

**Columbia and Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of February 13, 2020**

Board members present were Bradd Anderson, Dorothy Carner, Lisa Groshong, Phil Harrison, Andrea Kimura, Kate Markie, August Nielsen, Pat Powell and Khaki Westerfield. Susan Daly, President, was absent.

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

Call to Order

Daly called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and welcomed Anderson to his first district board meeting. 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, Daly declared the minutes of August 15, 2019 approved as written.

Ashland Property Proposal

Conroy reported that she received a phone call earlier this year from Ashland property owner Justin Collins. He proposed an exchange of properties which he outlined in an email that was included in the meeting packet. Conroy noted that she explained to Collins that DBRL does not own the property in Ashland where the Southern Boone County Public Library (SBCPL) is located.

Conroy provided the board with some information about the original property acquisition. One and a half acres were donated to the library by a farm family's trust and DBRL purchased an additional piece outright. The 2006 market value was. Conroy asked the committee for feedback.

Powell suggested having Paul Land or a colleague take a look at the properties to provide the board with current market information. Conroy confirmed that no sale would take place without a professional market value assessment and noted that such action would have budget implications.

Conroy noted that there is no current plan to relocate SBCPL and there is a renewal clause in the current lease.

Daly stated that she believes the value of the land south of Ashland will continue to increase.

Markie observed and Conroy agreed that there is no anticipation that the library will need more building space or parking at the current location.

Conroy suggested that a new Southern Boone County service plan and associated budget be developed prior to determining what to do with the owned parcel.

Carner noted that Boone Hospital owns an adjacent parcel and she believes the location may be ideal for a library in the future.

With the consensus of the board, Conroy said she will decline Mr. Collin's current offer.

Conroy plans to further research the property so it can be considered as a component of a future service plan.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Daly adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke.

Board Secretary