

Daniel Boone Regional Library
Minutes, Meeting of December 14, 2023

Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination

Margrace Buckler, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Daniel Boone Regional Library (DRBL) Board members present were Shannon Alvis, Margrace Buckler, Mary Fennel, Tonya Hays-Martin, Cori Miller, Khaki Westerfield, August Nielsen, Pat Powell, Kate Markie, Jenniner Rodewald, and Jacqueline Kelly. Nate Suttentfield, Jean Howard and Dorothy Carner were absent.

Also in attendance were DBRL Executive Director Margaret Conroy, and DBRL managers Karen Crago, Erin Magner, Amanda McConnell, Nathan Pauley, Jim Smith, Mitzi St. John, Abbey Rimel, Sheryl Bucklew, Sara Henry, Angela Scott, Kirk Henley, and other members of library staff.

Public Comment

Buckler welcomed all guests and explained the guidelines for making public comments.

Former staff member Chriss Jones, spoke about her termination and requested a meeting with the Board to discuss her firing.

Minutes

There were no corrections or comments concerning the closed or open minutes of the November 16, 2023 or December 6, 2023 Board Meetings. Both closed and open minutes for these meetings were approved as written.

Monthly Reports

Director's Report:

Margaret reported that the library, once again, has purchased a table for the upcoming Columbia Values Diversity breakfast hosted by the City of Columbia. She stated that the table will be for the board members that can attend as well as some staff members. She also reported that along with Kee Groshong, Bill Bondeson has announced that he is stepping down from the foundation.

Financial Report:

Jim presented the November financial report. He highlighted that when looking at total tax revenue for Callaway County we will have collected 102% of the budget and for Columbia and Boone County we will only collect 86% of the budget by the end of December. The remaining

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portion for Columbia and Boone County will be distributed in 2024 which will put us ahead of budget for next year.

Service Report:

Margaret discussed the service report and there were no questions.

New Business

Jim presented the entire 2024 budget to the board, as they were not able to have a finance committee meeting before this board meeting.

Jim requested approval of the 2024 budget. Tonya asked if they needed to discuss in closed session before voting to which Margaret responded that it is not required but the board can decide to meet in closed session before voting if they wish. Kate asked for clarification that this is a projected budget assuming that the board will agree to the economic pieces of the union agreement, which they have not yet voted on. Margrace and Margaret answered that approving the budget gives permission to allocate funds assuming the board will pass the contract but does not commit them to spending the money in that way. Kate further clarified that if the budget is approved but the contract is not approved the funds can be reallocated.

ACTION: Jennifer moved, Jacqueline seconded voting to approve the proposed 2024 Budget. Vote on the motion was taken by roll call: Alvis – yes; Buckler – yes; Fennel – yes; Hayes-Martin -- yes; Kelly – yes; Markie – yes; Miller – yes; Nielsen – yes; Powell– yes; Rodewald -- yes; Westerfield – yes. The motion passed.

Other Business

None

Staff Announcements

None

Board Comments/Announcements

None

Closed Session

ACTION: Miller moved, Rodewald seconded entering Closed Session. Concerning Preparation as Authorized Under RSMo 610.021(9). Vote on the motion was taken by roll call:

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Alvis – yes; Buckler – yes; Fennel – yes; Hayes-Martin -- yes; Kelly – yes; Markie – yes; Miller – yes; Nielsen – yes; Powell– yes; Rodewald -- yes; Westerfield – yes. The motion passed.

Entered closed Session at 6:55 p.m.

Open session resumed at 7:27 p.m.

ACTION: Miller moved, Kelly seconded voting to approve the union contract with an amendment to Article 24: Wages. Concerning Preparation as Authorized Under RSMo 610.021(9). Vote on the motion was taken by roll call: Alvis – yes; Buckler – yes; Fennel – yes; Hayes-Martin -- no; Kelly – yes; Markie – yes; Miller – yes; Nielsen – yes; Powell– yes; Rodewald -- yes; Westerfield – yes. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Buckler Adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Emily Camden.

Cori Miller, Board Secretary