

Elbert County Library District dba Pines & Plains Libraries
Board of Trustees Minutes
November 25, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Pines & Plains Libraries met for a regularly scheduled meeting at the Elizabeth Library.

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by RuthAnn Stricker.
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum: Board Members present: RuthAnn Stricker, Maral Heggemeier, Alessandra Navetta, Alan Krenek, and Lisa Hurst
Staff: Director Susan Byrne and Administrative Assistant Nat Nelson
3. Acceptance of the Agenda:
Motion to accept the agenda.
Alessandra Navetta made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd
All in favor.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. October 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed, no comments
 - b. Correspondence: None
 - c. October Bank Reconciliations: Alessandra Navetta provided the Board with a comprehensive review of the District funds status for October:
The Community Banks of Colorado checking account has a balance of \$1,496,281.145
The Community Banks of Colorado payroll account has a balance of \$34,251.57.
The ColoTrust account has a balance of \$762,680.92.
The CSafe1 account has a balance of \$620,458.74.
The CSafe3 account has a balance of \$751,712.58
The gross total of all accounts is \$3,665,384.95.
 - d. October Budget to Actual: Total expenditures through October are \$1,065,445.60 of the \$1,551,894.00 budget, which is 68.66%. January through October accounts for 83.33% of the year.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Alan Krenek made the motion; Maral Heggemeier 2nd
All in favor.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. BOCC Meeting Update: The Board did not attend either meeting in October.
- b. Foundation Meeting Update: The Foundation met on November 15. Susan resigned her position as president of the Foundation. Cathy Ruppel has taken over as president. The Foundation continues to collect donations for Colorado Gives Day, which continues until December 9. At this time, the Foundation has raised \$3,412.

6. Director's Report: Director Byrne provided a copy of her report to the Board.

7. Mill Levy Certification:

The 2025 assessed value amount for Elbert County is \$708,350,720.00. The levy for the library district is 2.516 mills.

Motion 25-11-01:

Motion to certify the mill levy for 2026.

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd
All approve.

8. 2026 Board Meeting and Library Holiday Calendar: Director Byrne provided a draft of the Board Meeting and Library Holiday Calendar to the Board. The Board discussed changing the monthly meeting start time to 4:00 pm.

Motion 25-11-02:

Motion to change the monthly meeting start time to 4:00 pm.

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Lisa Hurst 2nd
All in favor.

Motion 25-11-03:

Motion to approve the Board Meeting and Library Holiday Calendar for 2026.

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Alan Krenek 2nd
All in favor.

9. Board Member Term Expiration: RuthAnn Stricker's term as a board member ends at the end of January 2026. The Board discussed her continuing for another three-year term.

Motion 25-11-04:

Motion to approve RuthAnn Stricker for another term as a board member of the Pines & Plains Libraries board.

Lisa Hurst made the motion; Alessandra Navetta 2nd
All in favor

10. Policy Manual Revisions: The Board will be having a study session on January 14, 2026 at 3:00 pm to discuss updates to the policy manual.

11. Public Comment: None

12. Any Other Items/Business from Board Members: Alan Krennek shared with the Board that several acquaintances had shown interest in becoming a board member. The Board suggested that these acquaintances should fill out an application that can be kept on file for the future.

13. Next meeting:

- a. Board Study Session, Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 3 pm at the Elizabeth Library.
- b. Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 4 pm at the Elizabeth Library.

14. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:38 pm

Maral Heggemeier made the motion; Lisa Hurst 2nd
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Nat Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Motion 25-11-01: Maral Heggemeier made a motion to certify the mill levy for 2026. The motion was seconded by Alan Krenek. All in favor.

Motion 25-11-02: Maral Heggemeier made a motion to change the monthly meeting start time to 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Lisa Hurst. All in favor.

Motion 25-11-03: Maral Heggemeier made a motion to approve the Board Meeting and Library Holiday Calendar for 2026. The motion was seconded by Alan Krenek. All in favor.

Motion 25-11-04: Lisa Hurst made a motion to approve RuthAnn Stricker for another term as a board member. The motion was seconded by Alessandra Navetta. All in favor.

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Board of Trustees
RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES
(Pursuant to 39-5-128, C.R.S. and 39-1-111, C.R.S.)
Resolution 25-11-01
November 25, 2025

A RESOLUTION LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2026, TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE ELBERT COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE 2026 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Elbert County Library District, has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on October 22, 2025 and;

WHEREAS, the 2025 valuation for assessment for the Elbert County Library District as certified by the County Assessor(s) is \$708,350,720.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ELBERT COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, COLORADO:

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting all **general operating** expenses of the Elbert County Library District during the 2026 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 2.516 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County for the year 2025.

Section 2. That the President is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Elbert County, Colorado, the mill levies for the Elbert County Library District as hereinabove determined and set, or be authorized and directed to certify to the County Commissioners of Elbert County, Colorado, the mill levies for the Elbert County Library District as hereinabove determined and set.

ADOPTED this 25th day of November, A.D. 2025.

By: _____
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President

By: _____
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary

Elbert County Library District
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Board of Trustees
Resolution to Change Meeting Start Time
Resolution 25-11-02
November 25, 2025

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to change the monthly meeting start time to 4:00 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees has changed the monthly meeting start time to 4:00 pm.

Approved this 25th day of November 2025 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: _____
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President

By: _____
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary

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Board of Trustees
Resolution to Approve the 2026 Calendar
Resolution 25-11-03
November 25, 2025

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to approve the Board Meeting and Library Holiday Calendar for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees has approved the Board Meeting and Library Holiday Calendar for 2026.

Approved this 25th day of November 2025 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: _____
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President

By: _____
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary

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Resolution to Recommend the Re-Appointment of Board Member

Resolution 25-11-04

November 25, 2025

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees to recommend the appointment of RuthAnn Stricker to the Elbert Board of County Commissioners for second term as a board member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees recommends RuthAnn Stricker for second term as a board member through January 2029.

Approved this 25th day of November 2025 by the Pines & Plains Libraries Board of Trustees.

By: _____
RuthAnn Stricker, Board President

By: _____
Lisa Hurst, Board Secretary