

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call: The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, Maria Jackson-Smith, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Excused: Alma Hughes-Grubbs.
Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Nikki Pickeral.

2. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the June 10, 2025, agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Approve May 13, 2025 Minutes:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the May 13, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comments:** Rosemary Otzman commented that the Fishing Derby was last Saturday, and the boy who won with a two-foot carp will be in the Independent this week.

5. **Public Hearing – 2025-2026 Budget:** The public hearing opened at 7:36 pm. Tanya Stoudemire reviewed the 2025-26 proposed budget and the proposed amendments to the 2024-25 budget. The public hearing was closed at 8:05 pm.

6. **Committee Reports:**

A. Building: Otis Elevator has provided the library with a proposal for a door lock monitoring system that will address a new state code. Suchy is investigating further.

B. Bylaws: No Report.

C. Finance:

- a. Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the 2025-26 Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest to approve the 2024-25 Amended Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to commit \$1,300,000 of the 2024 collected library millage that is in fund balance for use in the 2025-26 fiscal year's general operations (per GSAB #54, Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions). The motion carried unanimously.

D. Outreach: No Report.

E. Personnel: No Report.

F. Policy: No Report.

G. Art: The library is hosting its first ever staff art display on the first floor. It is only up for the month of June.

7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Director's Report:** See attached.
9. **Trustee Comments:**
 - Priest:** Stated that she saw Michele Montour at the library who encouraged her to see the staff art. Now, Priest encourages the board to see it after the board meeting.
 - Stoudemire:** Thanked Mary Jo Suchy for putting together the budget and leading the committee through the process and the hard work she puts into it.
 - Jackson-Smith:** Is excited to be joining her five-year-old on summer camp field trips to the library for Summer Reading Programs this summer.
 - Fleming:** Was here at the library yesterday for the farmer's market and car show. Dan expressed how glad he was the library is in the middle of it all.
 - Cichewicz:** No Comment.
10. **Chair Comments:** Peters is proud of this group and organization. She is grateful to the finance committee for developing and presenting the budget. She is also grateful for all of the support the board and community has shown the library.
11. **Adjournment:** Motion by Peters, seconded by Fleming, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.