

**Minutes**  
**Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board**  
**Martinsville Library**  
**May 22, 2025**

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Greg Peitz, Harry Rhett, Yluelhaldi Rose, and Lewis Turner attended.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward and Administrative Assistant George Gutshall.

Board members Felita Claybrooks, Lora Mahaffey, Sherry Vestal and Donata Worrell were unable to attend.

**Call to Order:**

Board Chair Rebecca Adcock called the meeting to order at 12:04 and welcomed those in attendance.

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Lewis Turner, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the minutes from the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Collinsville were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

On a motion by Greg Peitz, seconded by Lewis Turner, the report was approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

There were no committee reports.

**Old Business:**

Concerning the Bassett Expansion Project, Margaret Caldwell, on behalf of the Foundation, reported they had sent out 91 letters to prospective donors to help raise funding. She has also contacted grant writer Kirsten Smith to inquire into her services to help with grant funding for the project. There will also be a BINGO fundraiser on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Bassett Event Center.

**New Business:**

Since Director Rick Ward is retiring at the end of June, a committee was formed to search for his replacement consisting of Rebecca Adcock, Harry Rhett and, after being contacted to see if she is interested, Donata Worrell. Rick was asked to send out an email to the department heads to see who may be interested in being the Interim Director.

Greg Peitz, concerned with the projected rise in pricing due to the tariffs being imposed on imported goods, suggested the board factor in a reserve fund in the upcoming budget.

**Friends Report:**

There was no Friends report.

**Director's Agenda:**

Director Ward referred the board to the printed director's report.

He announced that Somer Ojodeagua had been promoted to replace retiring Branch Manager Garry Clifton at the Patrick County Branch. He also noted that Garry's retirement celebration would be at the Patrick Branch on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 4:30.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Lewis Turner, seconded by Harry Rhett, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54.

Recorder  
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose  
Secretary