

**Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of August 12, 2010**

Board members present were David Webber, President; Julie Baka, Susan Breyfogle, Rosie Gerding, Jim Jones, David McDonald, and Tom Richards. Jacob Thorne and MaryEllen Sievert were absent.

Also present were Elinor Barrett, Melissa Carr, Connie Bush, Melanie Henry, Karen Neeley, Jim Smith and Amanda Burke, DBRL staff members.

Public Hearing

Webber opened the public hearing and invited comment from the public. Mary Lou Parks of 2804 Skylark Drive, Columbia, was present at the meeting to voice her concern that the Columbia and Boone County Library District tax rates are unequal. Her opinion was that the disparity is not fair, and she asked when the rates could be made more similar. Webber and Carr explained that the CLD rate includes a tax approved by Columbia voters that was used to build the new Columbia Public Library. Because state statute dictates that the library cannot change the 1965 district boundaries without merging, the first opportunity to address the disparity will be in 2017, when the Columbia Public Library building debt is paid off. However, the idea is already included in the DBRL strategic plan. Webber closed the public hearing.

Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Webber called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library. A quorum of members was present. Carr noted that, due to changing work responsibilities, Thorne would no longer be able to serve on the DBRL and CLD Boards. She asked that Board members advise her if they knew anyone who might be a good candidate for the vacant seat.

Approval of Minutes

Webber asked for changes or corrections to the minutes from June 10 and July 15, 2010. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as written.

Debt Service Warrant

Smith introduced the warrant for transfer of \$250,438.

ACTION: Gerding moved, Breyfogle seconded approval of the debt service warrant. The motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary CY 2011 CLD Debt Service Fund Budget

Smith introduced the budget, which reflected maintaining the same tax rate as levied in 2009 (22.50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation).

Public Comment: There was no comment from the public.

Discussion: Gerding asked if there was any reason to levy a higher rate, such as the ability to pay off bonds faster. Smith responded that the money could only be held in reserve and not even the interest could be used to make such payments.

ACTION: Jones moved, Breyfogle seconded approval of the Preliminary CY 2011 CLD Debt Service Fund Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

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Setting of 2010 CDL Debt Service Tax Rate

Breyfogle expressed her hope that, if the district did not levy a higher rate, the library would receive the level of attention from the press it would receive if they did levy a higher rate. Webber suggested the library's Public Relations department send out a press release.

ACTION: Gerding moved, McDonald seconded setting the 2010 CDL Debt Service Tax Rate at 22.50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The motion passed unanimously.

CY 2011 Building Fund Budget

Smith introduced the budget, which reflects no expenditures and higher anticipated returns on funds invested with the City of Columbia.

Public Comment: There was no comment from the public.

ACTION: McDonald moved, Gerding seconded approval of the CY 2011 Building Fund Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of 2010-2011 CLD Finance Committee Member

Carr reminded the Board that the Bylaws dictate this committee be composed of the President and immediate past President of each district Board or an alternate member elected by the district Board. As Webber already serves on the committee as Warrant Officer for the regional Board, another CLD Board member must be selected to serve on the Finance Committee with Richards.

ACTION: McDonald nominated Gerding. Jones seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Miscellaneous

Richards asked why the new parking lot was not in use. Carr stated that the engineer would be at the regional meeting to discuss the issue, but noted that the punch list had not been completed.

Recess

The meeting was recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Revised Preliminary CY 2011 DBRL Operating Budget

Public Comment: There was no comment from the public.

ACTION: The motion came from the DBRL Board to approve the Revised Preliminary CY 2011 DBRL Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Setting of 2010 CDL Operating Tax Rate

ACTION: Gerding moved, Baka seconded to set the 2010 CDL Operating Tax Rate at .2971 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed Boone County's operational tax rate of .2986 and observed that the rates have slowly adjusted to similar numbers.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Webber adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL Staff

Board Secretary