

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, June 16, 2021

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1. Call to order

The Trails Regional Library Board met on June 16, 2021 with the majority of the board attending in person at the Warrensburg Branch. The meeting was live streamed for the public on YouTube. President, Scotty Walker, called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board members attending in person: Allycen Burton, Fern Deatherage, Carlin Dillon, Georgia Jarman, Ron McMullin, Judy Tyler, Scotty Walker and Judy Wolter. On duty staff attending in person: Anita Love, Karen Churn, and Luke Ciccone who provided technical support for the live stream. On duty staff attending via GoToMeeting: Roger Dumas, Sara Evans, and Nate Beyerink. Also, in attendance: Jackie Hawes, incoming Trails Director.

There were 38 members of the public in attendance via the live stream YouTube channel.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Consent Agenda

There were no questions regarding the consent agenda.

Ron McMullin made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the printed checks from the general fund. Fern Deatherage seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye, Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Lafayette County board members (needing 2).

The topic was tabled until next month.

b. Johnson County representative for Foundation Board.

The topic was tabled until next month.

c. Process of lifting COVID restrictions in the branches & administrative offices.

Ms Love stated she had met with the branch managers just that morning to get their responses to lifting the COVID restrictions. Branch managers and administrative staff are willing to: stop quarantining materials, put out non-cloth furniture, open up meeting rooms and study rooms once the quarantine materials and furniture are out, bring back magazines and newspapers, bring back children's puzzles, allow children to use video games, bring back in-door programming with some restrictions of children wearing masks. Staff is not ready to bring back stuffed toys, cloth puppets or adult puzzles. Discussion ensued.

Georgia Jarman made a motion to make the changes as outlined by staff. Fern Deatherage seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton - Aye, Fern Deatherage - Aye, Carlin Dillon - Aye, Georgia Jarman - Aye, Ron McMullin - Aye, Judy Tyler - Aye, Judy Wolter - Aye and Scotty Walker - Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Georgia Jarman made a motion to have children under the age of 12 wear masks during in-door programming. Fern Deatherage seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye and Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

6. New Business

a. Approval of PTO rate for the new Director.

Ms Love handed out copies of the current Leave Policy with the graduated chart of when employees earn differing amounts of PTO. Discussion ensued.

Fern Deatherage made a motion to approve the amount of 8.31 hours of PTO per pay period for the new Director. Carlin Dillon seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye and Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

b. Approval of FY2022 Draft budget.

Copies of the FY2022 Draft budget was sent out in the board packets. Ms Love went through the budget to explain changes made from the Preliminary budget. Discussion ensued. It was pointed out the Lexington Chamber of Commerce membership needed to be added. Ms Love pointed out that she had made a mistake typing the programming budget line. It should read \$24,000 not \$2,400. She went on to say that she would be able to make the adjustments to offset the typo.

Judy Wolter made a motion to approve the FY2022 Draft budget with the suggested corrections. Judy Tyler seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye and Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

c. Approval of FY2022 Board meeting locations.

The suggested dates, times and locations were listed on the agenda. Discussion ensued.

Georgia Jarman made a motion to approve the FY2022 board meeting locations as presented. Ron McMullin seconded the motion and a roll

call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye and Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

d. Johnson County board member to replace Lori Dodson.

In the board folders there were three board nomination forms; one from Lafayette County and two from Johnson County. The board discussed the two nominees from Johnson County.

Carlin Dillon moved to recommend to the Johnson County Commissioners Jana Brookshier to fill the position vacated by Lori Dodson. Fern Deatherage seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye and Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mr. Walker will write the letter to the commissioners.

e. Election of Officers.

Ron McMullin moved to stay with the same slate of officers for FY2022.

Scotty Walker – President
Ron McMullin – Vice-President
Judy Tyler – Secretary
Judy Wolter - Treasurer

Carlin Dillon seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, Allycen Burton – Aye, Fern Deatherage – Aye, Carlin Dillon – Aye, Georgia Jarman – Aye, Ron McMullin – Aye, Judy Tyler – Aye, Judy Wolter – Aye and Scotty Walker – Aye. The motion passed with 8 Ayes and 0 Nays.

7. Discussion and Announcements

a. Reschedule board retreat for strategic plan.

Ms Love reported that Clark Swanson had a conflict and would not be able to come in person on June 24th to conduct the retreat. The meeting could be held in a virtual room. The board directed Ms Love to contact Mr. Swanson and reschedule the meeting to sometime after July 19th so the new Director, Jackie Hawes could also participate.

b. Odessa building update.

Ms Love reported that on Wednesday, June 9th the Odessa branch developed an odd smell that caused staff and patrons to cough and/or sneeze. The building was evacuated. Administration closed the branch Thursday through Monday and an environmental specialist was called on. On Monday, June 14th the building was aired and no odd smell existed. The branch was back open to the public on Tuesday, June 15th.

c. Leeton Express Branch expanded hours.

Ms Love reported that the Leeton School Board has agreed to the expanded hours of the Express Branch. Deanna Schluer has already begun the new hours.

8. Adjournment

President, Scotty Walker, adjourned the meeting at 9:15p.m. The next meeting will be at 7:00p.m. on July 21, 2021 at the Warrensburg Branch.

Board Officer

July 21, 2021
Date of approval