Taylorville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Ann Chandler Ben Robinson Heather Sutton (via telephone) Terri France Sophie Robinson Cathy Robertson Peggy Brown Lorachelle Eck

Public: None

Absent: Jim Olive Mary Ann Lowry

I President Chandler called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II Persons wishing to address the board – None

III Executive Session – A motion (B. Robinson/Brown) to enter Executive Session pertaining to (5 ILCS 120/2) Exception 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity was unanimously approved at 4:31 p.m. *Lorachelle Eck left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.*

A motion (Brown/B. Robinson) to return to Open Session was unanimously approved at 5:00 p.m.

IV Motions Pertaining to Executive Session (if necessary) – None

Director Eck presented a plan for staffing with one less employee. The board discussed the implications the changes could cause in the next fiscal year’s budget.

*Heather Sutton entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m.*

A motion (Sutton/France) to accept the changes in staffing hours, effective October 1, 2025, for the remainder of the current fiscal year passed unanimously. Staffing hours will be reviewed as the budget is set for the next fiscal year. During the conversation Eck stated that the door count for August was up by 600 people.

V Roof Discussion – TPL has received a check for $37,774.16 from insurance. There is a $25,000.00 deductible and a depreciation of $6,968.69 which can be recovered if a bonded contractor is hired. A Pre-Bid Contractor Meeting will be tentatively set for Monday, September 23, 2025. Bids will be opened at a Special Board Meeting tentatively set for October 13, 2025. Times will be announced. A motion (B. Robinson/Brown) to move forward with the roofing and restoration process was approved unanimously. The soffit repairs were completed with the understanding that the roofing project may uncover more soffit issues to be addressed.

VI Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.