

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Library Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 23, 2025

The Davis County Library Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 PM on June 23, 2025, at the Library Headquarters Staff Conference Room.

PRESENT

Ryan Nilsen, Vice Chair
Jessica Groves
Commissioner Kamalu
Sara Reed
Rosalie Taylor
Josh Johnson, Director

GUESTS

Lynnette Mills, Deputy Director
Matt Goff, Deputy Director
Ellen Peterson, Deputy Director
Jenny Tankersley, Library
Lane Rose, Facilities Director
Chris Preston, County Attorney
Trent Smith, Modern Out West
Avery, Bountiful

WELCOME

Ryan Nilsen welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **#2025-666. Presentation of design options for the Bountiful branch library** - *recommended by Trent Smith, Modern Out West*

Trent Smith from Modern Out West Architects presented design options for the Bountiful branch library. He began by explaining the process of the design team. The design team was split into two with architects and library staff on both teams. One team worked on possible designs for a new build on the land proposed by Bountiful City for a land swap. The other team worked on remodel designs for the existing building. Trent told the Board that the Bountiful City land had a geotechnical study done in 2012 and there was a feasibility study completed in 2021 on the current Bountiful library.

Josh gave a brief timeline of the project to the Board.

Trent Smith told the Board that when reading the geotechnical study done in 2012 on the proposed land, they realized there was a building there before that has since been demolished. The borings show that the basement of the previous building was filled with 90% structural fill, but 95% is recommended.

Trent also told the Board that there were a few things that grabbed their attention in the feasibility report completed in 2021 on the current Bountiful branch. This caused his team to meet with the firm that completed the report in order to clarify a few things. One item that stood out to Modern Out West was that there were no drawings for the remodel, which would be essential for accurate estimates. The other was a recommendation for a complete seismic upgrade for the building. After speaking with the firm that completed

the report, it was confirmed that several items would need to be modified, such as a completely new roof, but since they would not be changing more than 10% of the load-bearing walls, the seismic upgrade would be achievable.

Trent Smith reminded the Board that the feasibility study from 2021 included cost estimates. It stated that a brand-new 18,000 square foot building on the current site was estimated to cost 10 million dollars. A renovation of the existing building at 24,000 square feet was listed at 9.18 million dollars. The feasibility study did not look into the possibility of building on a different site.

Trent then shared different schemes for both the remodel and new building options. He shared that the library on the new site would be slightly more expensive despite being significantly smaller due to new construction costs.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of both options, including disruption to service, options for alternate storefronts if needed, square footage loss, mature landscaping, and staffing requirements for one floor vs two. Rosalie Taylor asked if the county had a building that could be used as a temporary library building. Josh replied that they do not. Ryan Nilsen asked how much more staff is needed for a two-story building versus a one-story. Josh explained that it depends on the layout, but probably two more staff per shift. Sara said that a library is being built for 50 years and having more space gives the library more flexibility down the road.

Commissioner Kamalu left the meeting.

Rosalie Taylor asked what the budget was for the new library. Josh told her it was ten million dollars.

ACTION ITEMS

2. **#2025-667. Board selection of initial design options for the Bountiful branch library** - *recommended by Joshua Johnson, Director, Library*

Sara Reed moved that the Library move forward with a remodel of the old building on the existing site. Rosalie Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 4:32 p.m.