

Reed City Area District Library Board Meeting
July 2, 2024
829 South Chestnut Reed City, Michigan 49677

Present:

Lyndsey Eccles, President, Reed City
Kylene Nix, Vice President, Reed City
Shay Thompson, Treasurer, Richmond Township
Laura Dahlquist, Secretary, Richmond Township
Kristie Feguer, Executive Director
Rene Stieg, Millage Chairperson

Other:

Violet Higley, Former RCADL Clerk
T.J. Higley
Melissa Rohen, Former RCADL Executive Director
James Rohen, Former RCADL Assistant Director
Charles Lupo, Sesquicentennial Committee, Reed City
C. Heemstra, RCADL Head Clerk

Absent: Irene Balowski, Green Township Liaison

We are still in need of two Lincoln Township members.

1. Call to Order and Attendance
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by L. Eccles. Attendance was noted.
2. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by S. Thompson and seconded by K. Nix to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda including Special Meeting minutes, bills and financial statements.
A motion was made by K. Nix and seconded by S. Thompson to approve the consent agenda and Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Citizen's Request/Comments
C. Lupo informed those present of the plans for the Sesquicentennial Celebration (150 years) in Reed City in 2025. On Thursday, July 17th, there will be an event focussed on children in the new Pocket Park. On July 18, there will be a downtown gala that is family friendly. At each event, there is an opportunity for the library to have a presence. A parade will be held with the opportunity to have a float entry as well.

This information will be incorporated into the September board meeting, with a committee being formed to delve into the history of the library, and participation opportunities.

M. Rohen read a prepared statement concerning the cause of and events leading to the resignation of J. Rohen as assistant RCADL director.

C. Heemstra commented concerning the work environment and events leading to the resignation of J. Rohen as RCADL assistant director.

5. Board President Comments

6. Standing Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance

A check-in will be held in August, and a quarterly review scheduled to keep things on track.

B. Digital Sign

On hold until after the millage election.

C. Building

The gutters and parking lot are on hold until after the millage election. The urinal repair is scheduled.

D. Strategic Plan

Highlights of the meeting were given and comments noted.

E. Millage

R. Stieg updated the board. A weekly presence at the Farmer's Market has proven positive.

A booth at the Osceola Fair July 27 to August 3 will be maintained.

The postcards are ready for mailing to voters. Postcards to library cardholders will be prepared and mailed.

Digital sign owners have been contacted and are willing to display for us the week before the election.

Letters to the editor of the Big Rapids Pioneer and the Reed City Herald are encouraged.

F. HR

A meeting was scheduled for July 9 at 4 pm to satisfy due diligence and discuss open positions and the executive director's evaluation process.

G. Ad Hoc Parade

This would be a good project for the Friends Committee.

H. Ad Hoc Environmental Project

No action at this time.

7. Director's Report

This report is part of the board packet available for July 2, 2024.

8. Ongoing Business

Parking lot quotes are being taken.

Storywalk funding is being sought. A new story should be in place by fall.

9. New Business

10. Board Dynamics

11. Citizen's Request /Comments

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Nix and seconded by L. Dahlquist. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dahlquist, Secretary, RCADL Board

The next meeting will be held on August 6, 2024 at 6 pm in the Reed City Area District Library Community Room.