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Grand County Public Library
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2025 5:30 pm
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the May 8, 2025 Grand County Public Library Board meeting held in the Board Room at the Grand County Public Library, were as follows: Rowan List, Anne Clare Erickson, Trish Hedin, Jackie Hoyer, and Brian Parkin. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Michele Widera, Alyssa Sherman, and Klayre Humphreys were absent.

Rowan called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the April 3, 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. Library statistics and budget spending are as expected for this time of year. Carrie discussed staffing updates, the success of the recent Friends of the Library book sale, and upcoming Utah Library Association Conference attendance for six staff members.

A schedule for the Moab library's HVAC system and solar inverter replacements is still unknown, but it's likely the construction project will happen sometime in June and/or July. The library is planning for a 2-week closure to accommodate the construction. There are plans to provide adapted library services from the Teen Center. The library will use its standard media plan to communicate updates and closure information with the public. Discussion followed.

Carrie concluded the Director's Report stating that it's still unclear if the federal government's reduction of the Institute of Museum and Library Services will result in reduced access to grant funding. Even if federal grant funding is cut, basic library operations will continue because the Grand County Public Library is primarily a property tax funded entity. Discussion followed.

The Board moved on to Old Business. The first item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Programming Policy. Carrie noted that library staff do not recommend any changes to the policy. Rowan made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Anne Clare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Removal of the Grand County Public Library Social Networking Policy due to Recent County Commission Approval of a Grand County Social Media Policy. Carrie stated that the library has long had a social media policy, but the County Commission just approved a county-wide one. As a county department, the library should default to following the new county policy, which was reviewed by the County Attorney. Compliance with the new county policy will not change any of the library's current social media practices. Discussion followed. Rowan made a motion to approve the removal of the Library Social Networking Policy. Trish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board moved on to New Business. The first item on the agenda under New Business was Review and Consideration of Approval of a Grand County Public Library Youth Services Background Check Policy. Carrie shared that the new policy was created in response to the Utah State Legislature's recent passage of SB 158, which requires extra background check scrutiny of employees who work for organizations that provide youth services. There is some legal ambiguity and it's unclear whether the law applies to the library. The Grand County Attorney has recommended complying with the law and creating a policy out of an abundance of caution. Enhanced background checks for library staff will be conducted through the Grand County Personnel Services Department. Discussion followed. Brian made a motion to approve the new policy as presented. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no Consent Agenda.

There were no Board Member Reports.

The Board moved on the Future Agenda Items. There was discussion about meeting again on the next regularly scheduled meeting date in July as long as a quorum is available. The July meeting may be cancelled if a quorum cannot be convened and/or if the library building is closed for construction.

A closed session was not needed. Rowan adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.