Lillie M. Evans Library District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lillie M. Evans Library Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, December 11th, 2025. Angie Daily, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, Director Beth Duttlinger, Diane Smith, Randy Ingle, and Deb Givens were present. Dan Sullivan and Rachel Wilson were absent.

Comments or questions to the Board – none.

Minutes

A. Regular Board meeting – The minutes from the Board Meeting on November 13, 2025 were read. Randy Ingle made a motion, seconded by Angie Daily, to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communication

A. Letter of retirement from Anita Routh effective 3/26/26. Anita will be retiring on that date, but prefers a quiet send off. She will be missed.
B. Getting the Most from L2 – This is a statewide calendar of library-related events and a directory of Illinois libraries. It is available to all Illinois library staff and trustees. An L2 account is necessary to register for webinars, workshops, networking events, and more.
C. OMA & FOIA changes 1/1/26 – Governor Pritzker signed a bill Amending OMA and FOIA. There were nine changes to the law that will take effect on 1/1/26.
D. Four Creeks Wind November 2025 newsletter – Four Creeks Wind provided updates on their windmill project.
E. Staff thank you – The Library Staff gave the board a thank you for their supper and gift.

Committee Report

A. Finance – none
B. House and Grounds – none
C. Policy
    1. Meeting Room Policy – Diane Smith made a motion, seconded by Randy Ingle to approve changes to the Meeting Room Policy. All ayes, motion carried.
    2. Circulation Policy – auto renew trial – Last year, RSA started providing automatic renewals for materials. Auto renewals are not required at the system level but can be turned on at the library level. At that time, LME staff discussed adding this feature but wanted to see how other libraries were adopting it. Last month at our November staff meeting, we decided to try auto renewal for LME users. Patrons will receive email notices explaining whether certain items have been renewed, or not renewed. This should reduce fines, remove some service barriers, and make renewals more convenient for patrons. No change in policy is needed, but the Director wanted to inform the board.
D. Personnel – none

Financial Report

A. Approval of November expenditures – Angie Daily made a motion, seconded by Diane Smith to approve the November expenditures. Angie Daily, aye, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, aye, Diane Smith, aye, Randy Ingle, aye, and Deb Givens, aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Director's Report – on file at the library.

Friends of the Library Report – none.

Unfinished Business

A. IMLS updated- The court prevented the disbanding of the IMLS. The motion to dissolve was denied.
B. TIF Districts – nothing new

New Business

A. Review Closed Meetings – The minutes of all closed sessions were reviewed as specified by the Open Meetings Act. No changes were made.
B. Long Range Planning – Focus Group possible dates: 2/24/26, 4/28/26, 3/19/26. We decided that the 4/28/26 was the best date. This meeting will take about two hours and Amanda Standerfer will be facilitating.
C. FY25 Audit and Comptroller's Report – they are working on it, but do not have it done yet. The auditors have received an extension for the comptroller's report.
D. Four Creeks Wind – request for Letter of Support for Special Use Permit Application – The board decided not to submit a Letter of Support.

Adjournment – Randy Ingle made a motion, seconded by Angie Daily, to adjourn our meeting at 7:50 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Givens, Secretary

Next meetings:
Regular Board meeting – January 15th, 2026 at 6 p.m.
Joint Board meeting – January 15th, 2026 at 7 p.m.