

BEAUREGARD PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL
MINUTES

The Beauregard Parish Library Board of Control met in specially called session on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 205 S Washington St, DeRidder, La 70634. President Angela Lannen called the meeting to order at 5:31 and noted a quorum present consisting of Jo Blankenship, Molly Poe, Tranquil Crosby, Lynne Boggs, Kelly Bailey and herself. Bridgett Sonnier was absent. Director Erin Chesnutt was also present. With no members of the public present and no amendments to the agenda, the following business did occur:

- Chesnutt recapped the East Beauregard Capital Expense committee's proposal to attempt to reduce the construction cost of the building:
 - Remove the monument sign and exterior bookdrop from the bid package.
 - Reduce the size of the gravel parking lot by approximately 1,000 sq ft
 - Reduce the covered porch area to only cover the landing and steps immediately outside the front entrance.
 - Remove the exterior entrance to the meeting room.
 - Increase the project budget to \$515,000.Blankenship moved to accept the committee's recommendation; Boggs seconded and the motion carried unopposed.
- Boggs moved to approve re-advertising the project for bid through the Police Jury as soon as the architect has the documents updated with these changes. Cuevas seconded and the motion carried unopposed.
- The Board discussed the current conditions of the Fields branch, including the great sentimental value the old Hyatt School building holds for the community. After some discussion and reviewing the location's usage, facility information, security, and more, Blankenship moved to close the current Fields location because of the unsafe working conditions and irregular electricity, and investigate how to best serve the Fields community. In discussion, Poe expressed how important she felt it to let the community know the Board is open to exploring other options for serving them in the future and the rest of the Board agreed. Cuevas seconded and Blankenship's motion carried unopposed.
- With no other business, Lannen adjourned the meeting at 5:53 (motion: Boggs; second: Blankenship).

Respectfully submitted,

Erin N Chesnutt
Director & Secretary to the Board