Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Ridgeway Branch Library
March 20, 2025

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

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant George Gutshall, and Ridgeway Branch Manager Amy Bunn.

Board members Lora Mahaffey, Yluelhaldi Rose, Lewis Turner, 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 Margaret Caldwell, seconded by Sherry Vestal, the minutes from the February 26th meeting in Patrick County were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

On a motion by Harry Rhett, seconded by Greg Peitz, the report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

After a brief discussion, on a motion by Margaret Caldwell, seconded by Greg Peitz, the board voted to award the contract for the renovations to the Bassett Branch restroom to Blue Ridge Remodeling with Rives Coleman abstaining. The funding for the $15,202.34 estimate will come from the Women in Philanthropy grant of $10,000 with the remaining funds coming from the BRRL Foundation's Bassett Expansion Fund.

Old Business:

Since it has been decided to go with the Phase 1 part of the Bassett Expansion, on a motion by Rives Coleman, seconded by Sherry Vestal, the board voted unanimously to have the BRRL Foundation to get an estimate from architect Glenn Reynolds on the cost of doing just the first phase of the project.

New Business:

Margaret Caldwell reported that she had been in talks with TheatreWorks president Gracie Agnew about the group performing a play by Laura Teasdale entitled *Murder by the Book* with the proceeds going to the Bassett Expansion Fund. Gracie will bring the issue to the attention of the TheatreWorks board to get approval.

Board Chair Rebecca Adcock reported that Rebekah Morgan had submitted a grant application on behalf of the library to get an ARC 2024 READY Grants to Go that will help us with future development plans.

Friends Report:

There was no report.

Director's Agenda:

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

He noted he would be going to the Virginia Public Library Directors Association conference in Harrisonburg March 26th – 28th.

He also informed the board that the next meeting would be in Collinsville on April 16th.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Harry Rhett, seconded by Rives Coleman, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose
Secretary