

Huron Public Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes to Regular Meeting March 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by President, Rob Smith.

Present: Joe Giardina, Terry R. Griffith, Pete Jackson, Robert Kozar, Karyn Seibel, Robert Smith, and Robert Williams. Guests: Vikki Morrow-Ritchie, Director, and Diane Adams, Fiscal Officer.

MOTION BY Trustee Seibel, second by Trustee Griffith to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting. Roll Call – Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

REPORTS:

**President's Report:**

President Smith went over the order of the agenda and updated the board to-date of the process with the Levy Resolutions to be discussed.

**Director's Report:**

Mrs. Morrow-Ritchie submitted her monthly report to the board. She highlighted several items; the replacement of the sump pump backflow valve, the heating project by Gundlach, state library delivery service, and the request from Huron Bike Share.

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

This Fiscal Officer presented her report to the board, making note that the March 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Records Commission Committee meeting minutes were included in the board packet.

**Personnel Committee Report:**

None

**Audit and Finance Committee Report:**

Chair Jackson submitted the minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup> Audit and Finance meeting. He asked the Ms. Adams to look into investment options.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Committee went over the Permanent Appropriations that were submitted by the Fiscal Officer and the committee recommended approval.

He stated that the Committee also discussed the levy, Renewal vs. Replacement, and recommended the Renewal Levy to the board. They also asked the board to reconsider Resolution 2022-02 asking the auditor to certify for a Replacement levy.

**Building and Grounds Report:**

Chair Giardina stated, all was good.

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

Chair Kozar said that he had received the Strategic Plan Report from the State Library and it was distributed to the board for their review. He stated that he Committee will meet to put a plan together.

**Contracts and Legislation:**

President Smith stated that he contacted the Huron Historical Society; they will be setting up a meeting to discuss some items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION BY Trustee Kozar, second by Trustee Seibel to accept the Financials Statements for February 2022. Roll Call: J. Giardina, Yea; T. Griffith, Yea; P. Jackson, Yea; R. Kozar, Yea; K. Seibel, Yea; R. Smith, Yea; R. Williams, Yea. Motion Carried.

Chair Smith said that based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee of a Renewal Levy; he asked the board to consider rescinding the February 9<sup>th</sup> motion and also Resolution 2022-02 to ask for a certification from the county auditor. MOTION BY Trustee Giardina, second by Trustee Seibel to rescind the motion to ask the Auditor to certify a replacement levy and to rescind Resolution 2022-02. After some discussion, Roll Call: J. Giardina, Yea; T. Griffith, Nay; P. Jackson, Yea; R. Kozar, Yea; K. Seibel, Yea; R. Smith, Yea; R. Williams, Yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION BY Trustee Giardina, second by Trustee Seibel Requesting the Board of Education of the Huron City School District to Submit to the Electors of the Library District of Huron Public Library the Question of a Renewal of an Existing Tax. Roll Call: J. Giardina, Yea; T. Griffith, Yea; P. Jackson, Yea; R. Kozar, Yea; K. Seibel, Yea; R. Smith, Yea; R. Williams, Yea. Motion Carried

MOTION BY Trustee Jackson, second by Trustee Kozar to Approve Resolution 2022-04 Permanent Appropriations for the year 2022. Roll Call: J. Giardina, Yea; T. Griffith, Yea; P. Jackson, Yea; R. Kozar, Yea; K. Seibel, Yea; R. Smith, Yea; R. Williams, Yea. Motion Carried.

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MOTION BY Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Griffith to approve Resolution 2022-05 to Recognize and Commend Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine for distinguished contributions to promote early childhood literacy. Roll Call – Yeas – 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION BY Trustee Seibel, second by Trustee Griffith to hire Jacqueline Layer as a part time employee. Roll Call – Yeas – 7, Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Director Morrow-Ritchie provided the March 3, 2022 incident reports. The reports were filed by patrons and HPL staff regarding patron Rodney Bates. The incident by Mr. Bates included loud talking on his cell phone, physical threats, and abusive and foul language. The Director stated that the patron had been warned numerous times prior to that date. MOTION BY Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Griffith to suspend Patron Rodney Bates from the premises of the Huron Public Library indefinitely. After some discussion, Roll Call- Yeas – 7, Nays -0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss, MOTION BY Trustee Seibel second by Trustee Williams to adjourn. Roll Call: J. Giardina, Yea; T. Griffith, Yea; P. Jackson, Yea; R. Kozar, Yea; K. Seibel, Yea; R. Smith, Yea; R. Williams, Yea. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Rob Smith, President

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Diane Adams Fiscal Officer