

**Lebanon-Laclede County Library District
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting**

March 17, 2026

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Trustees present: Mark Campbell, Mike Simpson, Susan Sellers, Glenn Lawrence, Lisa Anthony, Christine Hutson, Michael Kinion, Bob Scoby and Kerry Lewis

Trustees absent:

With nine of nine Trustees present, a quorum was established.

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Christal Haueter, Circulation Manager; Ally Dorris, Library Historian; Mark Spangler, Jim Lewis, Bruce Owen, Bear Thomas and Jack Silberberg

Agenda

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board with the amendment of changing the date to 2026, adding Committee Updates, Special District Strategy Proposal and Technology Assessment to New Business. Lisa Anthony seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Minutes from February 16, 2026

Susan Sellers made a motion to approve the minutes taken at the Special Board Meeting held on February 16, 2026, as presented to the Board. Mike Simpson seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Minutes from February 17, 2026

Glenn Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes taken at the Board Meeting held on February 17, 2026, as presented to the Board. Bob Scoby seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Financials Report

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the February 2026 financials report. Kerry Lewis seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

Library Tour—Kinderhook Treasures Gift Shop

The Board took a tour of the Kinderhook Treasures Gift Shop. Shop employee, Sharon Jennings, led the discussion.

President's Report

President Mark Campbell asked for Friends of the Library and Foundation Board updates.

Friends Update: Bob Scoby said there is a book sale coming up next Thursday and Friday. Bob gave a copy of a list of items the Friends have helped the library with financially over the years.

Foundation Board Update: Mark Campbell said he attended the last Foundation meeting. He said they have a good group, filled with many people who want to help—and that he's proud of the direction they are going in. Tina explained a meeting was held today to train users on the library's new online donation system. She said it will be a good system, but a learning curve. Tina said the second training session takes place on April 6. She said it can be tied into meeting room reservations.

Mark Campbell asked Erica Semsch for updates on programming. Erica said upcoming programs include presentations; Kaitlyn McConnell's "Seeing and Building Community Through Tradition," Andrew Speno's "The Great American Footrace" and National Library Week (April 19-25).

Mark Campbell thanked Tina and Bob Scoby for meeting Cole Karr in Jefferson City to advocate for the library. He reminded everyone of the joint meeting on April 14 and 5:30pm. Mark explained that Board members should not be giving directives to staff—talk to Tina first and she will give directives. He asked if the Board thought a public comment policy was needed to help streamline meetings—reminding everyone if they have something they want on the agenda, to let Tina know in advance.

Director's Report

Tina Chaney emailed her report to the Board in advance.

Tina said the light pole has been removed. She said the Foundation's grant writing committee turned in their first grant to purchase books geared towards military families. Tina said she sent letters to State Representatives Schmidt and Knight about A&E money. She asked the Board if they wanted nametags so people could identify them.

The library's website has until 2027 to become ADA compliant. Tina said she has a training Friday with an attorney libraries use, and he will recommend what needs to be done. She said she met with Christal about meeting rooms and wants to change the policy to say users must be out of rooms 15 minutes prior to the library closing and the price patrons are charged for use. Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of name tags for Board members. Bob Scoby seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

New Business

Gala/Dinner: Tina explained the Foundation hopes to host a new fundraising event at the end of the year—like one the West Plains Public Library has, which is very successful. Tina inquired about the library's policy on alcohol to be reviewed—allowing it on the property, only during a potential fundraising event. The Board tabled this, asking for more information.

Building Assessment: Mark Campbell explained Tina had asked employees to compile a list of things that need to be fixed/updated. He asked her to set up a meeting with the Building Committee to go over the list.

Public Comments Policy: Tina provided examples of other public library's public comments policies. Most have an online form that can be filled out prior to the Board meeting to allow community members to speak publicly. Bob Scoby made a motion to approve a policy that people must fill out a form in advance to speak publicly, like the Springfield-Greene County Library's policy. Mike Simpson seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Bob Scoby and Glenn Lawrence voted no.

Team Building on 4/24/26: Tina asked the Board if the library could close at 3pm on Friday, April 24 for team building. Christine Hutson made a motion to approve the closure for training from 3pm-5pm on April 24. Mike Simpson seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

Mike Simpson said he checked all the local interest rates and made a motion to renew the library's seven month CD for 3.85% at First State Community Bank for \$41,000. Christine Hutson seconded. The motion passed 8-0. Mark Campbell abstained.

Historical Committee Update: Glenn Lawrence provided notes from the meeting held on Thursday, March 12. He said discussion was held pertaining to the changes in the museum made over the years. He said announcing these changes is important. The Route 66 Society will provide an updated list of suggestions. Bob Scoby asked a series of questions about library staff practices when taking in donations, cataloging items and giving museum tours.

Special District Strategy Proposal: Discussion was held on a proposal provided by Cole Karr, with Special District Strategies. Mike Simpson made a motion to enter into the proposed agreement with Cole Kar, as provided to the Board, Christine Hutson seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

Technology Assessment: Tina provided a list of items the library is hoping to replace/upgrade. The Board asked that the contracted technology employee review the list of items and make an assessment—asked Tina to discuss with him this week. The Board asked for a price tag associated with the items.

Old Business

Room Policies: Tina said she and Christal talked about changing the cost of meeting room use. She said the new online donation platform would allow the library to send an invoice. The Board tabled the vote to give employees time to figure out the donation system. They will revisit the cancellation policy and refunds.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote:

Bob Scoby made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and real estate. Mike Simpson seconded. The Board took a Roll Call Vote to go into Closed Session with City Administrator, Troy Schulte at 7:27pm.

Michael Kinion, Secretary and Member	Yes
Christine Hutson, Member	Yes
Mark Campbell, President and Member	Yes
Lisa Anthony, Member	Yes
Susan Sellers, Member	Yes
Mike Simpson, Member	Yes
Glenn Lawrence, Vice President and Member	Yes
Bob Scoby, Member	Yes
Kerry Lewis, Treasurer and Member	Yes

Troy Schulte left the meeting at 7:51pm.

The Closed Session ended at 7:49pm.

Adjournment

At 8pm Kerry Lewis made a motion to exit Closed Session and adjourn. Christine Hutson seconded. All approved 9-0.