

## PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Willmar Public Library Multipurpose Room

The June 15, 2023 meeting of the Pioneerland Library System board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Finance Chair Candice Jaenisch. Roll call was taken and introductions were made.

Admin Staff: Laurie Ortega, Director

Guest attending: Jake Fejedelem, Renville County Librarian.

**The agenda** was approved on a motion by Erickson, seconded by Rudningen.

**Minutes** of the April 20, 2023 board meeting & the May 18, 2023 Executive/Finance meeting were approved on a motion by Fagnano and seconded by Winter.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **The May 2023 Financial Report** was approved on a motion by Schmalz, seconded by Hanson.
2. **Bills and check registers** were approved on a motion by Paterson, seconded by Anderson.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. New Hires: The following new hires were approved on a motion by Rudningen, seconded by Bredeson: Danielle Fratzke, Library Asst. I, Dassel  
Acacia Banken, Library Asst. I, Willmar  
Wendy Wharem, Library Asst. II, Benson/Kerkhoven

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY24 RLBSS Application:** Motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the signing/submission of the FY24 RLBSS application once the director has it completed. Motion carried. The new appropriation numbers, which factor in the approved biennial increase along with the formula change, were just received. The application is due on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- B. 2024 Funding Requests:** Funding request letters are typically sent to cities/counties soon after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Committee is recommending a 4% funding increase at the request of the director. Following discussion, motion was made by Rudningen, seconded by Paterson, to approve a 4% funding increase request for 2024. Motion carried. There may be a few exceptions where a larger % may be needed based on the health of the libraries reserves.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

- A. Appleton/New London libraries update:** The Appleton library is nearing completion. Director is anticipating a July ‘move in’ date. New London has begun building renovations for the new library. There is no estimate of completion at this time.
- B. Head Librarian share:** Renville County Librarian Jake Fejedelem shared with the board information about himself and the libraries he manages. Board members appreciated the opportunity to learn more about Jake and the five Renville County libraries.

**OTHER**

- A. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. (Finance @ 6:30)  
Executive/Finance meetings: July 20, August 17, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Anderson, seconded by Rudningen.

Recording secretary, Laurie Ortega