MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
August 20, 2025

ROLL CALL
The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Director Williams and board members Turner, Hilliard, Mousty and Thompson were present. Gryl was absent. Riesberg arrived shortly after minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

MINUTES
The minutes from the July 16, 2025 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT
No Treasurer's Report was available due to the ongoing annual audit. Williams noted that a $200,000 CD at Better Banks was renewed for a 6-month term at a 3.59% interest rate. **Ropp moved and Mousty seconded that the August bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

August 2025		
Invoices Paid		$71,902.50
Ameren Illinois		985.87
I3 Broadband		399.52
Morton Utilities		249.59
Total Bills:		$73,537.48
Director		7,620.63
Staff		43,847.88
Payroll Total:		$51.468.51
Employer IMRF		$4,982.13
Employer FICA		$ 3,937.34

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Director Williams reported that participation in Summer Reading was up by 12%, resulting in possibly the largest participation ever. Every category showed an increase except the Age 0-5 "Read to Me" group. The first Adult Summer Reading Party was a big success, as were the pool parties for kids and teens. The board suggested a staff appreciation breakfast in recognition of the successful summer program. Ropp will oversee arrangements and board members will assist with serving breakfast on August 27th.

Registration for the October 16th ILA Trustee Day is September 15. This year the conference will be held at the Rosemont Conference Center.

Williams will be reviewing the Personal Leave Policy in order to clarify parameters and will bring revisions for board review next month.

NEW BUSINESS
Ropp moved and Turner seconded to approve Ordinance No. 25-3, Levying and Assessing Municipal Tax. The motion carried unanimously.

Hilliard moved and Turner seconded to approve the Local History Room Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ropp moved and Riesberg seconded to approve revisions to the Donations, Gifts and Memorials Policy as presented and further revised in the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Mousty seconded to approve Ordinance 25-5 FOIA as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Ropp seconded to approve the updated definition of "Permanent Substitute" as presented and further revised in the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS
The board discussed Culture Statement Proposals from HR Source and PIE. There were questions regarding scope, value, employee buy-in, and likely overall effectiveness. Williams will confer with the agencies for further clarification on certain issues, as well as seek an additional proposal. The board agreed to table the matter until the September Board Meeting.

OTHER BUSINES
Turner presented a legislative update, as well as a summary of a trustee training Webinar on director and board evaluations that she recently attended.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 4:30 pm.