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Regular meeting of the Fremont County Library System Board of Directors held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 in person at the Dubois Branch Library and via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Perry Cook, Kristen McClelland, Carrie Johnson, John Angst, and Sherry Shelley. **Also present:** Anita Marple -Director, Shari Haskins -Assistant Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 am by Perry Cook, Chair.

1. Approval of Agenda Moved by Kristen to approve the amended agenda (move the Friends of the Library from New Business to Guests). Motion passed

2. Guests: Dubois Friends of the Library - Ellen Dudley, Kyle Neary, Cynthia Boyhan, Connie Ticknor. Also attending via zoom was Jessica Roman (library patron) and Tina Clifford.

A. Dubois Friends of the Library: request to discuss “resource distribution and salary schedule”. Ellen Dudley explained the need for the library to be opened and made available for the Dubois community.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda John moved to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed.

A. Regular board minutes—May meeting

B. Record of Financial Statements & Actions

Wyoming Community Bank: \$ 829,469.53 (5-31-23)

WSL Combined Interest Fun: \$ 13,787.78 (5-10-23)

Tax Distribution—April: \$ 106,547.47 (5-08-23)

Cash Reserve: (No separate FCLS Cash Reserve in FY22-23) We have \$200,000 from the Fremont County Cash Reserve Fund included in our WCB total.

C. Approval of Bills & Signatures

4. Correspondence - Shari explained a situation where a person of the Riverton area had a concern, but the concern was addressed with that individual. Anita described correspondence and funding from the Diocese of the Episcopal Church to increase library involvement with the members of the Wind River Indian Reservation. Plans are in the works for this funding to be implemented later this summer.

5. Public Comment - Perry Cook invited zoom participants to address the board. Jessica Romans and Tina Clifford expressed concerns about an event that is being hosted at the Riverton Library and questioned the library policy that would allow this event. Both Jessica and Tina wished that their emails to the board would be part of the public record for this meeting. Attached is Tina’s email, but no email was found from Jessica. Additional emails were received by selected board members on this issue from Karl Falken, Nate Penn, Sarah Penn and Karen Wetzell.

6. Reports Roundtable

A. Commissioner Update - not in attendance

B. Director & Assistant Director Reports - update on the creation of the new website. The Board requested that the Director get a legal opinion from the County as to the Library

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responsibility for controlling content of the renters of our meeting rooms (ie non-library sponsored events) or whether that was a law enforcement responsibility.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Budget process update - total request is now: General \$1,147,640; Special Revenue Fund \$132,184. County commissioners are considering a COLA for employees that might have an impact on the library request.

B. Conflict of Interest document: review of county attorney opinion & action - Carrie made the motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion passed.

C. Library Director Evaluation - John moved to go into executive session at 11:00 am. Motion passed.

Reconvened meeting at 11:40 am after executive session ended.

8. New Business

A. Discussion: Reconsideration Committee for contested library items.

B. Posting library hours online - Holiday hours need to be communicated.

9. Action Items Update

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 9:30 am in person at the Lander Library and via Zoom Meeting.