

# *Concordia Parish Library*

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## CONCORDIA PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

VIDALIA LIBRARY

2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Corbett called the meeting to order at 2 pm. A quorum was present. Members present were LaJean Corbett, Jackie Young, Kathleen Stevens, Jill Britt, Renard Chatman and James Lee. Members absent were Bobby Sheppard and ex-officio Cornell Lewis.
2. MINUTES – July 15, 2026: Mr. Chatman moved to approve minutes as mailed and Ms. Young seconded the motion. Motion approved.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments limited to 5 minutes): No one from the public was present.
4. REPORTS
  - A. Circulation: The Director discussed statistics for July and August. (See Attachments)
  - B. Financial: The monthly finances for July and August were presented. The Director commented on a large expense of insurance in July.
    1. Current Balance Sheets – July/August. (See Attachments)
    2. 2027 Budget: The estimated Budget was reviewed. Mr. Lee made the motion and Ms. Britt seconded the motion to present the budget as recommended at the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing. (See Attachment)
    3. Schedule of Ad Valorem: The Director explained that most of the Ad Valorem had been received. (See Attachment)
    4. Revenue Sharing: The state's Revenue Sharing sheet was reviewed. See Attachment). Also, a discussion occurred over the Library's savings in order to pay for the construction project and keep enough to maintain the present buildings. (See Attachment)
    5. Foley & Judell – Continuation: A copy of the letter from the New Orleans attorneys who will assist the Library to prepare for the renewal was presented. (See Attachment)
    6. 2027 Millage: The amount for the renewal was discussed and all are studying for the best decision. (See Attachments)

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tests (3): A reminder that 3 tests must be taken before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Policies (3): Three policies were examined and only one had a change on Annual Leave - 3 days of vacation needed to be taken the first part of the year before May 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Stevens made the motion to accept and Ms. Britt seconded the motion. Motion passed. (See Attachment)
- C. PR Postcards – September/October: The Library programming for the next 2 months was presented. (See attachment)
- D. Humanities Grant – 250<sup>th</sup>: The Director stated the final report had been submitted and all was good.
- E. Falkheiner Account: The gift from the Falkenheiner estate was discussed because the Library has never received the funds. The Library's attorney needed to be contacted.
- F. Old Courthouse: At this time no one is interested in re-doing the old courthouse. The School System seems to want to build a new building.
- G. Construction Update: Photographs were shown of the construction project. (See Attachments)

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Art Grant – Submitted – Monitoring: The Library's Art Grant was submitted but the Arts committee has not met.
- B. Sheriff Community Events: The Sheriff's Office asked the Library to participate in a community project in Vidalia and Ferriday. The Library did so.
- C. Joe Curtis Book Signing: The book signing was discussed and those who attended enjoyed his presentation.
- D. Bill Board: The Library will place the Victory Belles concert on the Billboard for \$700.
- E. Bookmobile Routes: The new route schedule was presented and a new bookmobile person has been hired. (See Attachment)
- F. Kemp Family: Robert Kemp continues to work remotely due to the fire and his wounds.
- G. Trail Blazer Annual Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup>: The meeting will begin at 9:30 in Lake Providence. Ms. Corbett will be the voting member for TBS.

H. Patrons: The Director spoke of issues of accommodating the public's request for room usage.

7. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Ms. Corbett asked all to attend the Budget Hearing.

Budget Hearing, Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at the Ferriday Library at 2:00 pm

8. ADJOURN: The President adjourned the meeting.

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President of Library Board

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Custodian of Records