

MINUTES OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

August 17, 2022

Members Present: Michelle Drake
Rodney Ellis
Susan Gesser
Beena Vora (virtual)
Harry Pedigo (virtual)

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Ken Silva, Reporter – Messenger Inquirer
John Edge
Hope Neel

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Drake at 5:02 p.m.

Michelle Drake called to move Public Comment to the top of the Agenda since we had several guests attending the meeting who wished to address the Board. Mr. Edge and Mrs. Neel asked for an update on the parking lot expansion as well as to get information about board member nominations. Mrs. Neel also had some additional concerns over the parking lot that were discussed. The guests stayed for the rest of the meeting.

Michelle Drake called for the approval of the minutes of the July meeting. After review and hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. Rodney Ellis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report. He went over the July 2022 financial report including the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Susan Gesser made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Beena Vora seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Ellis went over the options for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Tax Rate. He led a discussion and answered questions. Mr. Ellis noted that all the compensating rates were lower than the Library's last year rates, but felt the compensating rates were adequate to meet the approved budget. After discussion, Susan Gesser made a motion to accept compensating rate for Real Property in the amount of 6.0 cents per \$100, compensating rate for Tangible Personal Property, Aircraft and Inventory in the amount of 6.39 cents per \$100 and 4.0 cents per \$100 for Auto Tax. Michelle Drake seconded, and the

motion carried unanimously. The approved rates will be sent to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to be presented at the next Fiscal Court meeting.

Ms. Waller presented the Director's Report and discussed the following:

- Summer Reading ended on July 31 with 1,752 people signed up, which was 400 more than last year, and there were over 1 million reading minutes logged. Over 500 people attended Summer Reading programs.
- The Friends of the Library are hosting a Fund Raiser Trivia program on Saturday, September 17.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Parking Lot Expansion Project. Erin Waller reported that the Ford Avenue entrance has been widened and now has plenty of room for turning in and out of the parking lot. The drive-up book drop has been installed but it will not be used until the rest of the parking lot is completed. The drainage work on the lot had been completed and they were able to connect to Maple Avenue drainage lines rather than Frederica Street. Next week, gravel will be put down on the new section of the parking lot with asphalt after that. The contractors will then shift to the existing parking lot. The landscaping will not be done until October and the fencing will be completed last. Ms. Waller presented a Change Order in the amount of \$3,057.50, which included a credit for the change in the drainage system connections, an increase in concrete work, fencing and parking lot island change. After discussion, Rodney Ellis made a motion to accept the Change Order as presented. Susan Gesser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Drake called for Old Business – Board Member Nominations – Expiring Terms. Erin Waller reported the Beena Vora's second term is expiring in September so there would need to be two nominations for her seat since she cannot serve more than two terms. Rodney Ellis's first term is expiring in September. Mr. Ellis would like to serve another term so there would need to be one additional nomination for his seat. Erin Waller reported that she had contacted some potential people discussed at the last meeting, but a few were not interested. After further discussion of potential candidates, Susan Gesser made a motion to nominate Rachel Besing and Shannon Dupree Smith for Beena Vora's board seat and Rodney Ellis and Sarah Mattingly for Rodney Ellis's board seat. Michelle Drake seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Debbie Young will submit the nominations to KDLA and after their review, they will forward the names to Judge Executive Mattingly for him to choose a candidate for each open board seat.

There was no New Business.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room.

Michelle Drake

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