

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: November 20, 2023

TIME: 7:19 PM

PLACE: Collinsville Memorial Library, Collinsville, IL

Call to Order

Jeanne Lomax, President, called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

Roll Call

Trustees present:

Jeanne Lomax, President
Ginny York, Vice-President
Cathy Kulupka, Treasurer
Lisa McCormick, Secretary
Kathy Murphy, Trustee
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee
Mark Schusky, Trustee

Trustees absent:

Also present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input

- Ian Ashcraft

Friends of the Library

- Margie Wright spoke for the Friends of the Library. The funds that the Friends of the Library provide the library does not replace the budget and a tax levy increase is needed.

Trustee Comments

- Lisa McCormick: Commented on challenges to learning about complicated budgets and levies; addressed concerns about the elevator.
- Cathy Kulupka: Agreed that the budgeting process is confusing; thanked those who wrote letters to the Board for consideration.

- Ana Romero-Lizana: Was impressed by the letter writers and residents in attendance for their support.
- Kathy Murphy: Said that trustees weren't against the Executive Director.
- Jeanne Lomax: Spoke about trying to understand a complicated issue; reiterated that the elevator issues predated the current Board.

Consent Items

A motion to approve Consent Items in their entirety was made by Schusky and seconded by Romero-Lizana.

- Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee Meeting of Oct. 18, 2023, Decennial Committee Meeting of Oct. 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of Oct. 23, 2023 – no discussion.
- Communications:
 - Approximately 50 emails were received by the board regarding the tax levy
- Administrative Reports
 - Executive Director:
 - Waltermire will be out of the office the week after Thanksgiving.
 - Assistant Director:
 - No additional info to add to his report.
- Finances – Finances reviewed
 - No discussion.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee meeting occurred on October 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM.
 - Decennial Committee meeting occurred on October 23, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve consent items:

Cathy Kulupka – Yes
 Jeanne Lomax – Yes
 Lisa McCormick - Yes
 Kathy Murphy - Yes
 Ana Romero-Lizana - Yes
 Mark Schusky - Yes
 Ginny York - Yes
 Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- a. FY2024 Tax Levy Ordinance : Includes a proposed 8% increase over last year’s levy.

Kulupka motioned and Schusky seconded to approve the FY2024 Tax Levy Ordinance as presented.

A roll call was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka – Yes
Jeanne Lomax – Yes
Lisa McCormick - Yes
Kathy Murphy - Yes
Ana Romero-Lizana - Yes
Mark Schusky - Yes
Ginny York – Yes

Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 0
Motion carried.

- b. Recommendation to Dispose of Closed Session Recordings Older than 18 Months

Romero-Lizana motioned and McCormick seconded to Dispose of Closed Session Recordings Older than 18 Months.

A roll call was taken on the motion:

Cathy Kulupka – Yes
Jeanne Lomax – No
Lisa McCormick - Yes
Kathy Murphy - Yes
Ana Romero-Lizana - Yes
Mark Schusky - Yes
Ginny York – Yes

Yes- 6, No –1, Abstained – 0, Absent – 0
Motion carried.

- c. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 Appendices – Some discussion occurred; no actions taken.

Closed Session – None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by McCormick and seconded by Romero-Lizana to adjourn.

A voice vote was taken on the motion.

Cathy Kulupka – Yes
Jeanne Lomax – Yes
Lisa McCormick - Yes
Kathy Murphy - Yes
Ana Romero-Lizana - Yes
Mark Schusky - Yes
Ginny York – Yes

Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.