

**Callaway County Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of January 7, 2020**

Board members present were Tonya Hays-Martin, President; Mary Fennel; Jean Howard; Taylor Pendleton and Debra Winter.

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

**Call to Order**

Hays-Martin called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 August 27, 2019 approved as written.

**Tax Levy Election Resolution**

Hays-Martin stated that the board would consider the resolution calling an election on whether to increase the existing operating tax levy for the Callaway County Library District from \$0.20 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$0.26 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Conroy stated that legal counsel has reviewed the language of the resolution on behalf of DBRL. Conroy also spoke to the State Auditor's office and they said that the language appeared to be typical.

**ACTION:** Howard moved, Fennel seconded approving the resolution calling an election on the question to increase the operating tax levy for the Callaway County Library District from \$0.20 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$0.26 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The vote was taken by roll call: Fennel – yes; Hays-Martin – yes; Howard – yes; Pendleton – yes; Winter – yes. The motion passed.

Conroy said that the paperwork will be filed with the county clerk this week. The costs of the election will be shared with other entities on the ballot in April.

Conroy and other staff members will continue working on raising community support. The Friends of the CCPL will be approached about funding some campaign materials.

Conroy clarified that no library staff or Trustees may tell voters how to vote on the question; they may only explain what the library will be able to do with increased funding. In response to a question from Howard, Conroy stated that talking points will be issued to the board.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Hays-Martin adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke.

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Board Secretary