Robert R. Jones Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization	Robert R. Jones Public Library District Board of Trustees
Meeting Type	Regular session
Date	October 22, 2026
Time	6:00 pm
Location	Community Room, 900 1st St., Coal Valley, IL
I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Establishment of Quorum	
Call to Order Time:	6:01 pm
Presiding Officer:	Nick Hanna, President
Board Members Present:	Janene Finley, Vice President Bonnie Lawhorn, Secretary Tish Jackson, Treasurer Pubali Kundu, Trustee
Board Members Absent:	Angela Moody, Stephanie Marvin
Staff Present:	Victoria Blackmer, Director
Quorum Established:	Yes
II. Public Comment	None
III. President's Report	Nick was impressed with the library's "Trunk" for the "Trunk or Treat" event. Great turnout.
IV. Secretary's Report	
Approval of Past Minutes (date):	September 17, 2026
Motion:	Janene Finley
Second:	Pubali Kundu
Vote:	Tish-Aye; Pubali-Aye; Janene-Aye; Bonnie-Aye
V. Treasurer's Report	
Financial Summary:	August Financials have been corrected.
Motion to Accept:	Tish Jackson
Second:	Pubali Kundu
Vote:	Bonnie-Aye; Janene-Aye; Tish-Aye; Pubali-Aye
	September Financials look good.
Motion to Accept:	Bonnie Lawhorn
Second:	Janene Finley
Vote:	Tish-Aye; Pubali-Aye; Janene-Aye; Bonnie-Aye
VI. Director's Report	
Highlights:	Included a one sheet Strategic Plan Implementation Update in the Board packet. It "This Month at a Glance" – very impressive!

	Pubali expressed her gratitude for the Community Resource page and said that she uses it as a resource for her patrons. Victoria explained that they have responded to patron requests for finding Board books on specific topics by reorganizing and labelling them according to topics vs author as an easier way to find them.
VII. Committee Reports	
Program Committee (Bonnie Lawhorn)	
Report Summary:	Approval of the Risk Management & Loss Control Plan
Motion to Accept:	Pubali Kundu
Second:	Tish Jackson
Vote:	Bonnie-Aye; Janene-Aye; Tish-Aye; Pubali-Aye
Report Summary:	OPS-012 had a paragraph inserted and ready to approve
Motion to Accept:	Bonnie Lawhorn
Second:	Janene Finley
Vote:	Pubali-Aye; Tish-Aye; Bonnie-Aye; Janene-Aye
Building and Grounds Committee (Pubali Kundu)	
Report Summary:	None

Employee Committee (Janene Finley)	
Report Summary:	None
Finance Committee (Tish Jackson)	
Report Summary:	Had the Audit and all is good.
Motion:	Move to increase the total CD investment to $150,000 for a nine-month term at Blackhawk Bank & Trust at the highest rate possible. Pubali Kundu
Second:	Janene Finley
Vote:	Tish-Aye; Bonnie-Aye; Pubali-Aye; Janene-Aye
Report Summary:	Approval of GOV-010 revisions
Motion to Accept:	Janene Finley
Second:	Tish Jackson
Follow Up:	Discussion of the FY 2027-2028 Property Tax Levy Options.
Policy Committee (Angela Moody	
Report Summary:	None
VIII. Old Business	
	None
IX. New Business	
Discussion:	Kylee DeVore has completed the Career Development Path to move from

	Programming Assistant to Adult Services Coordinator effective November 1, 2026. She will be compensated at a rate of $43,992 annually or $21.15/hour.
Motion to accept:	Pubali Kundu
Second:	Tish Jackson
Vote:	Janene-Aye; Bonne-Aye; Pubali-Aye; Tish-Aye
X. Adjournment	
Motion to Adjourn:	Tish Jackson
Second:	Pubali Kundu
Vote:	Tish-Aye; Pubali-Aye; Janene-Aye; Bonnie-Aye
Time of Adjournment:	7:05 pm

Minutes Submitted By: Bonnie Lawhorn, Secretary with edits by Victoria Blackmer, Director
Date Submitted: October 26, 2026