



Idaho Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in Library Meeting Room 1

Called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board Chair Mary Lund.

Present: Chair Mary Lund, Kristin Hall, Rodd Rapp, Claire Pace, and Hal Peterson, Library Director Robert Wright, Aleisha Stout and Beth Swenson. City Attorney Randy Fife and Councilmember/Library Liaison Jim Francis were also in attendance.

The Bonneville County Library District Board was represented by Trustee Debra Haake.

There was no public comment.

During discussion of the minutes and financial reports, Hal Peterson asked what market adjustment meant on the financial report. The director will call the controller to confirm how market adjustment is calculated. The director will also generate different statistical reports for the board to consider for future reporting.

Claire Pace moved to accept the minutes and financials from the last meeting. Hal Peterson seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Francis discussed the creation of a Sister City board for the City of Idaho Falls.

Mary Lund reported on attending the neighborhood meeting for the Idaho Falls water tower project. People submitted comments and concerns they had to the public works department. There will be only one parking space lost.

City attorney Randy Fife presented a substantial, detailed discussion on the different legal facts concerning library contract negotiations and contract negotiations in general.

During this contract negotiation period, no written contract proposal has been submitted by the Bonneville County Library District to the Idaho Falls Public Library.

The Bonneville County Library District representative, Debra Haacke, proposed a number for the fee to be paid in the new contract. The proposal was approximately \$36,000 less than the Library District pays per year under the current contract. No mention was made of indexing the fee to increased usage. She proposed that if the Idaho Falls Public Library Board accepted the proposed number, then the details of the contract would be worked out.

Since the Idaho Falls Public Library Board had asked the Bonneville County Library District to submit a formal written proposal, there was extensive discussion on the submission of just a number without any conditions. Much of the discussion focused on what a number out of context meant or could mean.

Rodd Rapp moved to reject the Bonneville County Library District's offer to pay less in the new contract than is currently being paid. Kristin Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Idaho Falls Public Library Board continued to discuss counter-proposals to the Bonneville County Library District.

Hal Peterson moved to make a counter-proposal using the Bonneville County Library District's formula as a starting point after confirming the correct numbers were used in their formula. Claire Pace seconded the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.

No action was taken on non-resident fees at this meeting.

The Board discussed the proposed Mae Neuber projects. Kristin Hall moved to accept the proposed architectural costs and proceed with the projects. The motion carried unanimously.

The board approved of the library doing fundraising and gave direction to staff.

Kristin Hall moved to authorize staff to proceed with using a collection agency for lost items. Rodd Rapp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Idaho Falls Public Library Board set work session for May 9th at 5:00 pm to create a counter contract proposal to the Bonneville County Library District.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 19,2022, at 4:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.