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GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, October 13, 2026
5:30 PM

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

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Trustees: Jeremy Krones, Alan Walker, Erika Cohen, Jennifer Tibbetts, L Jones, Miriam Roskam
Staff: Mary Ann Degginger, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Jeanette McQuade, Marcus Davis
Friends: Judy Smith
Public: Joe Farstad, Tallie Gray, Cindy Schinzel Hald, Virgil Scott, Emma Zande, Kathe Merken

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jeremy Krones.
Absent – Jen Goertz

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

5:35 p.m.

III. Consent Agenda:
A. September Regular Meeting Minutes
B. Correspondence - none
Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Alan Walker motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
Approved

5:40 p.m.

IV. Reports
A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
Judy Smith reported. $28,975 has been approved to support the 2027 Summer Library Program, 100 Books Before Graduation, and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. These program requests were funded in full. In five years, $125,650 has been donated to support library programs. Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m. at Granby Library, is the annual membership meeting. All are invited.
B. Public Comment
None

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V. Business Items

A. Kremmling Library Project Owner's Representative Report

Monthly report on the status of the Kremmling Library Project was given by Joe Farstad of Wember, Inc. The group is working through the design development phase. There are many opportunities on the table. Builder will price in principal with decisions to move forward based on committee discussion. Price of tube steel and beams has gone up significantly. We have moved from a steel frame design to wood structure. Aesthetics will not be affected. The goal is to have a fully developed design in place in early November. They are checking all the boxes to satisfy all criteria for going to final review. It may not be advantageous to begin breaking ground in February. We will still be honoring the originally projected completion date and timelines. Staging and further purchasing activities will continue to take place prior to actual groundbreaking in early spring. Questions were asked and answered.

B. Review by Executive Director of September GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Degginger provided a summary of the past month's strategic plan progress including projects, events, and statistics. The September library card sign-up initiative garnered 200 new library card holders. We will be celebrating another Career Online High School graduate later in October. Ben Goldfarb's One Grand Book presentation was well received. Wicked Good Time is in the works for Trick-or-Treat Mainstreet on October 30. GCLD was out in the community for a variety of outreach and collaboration events. Fraser Valley Library is working with HTA, UCWET, the Town of Fraser on Stormwater Pilot Projects – drainage issues in the spring in the parking lot, amphitheater flooding, and educational access to the river are all topics of conversation. Shout out to Emily Pedersen on her nomination for an award through Grand County Rural Health Network.

C. Meeting Calendar

1. November 17 BoT Meeting at Granby Library
    a. Trustee interviews and recommendations to BOCC
    b. Public hearing on 2026 amended and 2027 budget draft
    c. Executive Director Review
2. December 8 BoT Meeting at Granby Library
    a. Budget Approvals
    b. Board Self-Evaluation presented with proposed goals
    c. Election of Officers

D. Proposal for interior painting of Fraser Valley Library

Facilities Director, Marcus Davis, presented quotes for a capital project to paint the interior of the Fraser Valley Library. Degginger provided an explanation about the project with a request to seek guidance on philosophical approach from the Board on how to approach this project – complete all work plus some additional items, or only complete the

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vital, necessary tasks for now. Funding priorities and purchase policy were reviewed. Discussion followed.

Motion to postpone all capital improvement projects pending a review of Board policy evaluating the $20,000 limit on capital expenditures by staff without Board review, and the completion of a three to five year Capital Improvement Plan within the Facilities Master Plan.
Erika Cohen motion; Alan Walker 2nd
Floor opened for discussion. Detailed capital improvement plan was requested to enable finance committee and Board members to make decisions. Finance policy was also discussed.

Motion to move the motion regarding capital improvements to action items.
Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Alan Walker 2nd
Approved

E. Ballot Measure Update

Update from Degginger was provided regarding actions taken on the ballot measure initiative. The heavy lifting is complete. Outreach, meeting presentations and social media posts continue. Questions have been received by some members of the community. Being aware and knowledgeable about basic points leading up to the election is important. We are sharing and explaining facts of both initiatives.
A five minute break was taken at 7:20 p.m.

