

Mexico-Audrain County Library District
Minutes for Board of Trustee’s Monthly Meeting
April 19, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Hesse at 10:30 a.m.

Board members present: Amy Childs, Kay Dubbert, Connie Hesse, Karen Mossman, Sue Waechter, John Walker, and Glenda Williams.

Members arriving later: None

Members absent: Kathleen Robnett and Steve Sims

Also present: Library Director, Christal Bruner; Vandalia Branch Manager, Crystal McCurdy; and Secretary to the Board, Monica Taylor.

Patron concerns: None.

Approval of bills and minutes:

Approval of March bills with a motion by Childs, second by Walker; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Childs, Dubbert, Hesse, Mossman, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Approval of March minutes with a motion by Mossman, second by Walker; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Childs, Dubbert, Hesse, Mossman, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Monthly Reports:

Director’s Report - Approval of Director’s Report with a motion by Walker, second by Dubbert; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Childs, Dubbert, Hesse, Mossman, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Statistical Reports - Approval of Statistical Reports with a motion by Walker, second by Waechter; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Childs, Dubbert, Hesse, Mossman, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Committee reports:

Finance/Endowment/Investment Fund Committee ***Robnett and Walker***

Senate Bill 8 (which could result in a potential reduction of Property Tax) and State Aid status (House has voted to remove all State Aid to libraries – Senate wants to restore the State Aid) are still pending in the legislature.

Investment CD #7 matures 4/30/2023. We will compare interest rates at that time and decide on the best course of action.

The annual governmental audit is moving forward. All fieldwork has been completed.

Property/Equipment/Building Committee ***Childs, Dubbert, Waechter***

Mexico Carnegie Library tuckpointing – Director Bruner and the Property Committee will assess the building’s current condition.

Vandalia Library tuckpointing – We may be able to use a suggestion from our handyman to take care of this project.

Possible solar conversion at Mexico and Vandalia – Sun Solar has provided a proposal for solar conversion. During discussion, there was some hesitation regarding the feasibility of moving forward with this project, particularly in light of the potential revenue reductions we may be facing due to legislative changes. Lack of confidence in the Vandalia Library building structure is a consideration. The negative impact to the historical aesthetics of the Mexico Library building, as well as possible damage to the internal guttering in the building, are also considerations.

Personnel Committee

Hesse, Mossman, Williams

No report.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: None.

Staff concerns: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. with a motion by Walker, second by Waechter; motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Childs, Dubbert, Hesse, Mossman, Waechter, Walker, and Williams.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., May 17th, 2023 at the Farber Library.