

Oregon Public Library Board
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024.

Present: Rick Bunton (chair), Martha Bohrer (vice chair), Elizabeth Green (director), Randi Webb, Danyel Larsen, Jim Winkler, Pam Steele

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm. Danyel moved and Martha seconded approval of the agenda. Motion adopted.

Martha moved and Danyel seconded approval of the consent agenda, including bills paid. Motion adopted.

Priority announcements: Elizabeth noted there will be an election of library trustees in April 2025. Petitions are available next week.

Rick applauded the format of the annual report and thanked Elizabeth.

Director's report: the state provided a data base which gives access to more articles, monographs, etc.

President's report: Rick's been in touch with Engie Consulting Group. Engie specializes in municipal entities and help with planning, projects, and strategy. There's no upfront cost to us. He'll be meeting with them on August 23 to discuss annexation, the need for a bigger tax base and to reach rural areas, and a possible building program. Martha added that we need better children's space, maker's space, activity space, exhibit space, shelving space, and financial stability.

Rick recently received advice to the effect we need lawyers and consultants, not to rush any major projects, and be totally committed.

Treasurer's report: no report.

Old business: Elizabeth may bring to the board an updated budget.

New business: the front doors and railing need repair.

Martha moved and Randi seconded tentative approval of the FY '25 budget and appropriations ordinance. Motion adopted.

Martha moved and Randi seconded approval of the FY '25 building and maintenance ordinance and the FY '25 working cash ordinance.

Elizabeth will begin publishing in the local papers various notices as we prepare for the levy.

Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.