Yale Valley Library District





Regular Meeting

June 9, 2022

Yale Valley Community Library

Attendees: Yale Valley Board of Trustees: Eric Reese, Tina Moir, Cynthia McAllister and Kathi Wheeler.

Absent: Bob Appling

FVRL: Amelia Shelley and Jennifer Huaun

Citizen: Chris Conroy

- 1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Eric Reese at 6:00pm.
- 2. The agenda was approved. Wheeler/Moir The agenda as approved by all trustees present.
- 3. Introductions & Welcomes/Chair Announcements: Eric welcomed Chris to the meeting. He also announced this will be his last meeting and a replacement has not been found yet.
- 4. Consent Agenda
 - a. April 14, 2022 Minutes: Moir/Wheeler The minutes were approved by all trustees present.
 - b. Bills were reviewed by Tina Moir for a total of \$131.36 to Arakawa and Yard and Garden \$76.42. Tina asked what the Arakawa bill was for and Wheeler said it was for locks for the Art Rails. With the installation of the lithographs from Liz Kennedy, the locks were needed for security. The other to Yard and Garden was for bark dust. Wheeler/McAllister The bills were approved by all trustees present.
- 5. Financial Report: Amelia Shelley reported our tax revenues for April and May were \$13,153.00 and \$37,547.00 respectively. Total tax revenues are \$52,403.00 and 42.72% of budget. Timber revenue through May is \$3,728.00 which will go into the Capital Reserve Revenue. Our total Non-Capital Reserves are \$339,576.00 and Capital Reserves are \$16,941.00 for a total of \$356,516.00.

- 6. Approval of FVRL Contract Services: A bill was presented from FVRL for ½ of the payment for the contract services for the year 2022 in the amount of \$61,331.50. A motion to pay this amount for services through January-June 2022. Moir/Wheeler The bill was approved by all trustees present.
- 7. Covid 19 Update for Yale: Amelia Shelley reported that things are improving regarding Covid 19.
- 8. Facilities:
 - a. Landscaping: Kathi Wheeler reported that that names of landscape designers had been sent to FVRL. However, until we have a consistent water supply for outside the building, we should postpone those plans. She did suggest that a wooden cover be considered in the landscape plans outside the meeting room. With a concrete pad, this would allow an extension of activities for patrons.
 - b. Port of Woodland Access: Amelia Shelley reported that the Port of Woodland has received funding for the second phase of the project to bring high-speed internet to businesses and residents on the side roads from the Lewis River Rd. The Port would like to place the necessary equipment inside the exterior utility closet of the Yale Valley Community Library. The trustees discussed liability of the library in this project. An MOU would be drawn up between the Port and the YVLD. The YVLD agreed to authorize Amelia Shelley to negotiate access through a MOU agreement and bring it to the board. Moir/McAllister The motion was approved by all trustees present. There was also discussion of compensation to the district for use of the facilities and use of power. A yearly review of the agreement was strongly suggested.
 - c. Well: The suggestion that the district consider drilling a well for a permanent water solution had been suggested at the last meeting. Shelley spoke with Dr. Green, WSD Superintendent and he suggested we check with the department of health first. The school district has spent many tens of thousands of dollars on improvements on their system at the school which we share. The trustees discussed other options for use in landscaping such as gray water or retaining rain water in storage tanks. Dr. Green also said that work has been done on the pressure pumps and the problem the library was experiencing has been resolved. Recently the school district installed an upgraded purification system that automatically adjusts chlorination.
- 9. Branch Manager Report: Jennifer Huaun Jennifer reported that new Woodland Library building will be breaking ground in the spring, 2023. The building will be 7500 square feet and the community is very excited. A large fundraiser at the Peterson Barn in the Bottoms attracted 160 people and raised \$35,000.00. The Friends hope to hold another fundraiser next year at the newly opened Oak Tree restaurant. The Woodland Friends will be having a book sale at the Planters Day Festival and a Beer Garden next to the Firemen's Barbeque. Summer Reading starts June 15-August 15. In Woodland, they are interviewing for a 2nd librarian or librarian in training. The position will be a mentorship for a year and qualify the person for an advanced position in the district. We have a new hire at the Yale Community Library. Her name is Bethany Ham and she lives in the local area. The FVRL Board of Trustees will meet for a dinner and meeting in Woodland on June 25. They will be discussing selling a portion of the property in

- Woodland to the city. The community room at the Yale Community library will be opening up on our website for reservations Friday, June 10.
- 10. Citizen Comments: Chris Conroy was present and said how glad she was to see everyone.
- 11. Board Comments: Jennifer mentioned the news articles regarding the Yale Library. They are posted on the bulletin board. Kathi Wheeler thanked Eric for his service and dedication to the library. He has served 12 years and will be presented with a Bill Foss bowl after the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm Wheeler/Moir The adjournment was approved by all trustees present.

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Respectfully Submitted by Kathi Wheeler, YVLD Board of Trustees Secretary

Presiding Officer