

The Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm with following:

**PRESENT:** Bennie Smith  
Ruby LeBlanc  
Carolyn Soley  
Francine Middleton

**ABSENT:** Courtney Hubbell  
Lauren Bordelon  
Tonya Hearn  
Archie Chiasson, Library Liaison

Also present in the meeting room: Mrs. Laura Sanders, Director; Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance/HR/Operation Manager; and Mrs. Dana Clement, Administrative Assistant, for the Lafourche Parish Public Library.

Ms. Smith stated after roll call, "We have a quorum and can move forward with our meeting."

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited together.

A motion to accept the LBC agenda was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, and carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Regular meeting was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, and carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2022 Special meeting was made by Mrs. Soley, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, and carried unanimously.

Public wishing to address the Board;

Jody Cheramie-210 S. Henry St., Golden Meadow, LA-requested update on South Lafourche & Golden Meadow libraries.

Buffy Lynn Charpentier-109 Alcide St., Golden Meadow, LA-concerned about the future of Golden Meadow Library.

Mike Billiot-2631 N. Bayou Dr., Golden Meadow, LA-concerned about the Golden Meadow Library after Hurricane Ida.

Billy Brunet-115 Eva Lane, Golden Meadow, LA-requested update on Golden Meadow Library.

Daniel Lorraine-Parish Councilman-seeking update on the progress on the South Lafourche & Golden Meadow libraries, expressed that a portable building was not welcome in Golden Meadow. Mr. Lorraine asked twice if the library received either FEMA or insurance money yet?

Ms. Smith thanked the citizens and acknowledged their concerns on the status of the libraries and stated "We had a major hurricane destroy our community along with our South Lafourche & Golden Meadow libraries, and we will rebuild. But, as you know, it's a slow process as we work with Parish Administration to see what funds we'll get from FEMA and insurance." Mrs. Sanders also, stated, "We want to rebuild our two libraries; we are just not sure at this point in what form that will be at the Golden Meadow site until we hear from FEMA and insurance and know what funding we have. No one on this Board has ever stated that there will be no library in Golden Meadow." Mrs. Sanders went on to explain that whatever type and size of building ends up on the Golden Meadow site is not entirely up to this Board. "We provide our input and recommendations, but ultimately Parish Administration and the Parish Council make that decision." Mrs. LeBlanc reiterated, "This Board has never spoken of any permanent closure of the Golden Meadow Library."

#### Finance Report:

Mrs. Lucas reported, "We're finally seeing ad valorem receipts and our fund balance is now \$4.9 million, up from the \$2.6 million reported at our April meeting." Mrs. Lucas gave updates on projects: Thibodaux-punch list is complete, closing documents are in process with \$53K left to invoice. Project will close out at \$3,546,720 with a budget of \$4.25 million. Lockport Project-- proceeding with \$476,000 spent to date, with another \$86,000 in pending invoices. Hurricane Ida remediation costs are at \$2.28 million. "We're hoping to eventually be reimbursed by FEMA to replenish those funds. To date we have not received any FEMA or liability insurance proceeds related to Hurricane Ida". With no other discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Soley, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, to accept the Finance Report. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Director's Report:

Mrs. Sanders reported managing the daily operations of the library system. She updated the Board on the following-Lockport Entryway Project is on schedule for completion August 7. South Lafourche re-build project-still waiting on roof and air conditioner project plans to be finalized by GFP Architecture to go out to bid. Golden Meadow-building was completely demolished and slab remains. "We will work closely with Parish Administration on the future of this branch." Mrs. Sanders copied the Board on the Library's 2021 Annual Report and reviewed some statistics with members. She went on to say that "This summer has been very busy, and our programs have been well attended."

A motion was made by Mrs. Middleton, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, to accept the Director's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, and seconded by Mrs. Middleton, to enter into Executive Session (LA. R.S. 42:17 (A) (1) at 6:17pm to review the Annual Director Evaluation. The motion carried unanimously. The room was cleared and recorder shut off for the Board to discuss the Director's performance evaluation.

A short time later, attendees were invited to rejoin the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Middleton, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, to end Executive Session and reconvene the meeting at 6:34pm. The motion carried to unanimously.

#### New Business:

1. Approval of Director's Yearly Evaluation Results:

A motion was made by Mrs. Soley, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, to approve the Director's Evaluation results. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and approval to purchase computers for annual lab upgrades and recommend to the Council for approval.

Mrs. Sanders explained, "We skipped computer purchasing last year due to the hurricane, so we're getting back on our annual computer updating schedule per our technology plan. In order to keep public computers up to date, we make every effort to purchase some amount annually. Quotes were solicited, and Complete Network Management was the lowest at \$28,823.00 for 37 units." A motion was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, seconded by Mrs. Soley, to recommend computer equipment purchases from Complete Network Management in the amount of \$28,823.00 and to request Council approval. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell absent, Mrs. Bordelon absent, Mrs. Hearn absent, Mrs. LeBlanc yes, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion passed 4-0-3-0

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Soley, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 6:47pm.