

Dripping Springs Community Library District
Minutes
August 11, 2026

Present: Missy Atwood, Bob Richardson, Paul Schreier, Melva Codina, Kellie Raymond
Mindy Laird Lesli Cathey Jaime Urquidi (JMT)

Call to order 4:03 PM

- **Director's Report** – Mindy informed the Board that she attended the Special Districts Coalition Conference. The Coalition is trying to find a sponsor for the Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act which would provide special districts with equal access to federal programs and funding opportunities currently unavailable to many districts simply because of how federal law defines local government. Currently there are no Texas congressional cosponsors.
Olivia (Children's Librarian) was appointed to a three-year term on TLA's Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List Committee. Mindy will begin working on plans for the Annual Golf Tournament at Plum Creek Golf Club.
- **Woodhead Studios proposal** – Mindy presented a proposal from Jessie Woodhead for strategy, messaging, and branding help for the library. The Board discussed this proposal and the need for this at this time.
- **Update from JMT Project Manager, Jaime Urquidi, and library planning**– Bob and Jaime presented the outcome of value engineering meetings with JMT, JE Dunn, and PGAL. At this time, the cost of several changes to the library concept has lowered the price to approximately \$23 million. Other parts of the construction plan still need to be evaluated, which could lower the total cost of the library.
- **Funding options for the new library** – Missy and Paul met with representatives from the City of Dripping Springs, Hays County, and the TIRZ Board to discuss funding possibilities. Missy reported that the city voted to discuss funding options for the library. TIRZ still has the library as a priority project, according to Missy, but the TIRZ 2027 budget discussions do not have monies allocated for the library at this time. Dan Wegemiller will continue discussing funding opportunities with banking institutions.

On a motion by Kellie Raymond and a second from Melva Codina, the Board entered Executive Session at 5:42 pm

The Board left Executive Session at 5:54 pm

Action Items

- The minutes for July 14, 2026, minutes were tabled.
- On a motion by Paul Schreier and seconded by Bob Richardson, with no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the amended minutes for the Special Called Meeting on July 28, 2026.
- On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, with no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the financial reports for July 2026.
- Action on Director's Report – No Action
- Action on a proposal from Woodhead Studios strategy, messaging, and branding- No Action
- Action as needed for new library planning and design – No Action
- Action as needed on TIRZ board updates- No Action
- On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, with no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the evaluations and salary recommendations for Rhonda Carpenter and Lainey Woolard.

On a motion by Kellie Raymond and seconded by Paul Schreier, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Melva Codina

Board Secretary