

**Callaway County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of August 27, 2019**

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

Also present were Fulton Sun reporter Quinn Wilson and DBRL staff members Amanda Burke, Margaret Conroy, Sara Henry, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

Public Hearing

Hays-Martin opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. and invited comment from the public. There were no members of the public in attendance. The public hearing closed at 5:31 p.m.

Call to Order

Hays-Martin called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 July 11, 2019 approved as written.

2019 CCLD Operating Tax Rate

ACTION: Fennel moved, Howard seconded setting the Callaway County operating tax rate at 19.57 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Smith reported that the district's assessed valuation has increased from 2018 to 2019, triggering the provisions of the Hancock Amendment. Therefore, the CCLD tax rate must be decreased from the 2018 rate of 19.98 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The maximum the district can levy is 19.57 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

In response to a question from Conroy, Smith stated that the increased assessed valuation will result in a 2.1% increase in income at the lower tax rate.

ACTION: The vote was taken by roll call: Fennel – yes; Hays-Martin – yes; Howard – yes; Warren – yes. The motion passed.

Levy Planning

St. John distributed a draft levy fact sheet. Conroy noted that this draft is intended for internal use, as patrons are beginning to ask staff about the levy. Public talking points will be drafted subsequently.

Conroy noted that the tax rate has been at 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation since 1967, except for when it was rolled back to 14 cents. The rate of 20 cents was re-established in 2000.

Conroy reviewed the potential service improvements that could be made if the levy passes.

The staff and Trustees discussed formation of the citizens' committee. Hays-Martin plans to meet with Henry to review potential members. Conroy arranged with Fennel to visit an upcoming Friends of the Callaway County Public Library meeting. Conroy would like to have the committee in place by the end of the year.

Other Business

There was no other business.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Hays-Martin adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke.

Board Secretary