

## **PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Willmar Public Library Multipurpose Room

The June 20, 2024, meeting of the Pioneerland Library System board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Brent Olson. Roll call was taken and introductions were made.

Admin Staff present: Laurie Ortega, Executive Director

Guests attending: Andrew Bregar, Head Librarian, Willmar; Allison Broesder, Head Librarian Madison/Canby/Dawson.

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

**Minutes** of the April 18, 2024, board meeting and the May 16, 2024, Executive/Finance meeting were approved on a motion by Paterson and seconded by Wulf.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. **The May 2024 Financial Report** was approved on a motion by Olson, seconded by Paterson.
2. **Bills and check registers** were approved on a motion by Olson, seconded by Rudningen.

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1. **New Hires:** The following new hire was approved on a motion by Fritsche, seconded by Winter: Jan Wrase, Library Asst. III, New London

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2025 Funding Requests:** Director is beginning work on sending 2025 funding request letters to cities/counties. The Finance Committee is recommending a 5% funding increase at the request of the director. Following discussion, motion was made by Olson, seconded by Rotunda, to approve a 5% funding increase request for 2025. Motion carried. Letters will be sent to cities/counties before the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- A. MN Statute 134.51:** Information was shared on 134.51, which was added to MN Statute during this year's legislative session. MN Statute 134.51 'Access to Library Materials and Rights Protected' prohibits book (or other material) banning in public libraries based solely on its viewpoint or the messages, ideas, or opinions it conveys. The statute does not contain any punitive language, however, it does offer a layer of protection for libraries. This statutory addition is supported by the governor and the library community.

#### **OTHER**

- A.** The next board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. (Finance @ 6:30) Executive/Finance meetings: July 18, August 15, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:30 p.m.

Recording secretary, Laurie Ortega