

**Callaway County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of June 13, 2019**

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

Also present were DBRL staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Margaret Conroy, Melanie Henry, Sara Henry, Nathan Pauley, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

Call to Order

Hays-Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no changes, additions or deletions, Hays-Martin declared the minutes of April 11, 2019 approved as written.

CCLD Bylaws

There was no further discussion about the proposed edits to the district bylaws.

ACTION: Howard moved, Cudd seconded approving the CCLD Bylaws with the suggested edits. The vote was taken by roll call: Cudd – yes; Fennel – yes; Hays-Martin – yes; Howard – yes; Warren – yes. The motion passed.

DBRL Contract

There was no further discussion about the proposed edits to the regional contract.

ACTION: Warren moved, Howard seconded approving the DBRL Contract with the suggested edits. The vote was taken by roll call: Cudd – yes; Fennel – yes; Hays-Martin – yes; Howard – yes; Warren – yes. The motion passed.

Election of CCLD Officers for 2019-20

The Trustees discussed the offices and developed the following slate:

- President – Tonya Hays-Martin
- Vice-President – Taylor Cudd
- Secretary/Warrant Officer – Mary Fennel

ACTION: Howard moved, Warren seconded electing the above Trustees to office for the 2019-20 board year. The motion passed.

Tax Levy Discussion

Conroy reported that Smith researched the impact of various tax levy increase levels and calculated the budget impact of adding services throughout Callaway County. The current voter-approved rate is 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Conroy has begun drafting a budget showing the increased income needed to cover paying rent and expanding hours at Holts Summit, adding staff and programming in Fulton, purchasing new equipment for both libraries in Callaway County, as well as planning for upcoming capital improvements at the Fulton building. Smith estimates that an increase of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation will generate about \$534,000 in additional revenue per year. For a property valued at \$150,000, which is above average for Callaway County, that would equal an increase of about \$17 per year in property tax.

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Conroy said that this summer's Community Survey results will provide information about the tax tolerance of Callaway County residents. The CCLD board will need to agree upon a tax levy rate and ballot language within the next four months. A citizens' committee will be formed in order to advocate for the levy. Library staff and Trustees can discuss the benefits of a higher tax rate with voters but cannot advise people how to vote.

In response to a question from Fennel, Conroy said that a simple majority is needed to pass the tax levy.

The board members discussed civic participation and community recognition of the library in Fulton. Conroy noted Sara Henry's work to integrate with community groups since she joined DBRL in January.

The board members brainstormed potential citizens' committee members.

Conroy said that the next regional board meeting will take place in Holts Summit and she expects to schedule a CCLD board meeting on the same date. Conroy asked the Trustees to email her with ideas and questions about this matter. Conroy plans to personally visit the Friends of the Callaway County Public Library to discuss the levy and how they can help.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Hays-Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke.

Board Secretary