F. Amended 2026 Budget for Special Revenue Fund (Foundation)

A presentation by Director of Finance, Tara Thompson, and Finance Committee was given addressing the need for an amended 2026 budget for the Foundation's Special Revenue Fund. With the addition of a Fundraising Consultant, costs have been incurred that were not originally incorporated into the original budget. Due to insurance policy needs, along with the costs incurred during the fundraising consultant activities, the budget needs to be amended. Board is being asked to consider changing $19,890 to $33,915. We do not need a General Fund amendment currently. The Foundation budget request was reviewed by the Finance Committee. There was discussion.

G. Preliminary 2027 Budgets

Preliminary 2027 budget presentation was given by Director of Finance, Tara Thompson, and the Finance Committee. The prepared budget was based on the ballot measure not passing, resulting in decreased tax revenue for operations. A summary of income and expenses was provided. Explanations were provided for all line items. The 2027 Foundation budget presentation was also provided, with income and expenses summarized. Finance committee members provided comments. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion.

H. Trustee Re-Appointment Committee

Alan Walker and Erika Cohen met to review the input received from Trustees regarding L Jones. Recommendations were shared by the committee based upon the Trustee Evaluation. Committee members are in favor of L Jones'

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re-appointment to the Board of Trustees.

I. Special Committee Reports

Executive Director Review – Jen Goertz and Miriam Roskam plan to meet prior to the November meeting. The evaluation tool is also being reviewed. It was recommended that a self-evaluation also be added to the process.

Board Evaluation – Jennifer Tibbetts and L Jones serve on this committee. There was a recommendation for a new set of questions to be used for the assessment tool. Surveys are all anonymous. There was discussion regarding comments made about individuals and sharing that feedback for personal growth.

VI. Action Items

A. Trustee Re-Appointment Recommendation
Motion to recommend the reappointment of L Jones to the Board of County Commissioners as a Grand County Library District Trustee.
Alan Walker motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
Approved

B. Recommendation for Fraser Valley Library interior paint project
Motion to table this discussion pending further conversation around capital projects and processes.
Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Miriam Roskam 2nd
One Trustee abstained
Motion passed 5 to 1

C. Public posting of 2026 amended budget
Motion to approve the public posting of the 2026 Foundation amended budget.
Alan Walker motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd
Approved

D. Public posting of 2027 draft budgets
Motion to approve the public posting of the 2027 draft budgets.
Miriam Roskam motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
Approved

E. Capital Improvement plan and Finance Policy
Motion to postpone all capital improvement projects pending a review of Board policy evaluating the $20,000 limit on capital expenditures by staff without Board review, and the completion of a three to five year Capital Improvement Plan within the Facilities Master Plan.
Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Alan Walker 2nd
There was a lot of discussion. A request was made to provide an update regarding a capital improvement plan at the November meeting. There was a recommendation to amend or table the motion to allow more time to review policy and allow additional time to think about the processes that are currently in place. Policies should drive actions at this time. Per Alan Walker, we have been fiduciarily responsible up to this point as seen in the Profit and Loss statements.

Motion to postpone the question at hand.
Jennifer Tibbets motion; Miriam Roskam 2nd

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Motion passed 5 to 1
The Board is advising the policy committee to review policy ahead of the November meeting and return to discussion. Board was asked to review policy, bylaws, and CRS code in preparation of discussion in November.

7:55 p.m.

VII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Grand County Library Foundation Meeting

8:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting was called to order at 9:29 p.m. by Jeremy Krones.
Absent – Jen Goertz

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

8:05 p.m.

III. Business Items

A. Update on Fundraising Consultant

Virgil Scott from Virgil Scott Consulting provided an update on his progress with the feasibility study and the personal interviews he has conducted to date. The process has been validating that a fundraising campaign is valuable. The value of the public library to members of the community has come through loud and clear. The Kremmling Library staff are highly valued. Campaign goals and fundraising strategies will be summarized in a future meeting. Interviews should help accelerate the charitable giving process. They should be wrapped up prior to election day. Virgil was thanked for his report.

8:30 p.m.

IV. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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