

Special Meeting
March 18th, 2021
Library Board of Trustees
Mountain Home Public Library
790 North 10th East – Mountain Home, ID

Chairperson: James Green
Vice Chair: Daniel Mercado
Secretary/Treas: Brad Fesperman
Clerk for the Board: Shasta Hochstrasser

Board Members Present: Trustees James Green, Daniel Mercado, Priscilla Sission, Samantha Trombly; via phone Brad Fesperman;

Excused: Brad Stokes, Council Liaison

Others Present: Shasta Hochstrasser, Interim Library Director

Roll Call –Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Public Input – None

Consent Agenda – ALL CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE ACTION ITEMS.

- A. Discussion/Decision on Library e-Rate services
- B. Trombly asked for clarification on past e-rate discussions.

Chairman Green explained that Former Trustee Sykes said the city cannot cover the cost after having said during the December Library Board Meeting that it was possible. It still goes through the budget whether through the city budget or the library budget. Fiber is coming but it is still to be determined. Chairman Green highly recommended applying for e-Rate.

Trustee Sission asked what speed the library is currently using. Interim Library Director Hochstrasser said 200mbps. It was discussed to look into going for higher bandwidth when fiber is available.

Currently the fiscal year doesn't jive with the e-rate schedule. Trustee Fesperman recommended asking if there could be a contract for 27 months to match up with the library fiscal year. Current question is do we want to continue with e-rate.

Chairman Green made a motion to approve the Tek-Hut bid for 12 month at the speed of 200 mbps for \$1,775.00 a month. Trustee Sisson seconded.

The following vote was recorded:

Trustee Green AYE

Trustee Mercado AYE

Trustee Fesperman AYE

Trustee Sisson AYE

Trustee Trombly AYE

Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Decision on Library phone services

Interim Library Director Hochstrasser explained that the phones were being leased through Ednetics Voice (formerly leased through Tek-Hut – Ednetics Voice bought Tek-Hut last month). Hochstrasser proposed to decrease the monthly phone bill by purchasing the phones - 2 desk phones, 6 cordless phones for a total of \$3,851.00 and utilize the city's phone company for the monthly fee of \$16.00 per line. (3 lines total, 2 phone, 1 fax) and an annual \$100.00 maintenance fee.

Trustee Trombly made a motion to approve the recommendation. Trustee Sisson seconded.

The following vote was recorded:

Trustee Green AYE

Trustee Mercado AYE

Trustee Fesperman AYE

Trustee Sisson AYE

Trustee Trombly AYE

Motion carried.

D. Discussion/Decision on appointment of Library Director effective March 18th, 2021

An executive session on the appointment at the last regular board meeting earlier in March ended with needing to add a decision item to the next meeting agenda.

Trustee Trombly made a motion to appoint Shasta Hochstrasser as the Mountain Home Public Library Director. Trustee Sisson seconded.

The following vote was recorded:

Trustee Green AYE

Trustee Mercado AYE

Trustee Fesperman AYE

Trustee Sisson AYE

Trustee Trombly AYE

Motion carried.

James thanked the board for short notice of board meeting.

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Mercado moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:31p.m. Seconded by Trustee Trombly. Motion carried.

Shasta Hochstrasser,
Interim Library Director & Clerk of the Board

James Green, Library Board Chair