Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Patrick County Branch Library
February 26, 2025

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Felita Claybrooks, Rives Coleman, Lora Mahaffey, Greg Peitz, Harry Rhett, Lewis Turner, and Sherry Vestal attended.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant George Gutshall, Bassett Branch Manager Karen Barley, and Patrick County Branch Manager Garry Clifton.

Board member Yluelhaldi Ros, and Donata Worrell were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Rebecca Adcock called the meeting to order at 12:01 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

On a motion by Sherry Vestal, seconded by Rives Coleman, the minutes from the January 15th meeting in Bassett were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

George Gutshall was unable to attend the meeting due to a doctor's appointment.

On a motion by Margaret Caldwell, seconded by Lora Mahaffey, the report was approved unanimously as presented.

Committee Reports:

Rives Coleman, reporting on behalf of Facilities Committee, deferred to Bassett Branch Manager Karen Barley to discuss the renovation to the Bassett Branch public restroom. It was determined that one of the quotes was for commercial grade fixtures and the other one was for industrial grade fixtures. It was decided to table the discussion until the commercial grade fixtures are upgraded to industrial grade fixtures in the first quote to have a more accurate quote for each.

Old Business:

Rick Ward, Karen Barley, and Margaret Caldwell met with DeWitt House from the Harvest Foundation and he suggested we might be able to use part of the grant monies Harvest has pledged to Bassett Branch Expansion fund to hire a professional fund raiser provided there was a matching grant from the BRRL Foundation. After some discussion, Rives Coleman made a motion, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, to approve an agreement to hire a professional fundraiser to help with the funding of the project with Harvest's help.

New Business:

Closed meeting under § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion of personnel matters.

Lewis Turner moved that the board enter closed session, Harry Rhett seconded, and the board entered closed session.

Lewis Turner moved that the board leave closed session, Rives Coleman seconded, and the board left closed session.

All board members certified that the board discussed only the business for which they entered closed session.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner reported for the Friends that the recent book sale on February 13th and 14th brought in between $600 - $700.

Director's Agenda:

Director Ward referred the board to the printed director's report.

Board Chair Rebecca Adcock informed the board the next meeting is March 20th in Ridgeway.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Lewis Turner, seconded by Harry Rhett, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose
Secretary