

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes – February 15, 2018

Board Members Present: (y) Shiela Zerngast, (y) Betsy Chase, (y) Chris Chiola, (y) Bob Favret, (y) Cheryl Hantke, (y) Ruth LaFrance (y) Neal Lemery

Staff Present: (y) Sara Charlton, (y) Sarah Beeler, (y) Bill Landau (y) Jessica Darling

Guests: Ruth Metz, Bill Sargent

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ruth LaFrance at 11:57 am.

January Minutes and Budget: Motion made to approve the minutes and budget by Neal Lemery, seconded by Cheryl Hantke, all in favor.

District Formation:

Ruth Metz briefly explained state statutes that govern forming districts in Oregon. Districts can be put on the ballot through the County Commissioners or by petition signature. An economic feasibility assessment and a plan of service are required elements prior to the formation of a district. Feasibility studies typically take 4 – 6 months. Forming a district also includes establishing boundaries and obtaining the agreement of the cities included within those boundaries. A district includes a permanent tax rate. Revenues may increase over time, but not the rate.

County Counsel, Bill Sargent added details to the requirements outlined by Ruth Metz.

Commissioner Yamamoto indicated that the Board of County Commissioners are not in favor of the library forming a district because timber revenues would be lost from the County general fund.

The Library Board and Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on February 27, 2018 to discuss budgeting, forming a district and the park project.

The board discussed the usefulness of a needs assessment/economic feasibility study to inform our next strategic plan and ground budgeting decisions in fact. Neal Lemery made the motion to authorize the director to investigate the cost of an economic feasibility and analysis study to make recommendations to the Board. The motion was seconded by Bob Favret, all in favor.

There was discussion about the Library Foundation's contribution to the park and the seed money they've provided for numerous services, such as book club kits and teen programs.

Director's Report:

Tabled due to guest speakers.

Public Input: none

The next board meeting will be Thursday March 15, 2018, 12:00pm – 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned by Shiela Zerngast at 1:25 pm

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Jessica Darling