

APPROVED
Grand County Public Library
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
November 20, 2025 5:30 pm
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the November 20, 2025 Grand County Public Library Board meeting held in the Board Room at the Grand County Public Library, were as follows: Michele Widera, Trish Hedin, Jackie Hoyer, and Brian Parkin. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Anne Clare Erickson, Rowan List and Alyssa Sherman were absent.

Michele called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the September 4, 2025 meeting was discussed. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The library bills were passed around for review.

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Carrie delivered a Director's Report to the Board. The HVAC replacement project is ongoing. The Moab library was closed for two weeks to accommodate the removal of old units and installation of new ones. Some, but not all, units are functioning properly. Construction crews are addressing issues to get all units working, but the building does not need to be closed to the public while that work is completed.

When the building was closed, the Teen Center served as a terrific asset for providing limited library services to the community. The Friends of the Library recently had their annual meeting. Next year, the Friends will dedicate some funds to help support GCPL's Libby access and humanities programming as a response to the upcoming end of federal funding.

Carrie concluded the Director's Report and noted that year-to-date library statistics and budget are as expected and staff have been busy this fall with programming and outreach activities.

There was no Old Business.

The Board moved on to New Business. The first item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Recommendation of a Renewed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with San Juan County to the Grand County Commission for Approval. Carrie explained that both libraries are interested in setting up an agreement that is as fair and simple as possible recognizing that there is a difference in the amount each county collects for library services. The proposed ILA will cover basic library services for San Juan County households in Spanish Valley, Bridger Jack, Brown's Hole, Pack Creek Ranch, and Rockland Ranch areas. If library users covered by the ILA want to access digital library services, they can pay Grand County an additional annual fee or obtain a library card from the San Juan County Library for digital access. The proposed ILA has been reviewed by the Grand County Attorney's office and the San Juan County Library Board. Discussion followed. Brian

made a motion to recommend the proposed ILA as presented to the Grand County Commission for approval. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Recommendation of a Revised Grand County Public Library Fee Schedule to the Grand County Commission for Approval. The recommended Fee Schedule revisions are informed by the proposed ILA, the average tax amount collected for library services from primary households in Grand County, and the upcoming end of federal funding that covers interlibrary loan access. For 2026, library staff recommends annual fees of \$110 for non-resident library cards with digital access, \$75 for ILA library cards that include digital access, and \$35 for basic non-resident cards with no digital access. They also recommend a fee for interlibrary loans that is the actual cost of associated shipping. Discussion followed. Michele made a motion to recommended the revised Library Fee Schedule as presented to the Grand County Commission for approval. Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Recommendation of Candidate to the Grand County Commission for Appointment to the Library Board. Anne Clare Erickson submitted an application to serve a full term on the Library Board. Her partial term will conclude at the end of 2025. No other applications for serving on the Library Board have been received. Anne Clare could not attend the meeting, but submitted responses to the board's interview questions via email. Carrie read Anne Clare's responses to the board. Discussion followed. Michele made a motion to recommend Anne Clare to the Grand County Commission for appointment to the Library Board. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The fourth item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Consideration of Setting a 2026 Library Board Meeting Schedule. The Board discussed how the current schedule has worked. Trish made a motion to set next year's meeting schedule to 5:30 pm on the second Thursday of every other month beginning with January. Michele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The fifth item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Recommendation of a Light Fixture Retrofit Plan to the Grand County Commission for Approval. Carrie explained that the retrofit plan was submitted by the HVAC project contractor. The library has a lighting problem because many fixtures are brittle and breaking. Carrie noted that the county's Facilities Supervisor just reviewed the retrofit plan and has several questions and concerns. She recommended that the Board postpone a recommendation regarding the plan until something more satisfactory is available. Discussion followed. Trish made a motion to postpone a recommendation regarding the light fixture retrofit plan. Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no Consent Agenda.

The Board moved on to Board Member Reports. Brian shared that he has been advertising the Library Board's High School Representative position at the high school. The county has not received any applicants yet. He will promote the opportunity again to find an interested student.

There were no Future Agenda Items.

A closed session was not needed. Michele adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.