant

The search for a Fundraising Consultant has not been successful. As a result, Virgil Scott is recommended for this position. He has been in conversation with Degginger regarding the roles and expectations. There is proof of due diligence for this hire. There is a need for a feasibility study regarding fundraising. The study would help develop a case for support of the Foundation and its work. There was discussion regarding the need for and timing of hiring a consultant.

2. Anniversary Celebrations

Degginger shared plans for upcoming celebrations for the 20th anniversaries of both Juniper and Granby Libraries. Juniper's party will be held May 31, 2-4 p.m. – 40 RSVPs have been received to date; events include gourmet hot dogs, cake, and live music. Granby's party is scheduled for June 27, 2-4 p.m. Planning is in the works – open house style. Theme: 20 Years & Growing.

Kudos to Kristin Hanson for pulling everything together and advertising both.

V. Action Items

A. *Motion to approve Virgil Scott's proposal to conduct a Fundraising Feasibility Study.*

Erika Cohen motion; Jen Goertz 2nd

There was discussion about the project and proposal.

Vote taken - 5 in favor, 1 opposed.

Motion passed.

7:55 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.