

**Callaway County Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of June 14, 2018**

Board members present were Jean Howard, President; Taylor Cudd, Mary Fennel and Tonya Hays-Martin. Brian Warren was absent.

Also present were Marty Wilson of Holts Summit; DBRL Executive Director Margaret Conroy; and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Melanie Henry, Greg Reeves, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

**Call to Order**

Howard called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

**Public Comment**

Wilson stated that the site in Holts Summit is almost finished. He invited everyone to visit the space.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard declared the minutes of May 10, 2018 approved as written.

**Holts Summit Library Proposal**

Howard passed out copies of the lease proposal submitted by Wilson.

**ACTION:** Cudd moved, Hays-Martin seconded accepting the “Lease Proposal for 188 W. Simon Boulevard, Holts Summit.”

Conroy stated that staff have been considering and researching options for increasing service in Holts Summit and know that there is a lot of community support for doing so. The staff and Trustees are aware that DBRL does not have any funds in the current fiscal year to increase services. Staff begin conversations about the 2019 Operating Budget in July and will present a preliminary budget to the Board in August. The Final 2019 Operating Budget will be considered by the Board in November. Staff will continue to discuss whether additional services in Holts Summit can be budgeted. However, a second Callaway County branch cannot be initiated or sustained with the current Callaway County tax levy.

Hays-Martin noted that it has been challenging to get Callaway County voters to vote for any tax increases in the past. Holts Summit patrons may be supportive of a tax levy increase if it results in quality library services for their community.

Wilson noted that if the community experiences some initial services they may favor a tax levy increase that can support full services.

Howard noted that it is also difficult to levy taxes in the North Callaway School District, in her experience.

Wilson suggested that an area business or philanthropic family may be approached for initial funding. He also noted that the Holts Summit Community Betterment Association has collected about 3,000 cases of books for a fundraising sale. In response to questions from the Trustees, Wilson stated that the sale will be held in the space next to the proposed library space and will be held as soon as possible. The funds raised may be used to pay rent or pay down debt.

Howard stated that Holts Summit would benefit from having more library services. However, cuts at the state level have restricted libraries across Missouri, and Callaway County is underfunded as it is.

**ACTION:** The motion failed with a vote of 0-4.

Wilson exited the meeting.

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**Repayment of Tax Overpayment**

Conroy noted that Smith has paid back the tax overpayment. Smith explained that the money was disbursed to taxing districts in error by the Callaway County Collector. By statute, Callaway County is only allowed to collect money distributed in error in the last three years. Conroy stated that she and Smith visited the County Commissioners to discuss the matter. The error was discovered by the new Callaway County Assessor.

**2018-19 CCLD Officers**

Following discussion, the following slate of officers was developed:

President: Tonya Hays-Martin

Vice-President: Brian Warren

Secretary/Warrant Officer: Taylor Cudd

ACTION: Howard nominated, Cudd seconded electing Hays-Martin CCLD President for 2018-19. The motion passed.

ACTION: Hays-Martin nominated, Fennel seconded electing Warren CCLD Vice-President for 2018-19. The motion passed.

ACTION: Hays-Martin nominated, Fennel seconded electing Cudd CCLD Secretary/Warrant Officer for 2018-19. The motion passed.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Howard adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary