

MINUTES
BENBROOK LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
April 22, 2019
Benbrook Public Library
1065 Mercedes Street
Benbrook, Texas 76126
Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Roy "Corky" Baird; Rachel Moore; Larry Vickers; Christina Watson

Also Present: Steve Clegg; David Smith of Benbrook Water Authority

I. Call to order:

In Robert's absence, Rachel called meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

II. Approval of minutes:

First on the agenda was minutes of March 18, 2019 meeting. Larry made motion that the March minutes be accepted as is. Christina seconded motion and all in favor signified with aye. Motion carried.

III. Reports:

A. Report by Library Director began with stats taken from the state report.

Steve explained that since meeting material was sent out, BLD had a water issue apparently caused by a line break when Charter/Spectrum was digging to lay cable. The back pressure caused a need to have flushers replaced. Steve commented that staff members were troopers and handled everything.

Rachel asked about the TLA conference. Steve mentioned that BLD's participation included Cullen presenting two times, Erica presenting three times, and Miranda's participation in a round-table discussion.

The library is 50-60% done with RFID tagging Steve said. Rachel commented that there are only 28 days remaining before school is out. Steve offered that perhaps the library will need to close once more, as it's imperative to be finished before June 1st.

B. Investment Officer Corky Baird began the March report by indicating that "we're doing OK". BLD is spending about the amount received but the library continues to offer more programs.

At this point Corky mentioned that he's received two inquiries about the school supplies program which hasn't been discussed in a year or so. Steve offered the explanation that it was decided the library should offer services more appropriate for teachers, and unique to libraries, like poster printing and laminating.

C. There being no financials received, the March Treasury Report was not given.

IV. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

V. New Business

A. Presentation by David Smith, GM of Benbrook Water Authority (BWA). David explained that since it was last May when BWA met with the library perhaps there was need for an update on BWA's concept for their water tower project.

The parties involved are Wells Fargo, the library, and BWA. BWA's concept is intended to solve issues for all three entities. Although the bank wishes to make changes to their parking situation, they have no set plans in place for anything and using part of the bank's property would be very tight. The bank lot is smaller and not connected to BWA property. David offered also that to get to this point, BWA has to take on the role of getting the three lots re-platted.

The first concept BWA's board offered was a water tower site on the north lawn. The response from BLD at the time was about plans for events and improvements. David further explained that BWA's thinking is that since the library has much grander plans, five years down the road, possibly relocating, BWA could purchase the entire site. This would help provide the library resources to purchase a different property.

Corky explained that the library has a couple of other projects planned and asked whether BWA talked with Paxton Motheral regarding the property behind the three lots. David said that "yes" they have had several meetings with Cassco Development regarding the property and Cassco does not seem interested.

Larry asked if BWA has a time line for the tower project. David replied that monies for this project were part of a 2016 revenue bond sale and the project has to be completed by 2021.

Larry also asked whether a formal appraisal has been done. David has looked at the Tarrant Appraisal District's appraisal and stated that from an access and security standpoint BWA feels that the library's property is best suited for the tower.

At this point, Christina asked about a lease-back proposal.

David reiterated that BWA's offer to purchase is what they would like the library board to consider. Corky mentioned that expansion of the library parking lot is eminent. To this Mr. Smith responded that the library may contact BWA when they start using those construction dollars. He welcomes the library's feedback between now and the next library board meeting (May 20th).

B. Presentation from Kirk and Richardson has been postponed.

C. Other new business:

Steve expounded on a proposal for a Pay Pal account for donations through BLD's website. Steve polled other TLA librarians and also asked the auditors and no one has mentioned any misgivings. Rachel asked about any admin costs involved and Corky asked if a resolution was needed. Steve said there's no need for a resolution.

Discussion ensued – mainly regarding BWA's proposal.

VI. **Public Comment:**

Anita Mitchell, former board member, offered the fact that BWA hasn't mentioned money, so until they do there isn't more to discuss.

VII. **Adjournment:** Christina made motion that meeting be adjourned. Larry seconded and motion carried.

Reviewed/Corrected/Approved
Christina Watson, Board Secretary