

Called Board of Trustees Meeting
March 26, 2025, 10:00 AM

Online via Zoom
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Present: Harper Donahoe, Mary Jo Brinkley, Alexandra Brown, Tim Eldredge, Sherri Wheeler, McKinley Williams, Sharyn Billings, Bob Kramer

Absent: Thomas Bell, Melanie Forde, Jessi Whipple

Virtual meeting statement

Julie Goyette, Director

Call to Order, Approval of agenda

Harper Donahoe, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Alex Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Eldredge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Discussion regarding proposed contract agreement with local governments

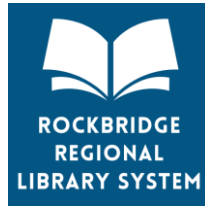
Julie Goyette, Director, asked for questions or comments regarding the contract with local governments.

Alex asked about the implications of a jurisdiction deciding not to fund their portion of the library budget. Specifically, she wanted to know how such a decision would impact the other localities.

Julie responded by stating that if one jurisdiction decided not to fund its portion of the library budget, that library would experience a reduction in services. However, since the library is part of a regional system, such a decrease in funding would impact all of the localities. Julie used the example of the decrease in funding from one locality during the COVID pandemic.

Alex expressed concern regarding the phrase "the objecting jurisdiction may elect to receive reduced services." She wondered if word "elect" implied that the jurisdiction in question could choose not to receive reduced services.

Julie reiterated that, if a jurisdiction chose not to fund its portion of the budget, all localities would be impacted by the decision. She further stated that if a jurisdiction wanted to dissolve its participation in the library system, it would have to give two years notice. The



other jurisdictions and Library Board of Trustees would have to decide together to release them from the contract.

Harper asked if there was a direct proportional relationship between the underfunding of a jurisdiction's portion of the budget and the amount its services are reduced. He gave the example of a jurisdiction reducing its funding by 30%, would its library experience a 30% reduction in services?

Julie explained that the jurisdiction would see a reduction in services and personnel. However, as a cooperative system, the funding decisions of one library jurisdiction would impact the services at all localities, not just the one reducing its funding contribution.

Harper and Julie asked if there were any further questions or comments.

Vote

Harper Donahoe, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the contract.

McKinley made a motion to approve contract with local governments. Sherri seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:38 AM.

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2025, St John's United Methodist Church Social Hall, 351 E 21st Street, Buena Vista, VA