

Beauregard Parish Library Board of Control  
Public Hearing & Special Meeting  
December 6, 2017

On the above date, the Library Board of Control met in special session in the meeting room at 205 S. Washington St., DeRidder, Louisiana. Trustees in attendance included Jo Blankenship, Pat Andrews, Elizabeth Brasseaux, Janet Pitre, and Angela Lannen, presiding. Absent were Tranquil Crosby, Molly Poe, Rusty Williamson, and Merle Stout. Also present were Katie Bunting of Alliance Design Group, Philip St. Romain of PSR Architects, Steve Landreneau and Erin Chesnutt. David Brosset of Brosset Architects arrived later in the meeting.

Lannen called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm and called attendance. Chesnutt announced that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 had been published and made available for public perusal at library headquarters according to law. Library administration had not been notified of any comments from the public prior to the meeting and, when asked, no one at the meeting had comments regarding the proposal. Blankenship then moved to accept the proposed budget as it was presented at the November meeting; Andrews seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lannen then called for the next agenda item and turned the floor over to Chesnutt who began by stating that all references she had contacted for the interested architectural firms had very positive things to say and that the only real differences in making selection came down to location and experience in public libraries. Based on the criteria outlined in the RFP, two firms stood out for this project : Alliance Design Group and Architects Beazley-Moliere. Beazley-Moliere's standard contract quoted a lower percentage fee for basic services than Alliance, but it was noted that this fee percentage could be negotiated. After much discussion, Andrews moved to submit additional questions to the two groups and request a future meeting with representatives of both firms to further the selection. Brasseaux seconded and the motion passed. However, additional discussion to determine some of their specific questions led the board to decide that they were, in fact, ready to select an architect. Andrews then moved to rescind her earlier motion; Pitre seconded and all approved. Andrews then moved to move forward with Architects Beazley-Moliere to negotiate a contract for the architectural services for the East Beauregard project. Brasseaux seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chesnutt and the board voiced their appreciation for the work put in by all the firms who responded to the RFP.

With no other business, Andrews moved to adjourn at 5:28, Brasseaux seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Erin N Chesnutt, Director  
Secretary to the Board