

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Peru Public Library District
13 March 2025
6:00 pm**

Present: Kent Maze, Laurie Moss, Doug Olivero, Larry Sittler, Mike Watts, and Bo Windy along with Co-Directors Melissa Keegan and Emily Schaub.

Absent: Jean Carter

Visitors: Jourdan Wendt

1. Called to order: President Mike Watts called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Changes to the agenda: Request by Co-Directors to add to the agenda item #11(d) – Quote from Ficek Electric company for needed electrical work in the upper-level reading and public computer areas in connection with upcoming renovation project.
3. Public comments: There were no public comments
4. Approval of minutes from 13 February 2025 meeting: Kent Maze moved to approve foregoing meeting minutes, second given by Doug Olivero, and upon vote motion carried.
5. Financial report: Co-Director Melissa Keegan noted the average daily yield in February of 4.5% on the 2 Illinois Funds accounts. She also highlighted disbursement expenses included: BookPage & Chicago Tribune subscription renewals, Ficek Electric company's fee for moving fax line for connecting up new copier, an initial two-month charge for garbage collection from Republic Services, and a final pick-up and dumpster removal fee from Waste Management.
 - a. Approval of disbursements for March 2025, with motion made by Kent Maze, second from Doug Olivero, and with affirmative vote carried.
 - b. Acceptance of financial report for March 2025, with motion by Kent Maze, second from Bo Windy, and with affirmative vote carried.
6. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter from Board of Education and Administration of Unity Point School in Carbondale, Illinois, sent with donation in memory of Evelyn A. Coulter;
 - b. Card from Nancy Moen sent with donation also in memory of Evelyn Coulter;
 - c. Letter from LaSalle County Board of Review providing notice to interested units of local government of a hearing being scheduled for 03/03/2025 at 10:30 am on Objections filed by Target Corporation contested the assessed tax valuation of its property; and
 - d. Court Order entered by Judge Troy D. Holland setting Hearing for 03/18/2025 at 9:00 am on case, *Menards, Inc. v. LaSalle County Treasurer-Collector* to consider the Objection of Menards, Inc. contesting assessed tax valuations of its property.
7. Library Directors' report:

- a. Mayoral Forum had about 65 people, who attended in-person, 313 who watched live stream video broadcast on internet, and archived video can still be watched on Starved Rock Media YouTube channel.
 - b. Impact Networking installed the 2 new copiers and Today's Business Solutions configured the coin-op tower for both color and black and white copies.
8. Prior meeting follow-up: Adult area flooring project work now scheduled to begin on 11 April 2025 with an anticipated reopening of upper level on 5 May 2025.
9. President's report: There was no need for a separate presentation by president.
10. Executive session: There was no need for Executive session.
11. Action and/or discussion items:
- a. Review Code of Conduct Policy: No questions from Board members or suggestions for changes.
 - b. Review Public Comment Policy: No questions from Board members or suggestions for changes.
 - c. Approve disposal audio recordings from closed meeting sessions on 31 August 2023 & 14 September 2023: President Mike Watts moved to approve the disposal of the closed session minutes, after second from Kent Maze, motion carried on affirmative vote from board members.
 - d. Approval of cost quote from Ficek Electric company for wiring and electrical work in the reading and public computer areas in conjunction with upper-level renovation project: President Mike Watts moved accept Ficek quote for the aforesaid work, after second from Kent Maze, motion carried on affirmative vote from board members.
12. Board Orientation - Statement of Economic Interest form Fact Sheet, Effective Meetings, Libraries an American Value: When discussing aforementioned items Trustees, who had served on Board when library had still been under the jurisdiction of City of Peru, recalled an attendance policy as part of the By-Laws. Since Illinois law only specifies that after 12 months of no attendance at meetings seat is forfeited, several on the board saw merit to reviving that policy of the past.
13. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Larry Sittler / Board Secretary