



Beauregard Parish Library
205 S. Washington Ave
DeRidder, La 70634

Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023

The Library Board of Control met in regularly called session this evening at 205 S Washington St., DeRidder, LA 70634. President Angela Lannen called the meeting to order at 4:48 and roll call showed Lannen, Lynne Boggs, Jo Blankenship, Tranquil Crosby, Bridget Sonnier, Molly Poe, and Beth Cuevas as present. Kelly Bailey was absent. Director Erin Chesnutt was also present. One member of the public was present but did not wish to speak. Blankenship moved to amend the agenda to cover New Business before Old Business; Crosby seconded the amendment and it passed unanimously.

Blankenship then moved to accept the amended agenda; Boggs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Afterwards, the following business did occur:

- David Brossett was not present, but Chesnutt shared a draft of the contract for the Wye branch project. Brossett will have the contractor sign and get their bond and insurance info in place before providing the contract to the Police Jury for final execution.
- Blankenship moved to approve the minutes of the February 6 and March 13 board meetings as written. Crosby seconded and the motion carried unanimously
- Chesnutt reminded the board that each board member must complete and turn in to the State Ethics Commission by May 15. She shared highlights for the upcoming Summer Reading Program which will have the theme “A World United.” Lannen reminded everyone to fill out the Director’s Annual Evaluation and get it to her by July 28 for tabulation.
- **Chesnutt asked the Board’s preference on adopting the resolutions presented in the board packets regarding responses to SB 7, HB 102, and HB 25. She noted that SB7 was actually passed through the Senate Committee last Thursday. If the board approves the proposed resolutions suggesting amendments to the bills, Chesnutt will share the resolutions with Representatives and Senators over Beauregard Parish. Blankenship moved to accept the resolutions presented for Senate Bill 7, House Bill 102, and House Bill 25. Cuevas seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
- Boggs moved to declare as surplus the items listed in the board packet, 2 Oreck vacuums; 1 single-sided pressed wood, gray shelf; 2 exterior book drops; 4 modular sections of a counter-height wooden desk effective immediately. Crosby seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Cuevas moved to authorize Chesnutt to enter into a partnership with the Louisiana State Bar Assoc. to provide an Access to Civil Legal Services workstation if she deems it appropriate after doing due diligence. Boggs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Blankenship moved to approve rolling the millage forward for next year. Boggs seconded and

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the motion carried unanimously. Chesnutt will notify the Police Jury.

- Chesnutt shared that the West Central branch now has a movie license to show movies as programs and that the Coffee Club continues to grow, though attendance is unstable. She alerted the board that the Merryville Town Council approved renewing the lease for the Merryville branch at their April meeting. Cuevas moved to approve signing the new lease once it arrives as long as no major changes involving operations or finances are made from the previous lease. Boggs seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Chesnutt also announced that the FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant application for a full-building generator has been approved, though she does not know the level of funding. Further, BPL has received a group of litter pickers, high visibility vests, and trash bags from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful organization. These are being cataloged and will be available for check out from the Library of Things soon.
- Chesnutt briefly reviewed the Activities (personnel, community involvement, facilities), circulation, and statistical reports. She also reviewed the YTD financial report which compares budget-to-actual and noted that our auditor will be visiting in early June to complete our FY 2022 audit.

With no other business, Blankenship moved and Boggs seconded adjourning. With no objections, Lannen adjourned the meeting at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin N Chesnutt, Secretary to the Board