Robert R. Jones
Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization	Robert R. Jones Public Library District Board of Trustees
Meeting Type	Regular session
Date	July 23, 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:	6:00 pm
Presiding Officer:	Nick Hanna, President
Board Members Present:	Janene Finley, Vice President Bonnie Lawhorn, Secretary Tish Jackson, Treasurer Angela Moody, Trustee
Board Members Absent:	Pubali Kundu, Trustee
Staff Present:	Victoria Blackmer, Director
Quorum Established:	Yes
II. Board Candidate Interview	
Stephanie Marvin	
III. Public Comment	
Stephanie Marvin stayed throughout the meeting but had no comments.	
IV. President's Report	None
V. Secretary's Report	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (date):	June 25, 2026
Motion:	Tish Jackson
Second:	Janene Finley
Vote:	Angela-Aye; Bonnie-Aye; Tish-Aye; Janene-Aye Motion: Passed
VI. Treasurer's Report	
Financial Summary:	Taxes were paid. Janene reconciled the bank statement, and we had only two outstanding checks. Victoria received the information in a timely manner.
Motion to Accept:	Angela Moody
Second:	Janene Finley
Vote:	Janene-Aye; Tish-Aye; Angela-Aye; Bonnie - Aye
VI. Director's Report	
Highlights:	The library received a $750 grant from the Rock Island Arts Guild and will be used for painting with teens. A $750 grant from the American Conversation Project for America's 250th Birthday was used to hold Community focus groups.
VII. Committee Reports	
Program Committee (Bonnie Lawhorn)	
Report Summary:	None
Building and Grounds Committee (Pubali Kundu)	
Report Summary:	None

Employee Committee (Janene Finley)	
Report Summary:	None
Finance Committee (Tish Jackson)	
Report Summary:	Pledge Bond is a done deal. There has been no response from the IRS. There was discussion about the Fiscal year 2027 tax levy as well as an explanation of the Fund Balance and Budgeting.
Follow-Up:	Victoria will check with the State Library to see if we are correct in carrying over the Fund balance from last year to this year.
Follow-Up:	Victoria will amend GOV-010 Policy and send it to the Policy Committee for review.
Follow-Up:	Victoria will put together an information sheet with % and flat amounts for what has been spent and the projected changes with the increase of 4.95% that was approved with the Budget by the August meeting.
Policy Committee (Angela Moody)	
Report Summary:	Having reviewed the revised bylaws, asking now for Board approval.
Motion:	Janene Finley
Second:	Tish Jackson
Vote:	Angela-Aye; Tish-Aye; Janene-Aye; Bonnie-Aye Motion: Passed
VIII. Old Business	
Discussion:	Angela asked if the evaluation of the Director had been completed and was told that it would be forthcoming.
IX. New Business	
Discussion:	The Board approved appointment of Stephanie Marvin of Board Trustee.
Motion:	Angela
Second:	Bonnie
Vote:	Tish-Aye; Janene-Aye; Bonnie-Aye; Angela-Aye Motion: Passed
X. Adjournment	
Motion to Adjourn:	Bonnie Lawhorn
Second:	Tish Jackson
Vote:	Tish-Aye; Janene-Aye; Angela-Aye; Bonnie-Aye Motion: Passed
Time of Adjournment:	7:32 pm

Minutes Submitted By: Bonnie Lawhorn, Secretary with edits by Victoria Blackmer, Director
Date Submitted: August 12, 2026