

**The Riverside Regional Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 22, 2022**

The Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees conducted a meeting Thursday, September 22, 2022 at Riverside Regional Library, Oran Library, 120 Mountain Street, Oran, Missouri.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Baker at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present were: Lana Arnzen, Jack Baker, Tom Gross, Chris Hurst, Andy Meyer, Sherry Mitchem, Kathy Panagos and Gary Ziegler. Members absent: JoAnn Hahs, Amanda Layton, Martha Mangels, Kate Martin and Deborah Wideman. Also present were Library Director Jeff Trinkle and Recording Secretary Alea Belmas.

Open Forum for Visitors – None.

Reports to the Board – None.

Public Hearing – Tax Rate

A motion was made by Gary Ziegler, seconded by Lana Arnzen, and approved unanimously to accept the *REVISED proposed *tax rates* set by the State Auditor. They are as follows:

Cape County \$0.0729*
Scott County \$0.0954
Perry County \$0.0881

A. Action Items

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Chris Hurst, seconded by Tom Gross, and approved unanimously to accept the August 2022 minutes.

A motion was made by Kathy Panagos, seconded by Tom Gross, and approved unanimously to accept the August 2022 Allowance of Bills and Financial Report.

B. Information Items

1. Correspondence – None.

2. Librarian's Report (Written report)

- *Missouri SB 775* is a bill that defines what is considered “explicit sexual material” in the school setting and outlaws any books at public and private schools containing this type of material. Those found guilty of breaking this law are subject to being charged with a class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by a \$2,000 fine and up to a year in jail.
- September is *library card sign up month* and all of the Riverside Regional Library branches are taking time to remind parents and children how important it is to have a library card.
- *Banned Books Week*, the annual celebration of the freedom to read is September 18 – 24. The theme “Books Unite Us” is to remind people to speak out against the tide of censorship. During this week the library will spotlight current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

3. Committee Reports

- The *Budget and Finance Committee* met before tonight's board meeting to go over the proposed 2023 budget. The proposed 2023 budget was distributed and discussed with the entire board at tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Gary Ziegler, seconded by Andy Meyer, and approved unanimously to accept the budget with the revisions discussed.

4. Unfinished Business

- *Unrestricted Funds Project Update* – the mural on the new door is in the process of being repainted to match the wall.
- The *2022 Mid-Year Audit* was discussed. A motion was made by Kathy Panagos, seconded by Tom Gross, that the 2022 mid-year audit be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. New Business

- The *Summer Reading Grant* final report has been submitted. The request for final payment will be submitted next week.
- The *STEM Grant* final report has been submitted.

C. Executive Session –

- A motion was made by Lana Arnzen, seconded by Andy Meyer, and approved unanimously to go into Executive Session. Roll call was taken at 7:45 p.m. The vote was: Lana Arnzen, yes; Jack Baker, yes; Tom Gross, yes; Chris Hurst, yes; Andy Meyer, yes; Sherry Mitchem, yes; Kathy Panagos, yes; and Gary Ziegler, yes.
- A motion was made by Tom Gross, seconded by Kathy Panagos, and approved unanimously to go out of Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. The vote was: Lana Arnzen, yes; Jack Baker, yes; Tom Gross, yes; Chris Hurst, yes; Andy Meyer, yes; Sherry Mitchem, yes; Kathy Panagos, yes; and Gary Ziegler, yes.

D. Board Orientation and Training— None.

E. Adjournment

Chris Hurst made a motion, seconded by Lana Arnzen and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held at Jackson on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alea Belmas
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: OCT. 27, 2022

Presiding Officer: Jack Baker