

Minutes-Draft
DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
6:00 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

SPECIAL MEETING

MEETING LOCATION:
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CITY OF DIXON
600 EAST A STREET, DIXON, CA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President John Gabby.

2. Roll Call

Trustees

Jim Ernst

John Gabby

Irina Okhremtchouk

Herb Cross

Gildardo Piñon

Staff

Gregg Atkins, District Librarian

Sandy Myers, Recorder

Library Commission President

Greta Galindo-excused

3. Approval of Agenda

Jim Ernst moved, Herb Cross seconded and the motion carried to approve the agenda with the rearrangement to place item 9 before item 8.

4. Public presentations to, or discussion with, the Trustees

a. Ginger Emerson read a letter concerning her feeling that the Commission has not properly responded to her complaint.

b. Mike Ceremello asked to see all the current applications for Commission appointments.

c. Susan Werrin requested guidance from the board regarding her personnel dispute; Mr. Atkins noted that as this is a personnel matter it must be handled by the Commission in closed session.

e. Byron Chapman raised a concern about Mr. Dean's involvement in Ms. Werrin's personnel hearing.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Consultation on potential litigation Government code 54956.9 ("Brown Act")

Conference with legal counsel (Addison Covert)

John Gabby adjourned to closed session at 6:40 p.m.

6. Announcements from closed session

Returned from closed session at 6:55 p.m.; Mr. Gabby reported that no action had been taken in closed session.

7. Approval of minutes

A. Regular Meeting of August 25, 2011

Jim Ernst moved, Irina Okhremtchouk seconded and the motion carried.

8. New Business

A. Recommendation to make three appointments to the Library Commission

Mr. Cross reviewed the process for selection of commissioners. There were seven candidates; one withdrew, leaving six. All six candidates were interviewed. He reported that he and Mr. Gabby both agreed on the selection of Rebecca Craig and Jane Felton. For the third appointment Mr. Gabby was in favor of Ian Arnold who has knowledge of the process of meetings and is an advocate for employees and Mr. Cross was in favor of Susan Hall who has strong connections to the community and is a tax preparer in town.

Mr. Ernst moved to accept the 2 candidates agreed upon and to vote on the 3rd. Rebecca Craig was chosen 5-0; Jane Felton was chosen 5-0. For the third candidate Susan Hall – Jim Ernst, aye; John Gabby, nay; Irina Okhremtchouk, nay; Gildardo Piñon, nay; Herb Cross, aye. In regards to the third candidate selection Ian Arnold – Jim Ernst, nay; John Gabby, aye; Irina Okhremtchouk, aye, Gildardo Piñon, aye; and Herb Cross, nay. The vote passed by 3-2.

The Board asked how the selection for filling the terms is chosen. Mr. Atkins responded that it is usually by who is selected first, second and so forth. There was uproar from the audience and the Board determined to choose by lot. Irina Okhremtchouk selected the names: Rebecca Craig was selected to fill the first 3 year term, Jane Felton was selected to fill the second 3 year term and Ian Arnold was selected to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the resignation of Shane Taber.

9. Discussion Items

A. Library District Governance Options: review

Mr. Atkins reviewed the work done to date. Addison Covert and Mona Ebrahimi (Kronick Moskovitz TG) reviewed a document to help the Board decide how to move forward. Jim Ernst requested the item be tabled until the new Board was seated and it had a chance to look at the effort to date and to consider the options available.

10. Board Comments

None

11. Announcements

None

12. Adjournment

John Gabby, President adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

John Gabby, President

Gildardo Piñon, Secretary