

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Argenta-Oreana Public August 26, 2024, at Argenta Library  
Board of Trustees**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Aaron Klepzig (joined the meeting at 4:43 PM), Trudy Smith (via ZOOM), Linda Albert, Matt Honnold and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – None

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and Public Comment Hearing (at 4:15 PM). Linda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 15 Special Board Meeting. Matt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the July bills. Donna pointed out that check number 11945 to Foam and Flight was for the finale of the Summer Reading Program. The board reviewed the July Bookkeeper's and Treasurer's reports. Linda moved to approve the July bills, Bookkeeper's report and Treasurer's report as presented. Barbara seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for July. The circulation numbers continue to be strong. Donna reported that the library received the 1<sup>st</sup> Dewitt County tax levy installment. The library also received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Macon County tax levy installment. The library received a \$5,000 donation from the Dorothy Morsch family. This follows a donation in memory of Emil Morsch. Their son has asked that the donation be focused on children's books with emphasis on development and learning. There were two maintenance issues successfully addressed at the buildings. There were two Summer Reading Programs during July. The 4H Stomp Rockets (attended by (forty kids; twenty-four adults) and Foam Party with Kona Ice. (Finale attended by eighty-nine kids; nine young adults; forty-six adults). There were seventy-two children's reading logs turned in and twenty-two adults participated in the reading challenge. In total 754 adults, young adults and children attended an event in Argenta or Oreana during this year's Summer Reading program. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

1. Solar Energy Bid Documents – There were two bids submitted for the Solar Energy Project (Oreana). The board examined the bids. The board entered into a forty five minute discussion examining the bids and discussing whether to go forward with the Solar project at Oreana. President John White proposed two votes. The first vote to approve or decline moving forward with the project. Barbara made a motion to move forward with the Solar Project at Oreana. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with four ayes, two members absent and one nay. The second vote was to select the proposal (from the two bids) to do the work. Aaron moved to choose the bid from Wellspring Components LLC pending a written warranty. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with five ayes and two members absent.

*Aaron left the meeting at 5:47 PM*

New Business -

There were four items of new business.

1. Secretary's Audit – The state requires an annual review of the minutes for the previous FY. (Secretary's Audit 75 ILCS 16/30-65) Linda and Jackie reviewed the minutes. One error was reported and corrected.
2. Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) - The state requires an Annual Report from the library. Donna assembled the report and gave an overview of the information to the board. Donna has submitted the completed report to the state.
3. Ordinance 25-03 – Levy –The board reviewed Ordinance 25-03 – Levy. Linda moved to approve Ordinance 25-03 – Levy as presented. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
4. Election Information – There are three members of the board that are up for reelection in the April 2025 election. Donna prepared packets of information for any of the three members that are planning to run for reelection.

Miscellaneous Business- None

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 6:07 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday September 30, 2024, at Argenta.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Light