Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District
Regular Board Meeting

Date: October 19, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Fairmont City Library, Fairmont City, IL

1. **Call to Order**
   President Lomax the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

   Trustees Present:
   Jeanne Lomax, President
   Kelly Balaco-Reeder, Vice President
   Ginny York, Secretary
   Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
   Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
   Kathy Murphy, Trustee
   Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

   Trustees Absent: None

   Also Present:
   Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
   Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Input**
   - Cindy Klein-Webb
   - Rachel Dye

4. **Friends of the Library Updates** – None

5. **Trustee Comments**

   - Kulupka acknowledged her behavior at the prior meeting and expressed disapproval over certain board members' actions.

- Ashcraft commended the Fairmont City Garden Club on their harvest, mentioned that candidacy packets for the spring Board election were available, reiterated his prior comments about libraries being for everyone, and proceeded to express disapproval over some board members' actions.
- Lomax stated that preceding trustee comments were attacks.

6. Consent items

Ashcraft made a motion to approve the consent items, which was seconded by Kulupka.

a. Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
b. Communications – 1 letter/invitation from Senator Erica Harriss
c. Administrative Reports
   Waltermire shared that the rescheduled PNG field trip seemed to have gone smoothly. She also clarified that the recommended elevator updates provided in her report are for components that were not replaced the prior year.

   Harris expressed appreciation for the Garden Club's volunteers, Master Gardener Margarette Gibbs and Katie Heaton, and talked about the upcoming Trunk or Treat at the Fairmont City Library.
d. Finances – There was some discussion.
e. Committee Reports – The Fundraiser Committee briefly shared updates over the recent Culver's dine-to-donate event and the Tunes at Blum outreach.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Diversity & Bias Training

Board training from the iLEAD trainer was discussed and it was decided to move forward with the training. Training attendance is optional. Waltermire will coordinate with the trainer to make arrangements.

b. Discussion and Possible Action about Bylaws Revisions re: Agendas

There was discussion over the two options presented for possible Bylaws revisions.

York moved to adopt Option 2, which was seconded by Balaco-Reeder.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0

Motion carried.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Jury Duty Policy – Tabled

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 27-01 to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed

The resolution estimates a 0% change in the tax levy since the counties have yet to provide updated EAVs for the Finance Committee's consideration.

Murphy moved and was seconded by Balaco-Reeder to approve Resolution 27-01 as presented.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Ashcraft – abstain
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes – 6, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 1

Motion carried.

b. Review of Illinois Public Library Standards, Programming; Safety & Emergency Preparedness

The Programming standards were not provided in the packet and will be included in the next regular meeting's packet. There was some discussion about Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

9. Closed Session – None

10. Action for Items Discussed in Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

Murphy moved to adjourn and was seconded by Kulupka.

A voice vote was taken and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.