

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Smith at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Stacy Smith

Also present: Lexie Walsh - via phone call (Director), Ali Dixon (Recording Secretary)

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There was one visitor, Chris Nichols.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of Meetings
  - a. 03.18.25 Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Statements
  - a. Check Register—April
  - b. Budget Worksheet—April
3. Treasurer's Report—March
4. 2025 Non-Resident Card Agreement
5. Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Special Reserve Fund

### Treasurer's Report

- Karen Williams asked about line 37 in the report, labeled Imprest. Lexie Walsh responded that it is the petty cash account

### Check Register

- Stacy Smith questioned the low credit card payment of \$110. Lexie Walsh explained that it was the only statement that had been received before she had left on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the statements would appear on the next check register.
- Stacy asked what the invoice for photography services was for. Lexie answered that it was for drone images for the bicentennial time capsule.
- Pam Tomka asked what kind of consultation TOG Development LLC provided. Ali Dixon confirmed that they are the website development company being used for the website redesign.
- Pam asked for more information on the expense marked Branch Repair. Lexie responded that it was for a broken front door.

Deb Dukes made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Karen Williams seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ashley Mahony, Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Circulation Statistics—March

Donations—April

Lexie Walsh gave her director's report and reviewed the circulation statistics and donations.

- Lexie reported that 214 patrons with expiring cards had been called, with ninety-six immediately renewing by phone. She commended David Hanck, the library's newest hire, who took the lead on the project. Pam Tomka also commented that David was a delightful addition to the staff.
- Lexie extended her sincere thanks to Joan Ruppman and Shelby Yocum for their years on the Board.
- Stacy Smith announced that Chris Nichols and Lorena Cary would be the new board members and reminded everyone that new members also meant new officers and committee assignments.
- Joan Ruppman brought up the proposed cuts to federal library funding (via IMLS), asking how this would affect WDL and if RAILS would be petitioning on the library's behalf or if it needed to be a personal effort. Lexie responded that while the per capita grant is state awarded, it is most likely federally funded. She also stated that RAILS, ALA, and ILA are doing what they can, but it never hurts to add more voices to the cause. Stacy gave a rundown of funding received from IMLS found on the RAILS website.

## **WACC REPORT**

Stacy Smith a report of the WACC meeting held on April 2. She reported that work continues on the capital campaign, and that they were almost ready to approach large donors. Stacy stated that the 4 million needed would cover maintenance and repair on the pool, fitness facility, theater, and cosmetic updates. She also informed the board that Five Points was looking into the Washington Community Fund.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION**

Stacy Smith announced that she had been approached by Tom Stagg, a member of the Alpha Park Board of Trustees, to run for the RAILS Board of Directors. Stacy has decided to run.

## **CLOSED SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)(c)(1)**

### **Discuss Director's FY26 Salary**

Karen Williams made a motion to enter Closed Session to discuss the director's FY26 salary.

Joan Ruppman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board entered Closed Session at 7:27 PM.

The board returned to Open Session at 7:45 PM.

**APPROVE DIRECTOR'S FY26 SALARY**

Deb Dukes made a motion to approve the director's FY26 salary of \$80,385, a 3% increase from FY25.

Karen Williams seconded the motion.

Ayes: Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

**APPROVE FY26 WORKING BUDGET**

Lexie Walsh reminded the board that this was the final version of the draft budget that was reviewed last month, updated to include the Director's salary, Branch rent, and levee total.

Pam Tomka made a motion to approve the FY26 Working Budget of \$1,654,739.

Karen Williams seconded the motion.

Ayes: Pam Tomka, Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Joan Ruppman, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

**APPROVE FY26 DRAFT BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

Lexie Walsh explained that the budget & appropriations ordinance is the same thing as the working budget in a format required by the state.

Joan Ruppman made a motion to approve the FY26 draft Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Ashley Mahony seconded the motion.

Ayes: Karen Williams, Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Ashley Mahony, Joan Ruppman, Pam Tomka, Stacy Smith

Nays: None

The motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Joan Ruppman informed the board of a reception in honor of Mayor Meiner on April 25 at the Connect Center.

**ADJOURN**

Karen Williams made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM

Shelby Yocum seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ali Dixon (Recording Secretary)

Shelby Yocum (Secretary)