

Beauregard Parish Library
Board of Control Minutes

The Beauregard Parish Library Board of Control met in specially called session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 205 S. Washington St., DeRidder, LA 70634. President Angela Lannen called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM and established a quorum by noting the presence of Jo Blankenship, Pat Andrews, Molly Poe, Renee Whiddon, and herself. Erin Chesnutt, Celise Reech-Harper, and Thomas Hughes were also present.

- No member of the public requested to address the board.
- Andrews moved to accept the agenda as presented; Poe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Lannen requested that Thomas Hughes of Architects Beazley Moliere present his proposal regarding the Wye (East Beauregard) branch to the board. Hughes reviewed the proposed costs to redraw the building schematics as a metal structure (\$3,600 for structural engineer's work; and an estimated \$4,000 for additional architectural redraws) and warned that the numbers for a metal building do not bear out an anticipated cost savings over a wooden structure. He reviewed the value-engineered points to include a gravel parking lot; metal R-panel roof; removing brick and decorative panels from 3 sides of building; decreasing amount of windows; removing side overhangs and reducing width of front overhang. Discussion amongst the board led to a reiteration that additional cost savings can be realized by receiving bids from local contractors with local subcontractors. The difference between the projected construction cost and the board's budget is still significant. The board instructed Chesnutt to seek legal advice about requesting ballpark estimates from local contractors about our project as a wooden structure and also as a metal structure prior to advertising for bids as a point of comparison between the two mediums and as a gauge on the project cost, in general. The board also requested Chesnutt obtain a list of all licensed contractors in Beauregard Parish to prepare to reach out to them when we are next ready to advertise for bids.
- Chesnutt recounted her reasons for requesting a consultant to assist in the Library's strategic planning and provided the board with a copy of the proposal by Artemis Advantage, LLC, the sole proposal that was within budget. Whiddon moved to approve the consultant's proposal; Blankenship seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Poe requested an update on the status of finding a temporary home for the Singer branch services. Suggestions for possible locations were discussed.
- With no other business, Lannen adjourned the meeting at 6:02