

APPROVED  
Grand County Public Library  
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
September 22, 2022 5:00 pm  
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the September 22, 2022 Grand County Public Library Board meeting held in the Board Room at the Grand County Public Library, were as follows: Jenna Woodbury, Rose List, Alanna Simmons-Cameron, Jeremy Lynch, and Lillian Scott. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Didar Charles, Trish Hedin, and Rachel Stenta were absent.

Jenna called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the May 24, 2022 meeting was discussed. Jenna made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The library bills were passed around for review.

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Carrie delivered a Director's Report to the Board. Summer reading programming for all ages has ended and was successful this year. The library has several events planned for the fall including film and author events, participation in the Moab Festival of Science, and clubs for youth. Library staff are also planning to participate in upcoming outreach events including USARA Recovery Days, Youth Garden Harvest Festival, and the Red Rock Street Fest.

The Castle Valley library branch is open to the public again now that the town is allowing public access to the building. Curbside pick up and delivery services have been ongoing in Castle Valley regardless of the town building's open status. The children's room has a new set of public access computers thanks to a Utah State Library technology support grant. The new tech equipment in the large meeting room was recently repaired after a power outage caused it to malfunction. The Moab library building also had some recent plumbing issues that the Maintenance Department was able to fix.

Over the summer, library staff had the opportunity to both attend and present sessions at conferences hosted by the Mountain Plains Library Association and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries.

There was no Old Business.

There was no Consent Agenda.

The Board moved on to New Business. The first item on the agenda under New Business was discussion and recommendation of a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Friends of the Grand County Public Library to the Grand County Commission for approval. Carrie noted that the MOU was originally put in place in 2011 and needs renewed every 5 years. Suggested changes to the MOU are not substantive and reflect the Friends' recent operational

changes. Carrie added that the Friends are great to work with and library staff are supportive of continuing the formal relationship between the Friends and the county. Discussion followed. Alanna made a motion to recommend the renewed MOU to the Commission as presented. Jenna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda under New Business was discussion and recommendation of a renewed Inter Local Agreement (ILA) with San Juan County to the Grand County Commission for approval. The ILA allows Grand County Library the ability to provide library service to San Juan County residents that have an 84532 address (Spanish Valley residents) without charging them a non-resident fee. The agreement is popular with northern San Juan County residents because they generally conduct business – work, school, shopping, etc. – in the Moab area.

Carrie informed the Board that the San Juan County Library Director sent new edit requests that were not part of the draft ILA that was sent in the agenda packet. Requested edits include: changing to a 3-year rather than a 5-year agreement, a reduced fee of \$5000 per year rather than the \$6000 fee paid in previous years, and annual reporting from GCPL regarding the households that use the service. Carrie noted that reporting patron information may violate a state law that protects patron privacy.

Carrie provided context for the Board to consider. When the first 5-year contract was entered into in 2011, there were approximately 100 households using Grand County library service that were in the 84532 zip code area of San Juan County. A fee of \$6000 per year was agreed upon because Grand County's Fee Schedule lists \$60 as the annual fee for non-resident library cards. Currently, over 200 households in San Juan County with 84532 addresses are using GCPL service and Grand County is not asking San Juan for a larger sum to continue providing the same service.

Carrie expressed concern that San Juan County may decide to not provide any library service to the area in question if Grand County asks for more than \$6000 per year. Discussion followed regarding whether to accept the suggested changes and/or make a counteroffer for the San Juan County Library Board to review. Jenna made a motion to approve a recommendation of the draft ILA to the Grand County Commission with the following terms: patron names and addresses will not be reported to San Juan County, the agreement will have a 3-year term, and the annual fee will be set at \$6000. Rose seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda under New Business was discussion and recommendation of a Grand County Public Library Fee Schedule to the Grand County Commission for approval. Based on the previous agenda item, the Board discussed the possibility of recommending a reduced fee for non-resident library cards. Discussion followed. Carrie explained that library staff have recommended the addition of language to the ordinance stating that replacement fees may be waived by the Director or designee. Recent local events including the downtown flood and house fires have highlighted a need for the library to have the authority to waive replacement fees for lost or damaged items. Jeremy made a motion to recommend the library fee schedule as presented. Rose seconded the motion. Vote was 3-1 with Alanna, Rose, and Jeremy in favor and Jenna opposed. Motion passed.

The fourth item on the agenda under new Business was discussion and recommendation of a 2023 Grand County Public Library Budget to the Grand County Budget Advisory Board. Carrie

reminded the Board that salary and benefit numbers are not provided in the draft budget because the county determines those expenses and has not yet done so for 2023. The draft budget proposes two increases: (1) \$12,000 to cover one year's rent expense for a new teen center that the library will offer at the Moab Free Health Clinic's new Community Resource Center; (2) \$18,000 to cover the cost of providing one year of data service for 50 mobile hotspot devices. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of the library providing these services to the community. Jenna made a motion to recommend the 2023 library budget to the Budget Advisory Board as presented. Jeremy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The fifth item on the agenda under New Business was discussion of upcoming Board vacancies. Both Jeremy and Lillian will term out at the end of 2022. The Board discussed recruiting interested individuals to apply to fill the upcoming vacancies.

There were no Board Member Reports.

No Future Agenda Items were discussed.

A closed session was not needed. Jenna adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.