

HOLDREGE AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY—BOARD MEETING—November 1, 2022

The regularly scheduled board meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library was called to order by President Bev Rehm in the conference room at 4 P.M. on November 1, 2022. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meeting Law, posted on the bulletin board in the conference room. The following members were present: Bev Rehm, Annett Sindt, Sue Christensen, Rosanna Meyer, Keith Fagot, Shirley Butz, Maureen Epping, Sandi Ericson, and Director Mike Burris. Absent were Jennifer Sand and John Sauder. The County Supervisors approved the appointment of Maureen Epping as a county library board member this month.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 6, 2022, meeting were reviewed, and it was noted that an October 4, 2022, meeting was not held for lack of quorum. It was moved by Keith Fagot and seconded by Annette Sindt to approve the minutes. Motion passed with all present voting aye except Maureen Epping, who abstained.

Public Forum: Lola Tiller was present representing the group **Less Talk, More Action**.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed as printed for the months of September and October. Motion was made by Keith Fagot to approve the report including moving the balance of the Dragon Fund (Item 3025) to the general fund account. Rosanna Meyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by roll call vote of members present.

Approval of Bills: The September and October bills, listed on the balance sheet and expenses by vendor report, were reviewed by the board. Motion made by Annett Sindt and seconded by Shirley Butz to approve the payment of bills passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

After discussion with Holdrege city officials and report to board members, it is the wishes of the board to drop the price of the house on East Avenue to \$100,000. The motion was made by Keith Fagot, seconded by Rosanna Meyer, and a roll call vote passed with 7 ayes and Maureen Epping voting no.

At 4:43 Keith Fagot made a motion to go into Executive Session (To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property), Sue Christensen seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously on roll call vote. Lola Tiller left the meeting. At 4:59 Keith Fagot made the motion and Rosanna Meyer seconded it to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously after roll call vote. Keith made a motion that the board president be given permission to negotiate a purchase price of property with interested parties. Sandi Ericson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously after roll call vote.

Director's Report:

1. Custodian has been hired, and the position of part-time library assistant has been advertised.
2. Trees in front of the library will both be removed and replacement will be left to the discretion of the city.

3. Holiday closures of the library will be November 11, 24, 25; December 23, 24, 26, 30, 31; and January 2. This is due to staff numbers and the way that holidays land on the calendar this year.
4. The elevator is awaiting repairs.
5. A text enlarger has been received through the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

After discussion, Keith Fagot made the motion to purchase new microfilm viewers and an integrated touch screen from the equipment depreciation fund. Sue Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Keith Fagot made the motion to approve Christmas bonuses for library staff. Shirley Butz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Keith Fagot made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Shirley Butz. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Ericson, Acting Secretary