

Approved Minutes

Regular meeting of the Fremont County Library System Board of Trustees held January 3, 2024, at 9:30 AM in person at the Lander Library or via Zoom.

Present: Board Members Carrie Johnson, Kristen McClelland, Perry Cook, Marta Mossburg; Library Director Anita Marple; County Commissioner Mike Jones

Absent: John Angst

Carrie Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors at 9:32 AM.

1) Approval of Agenda

Perry Cook moved to approve agenda with addition of 7C: Review of Timeline of Current Challenged Materials. Approved.

2) Completion of Wyoming Community Bank Signature Card

All present signed paperwork.

3) Approval of Consent Agenda

A) Regular Board Minutes—December Meeting

B) Record of Financial Statements & Actions

Wyoming Community Bank: \$368,822.05 (12-30-23)

Capital Investment Fund: \$329,130.17 (12-10-23)

Tax Distribution-December: \$209,043.43 (12-11-23)

Cash Reserve: We have \$200,000 from the Fremont County Cash Reserve Fund

C) Approval of Bills and Signatures

Perry Cook moved to approve the Consent agenda. Passed.

4) Correspondence – N/A

5) Public Comment

Shari Haskins, Riverton. She implored that the board take into account what is happening nationally with lawsuits pertaining to libraries when restricting content.

Karen Wetzel, Lander. She wanted to know how the board will enforce a ban on internet porn policy and said she is not trying to ban books, just pornography.

Linda Bebout, Riverton. She asked if the money for filtering couldn't be better used for other needs as non-compliance was a rare event in the Library's history.

Janelle Hahn, Lander: She said one child is one child too many to be exposed to pornography.

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Arthur Schaper (online), field director of Mass Resistance. He said it is offensive for only one child to see pornography and that libraries are supposed to serve the community. He said the board should not stall in filtering. He reiterated wanting Ms. Cook removed from the Board

6) Reports Roundtable

A) Commissioner Update: Mike Jones said people are asking for money for a homeless shelter in Riverton and that it will require a public/private partnership. Tuesday night Riverton put in \$9000, and he thinks the County will contribute. He said the Riverton Library has been in the crosshairs of the homeless issue. He said the County Commissioners are also continuing to work on their policy re: meeting decorum which was approved at the last meeting. Discussion of revenue /expenditures. He said the gas plant is going strong, which is good for tax revenue. He said the Rock Springs RMP will not affect Fremont County but that the country's transition away from fossil fuels toward electric will impact us over the next seven years.

B) Directors Reports: Anita Marple said she is talking with Julie Freese about having an unanticipated revenue hearing with the Commissioners.

C) Mid-Year Financial Report: Anita Marple shared financial report for the Fremont County Library System.

Anita Marple said that Fines and Fees are a big part of collection development. She said collection development will increase in Riverton in the coming year and that the loss of staff in Riverton has also been an issue re: collection development.

7) Unfinished Business

A) Internet Use Policy

Perry Cook moved that given that it is reasonable to limit internet access to children and given that we already have a policy forbidding pornography and given that we want adults to otherwise have full internet access, without embarrassment, to all content that is unfairly blocked and given that we want to minimize staff involvement in unfair blocking problems, and given that we know that most children/patrons already have access to the internet via smart phones and their cellular data, we ask the County IT Department to put filters on all children's computers within the Fremont County Library System.

Perry Cook modified her motion to: We ask County IT to put filters on all children's computers in the Fremont County Library System.

Kristen McClelland moved to modify Perry Cook's motion to: We direct County IT to put filtering on all children's computers and that we put signs on adult computers limiting access to anyone under 18. We filter all network computers for illegal content.



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The motion passed unanimously with the two modifications.

Kristen McClelland motioned to update Internet Use Policy language to reflect the new filtering decision at the next meeting. Passed.

B) Policy Changes: review of public comment; discussion; vote on approval

Perry Cook moved to accept Patron Code of Conduct Policy. Passed. Perry Cook moved to approve Meeting Room Policy. Passed.

C) Review of Current Challenged Book Timeline: Anita Marple said she has a 30-day response window to respond to challenges and that it hadn't reached the deadline for current challenges. She said she will give a report to the Board after she has responded.

8) New Business

A) Notice of County Holidays; Approval of proposed new ones. Perry Cook moved to approve additional library closure dates. Passed.

9) Action Items Update: Carrie Johnson said the Strategic Plan is up for review this year. She asked the Board to read the Strategic Plan. She also asked the board to review the Internet Use Policy and come with changes to the next meeting.

Carrie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:07AM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 9:30 AM in person at the Riverton Branch Library and on Zoom.