

Special Meeting - **DRAFT**

March 30th, 2023

Library Board of Trustees

Mountain Home Public Library

790 North 10th East – Mountain Home, ID

Chairperson: Samantha Venable-Harjo

Vice Chair: Priscilla Sisson

Secretary/Treas: Christina Mattern

Clerk for the Board: Shasta Hochstrasser

Board Members Present: Chair Samantha Venable-Harjo, Vice Chair Priscilla Sisson (phoned in at 5:05 and ended phone call at 5:20), Secretary/Treasurer Christina Mattern, Trustee Daniel Mercado, James Green – City Councilman

Excused: Trustee Jake Aplin

Others Present: Shasta Hochstrasser – Library Director

Roll Call – Chair Venable-Harjo called the meeting to order at 5:04p.m. and a quorum was established.

Old Business –

A. Action Item: Determine Potential Membership Level Change with Lynx Library Consortium (Courier Service)

Director Hochstrasser explained that at the Lynx Library Consortium Directors meeting, Hailey Public Library has decided to withdraw from the consortium. With that change being official in October, all the collective budget share costs will increase. Outlying libraries such as Twin Falls, Hailey, Emmett & Mountain Home currently are not at an open access level and part of Hailey's decision to leave was due to the lack of access to the courier service. Twin Falls has also expressed their concern to stay with the consortium long term if they were able to have open access. The directors all voted to consider changing membership level for all outlying libraries if they would first approve the change through their library boards and write a collective letter addressing the whole consortium on their request to change membership levels for approval. This would also affect the annual budget but can be compared to the number of Inter-Library Loans we receive/mail-out. \$4,500 is the current share estimate which covers the cost of gas, vehicle maintenance, etc. Boise Public Library mans the courier service currently.

At the March Library Board Meeting Trustee Mercado expressed hesitancy in voting until a more solidified budget estimate was available before moving forward. Secretary/Treasurer Mattern agreed. Director Hochstrasser connected with the consortium personnel who run the numbers to gauge more accurate share numbers to bring to the board today. Vice Chair Sisson wanted clarification on the total estimate increase that would be to the library budget. Director Hochstrasser explained that the yearly cost share would roughly be a \$7,000 increase depending upon courier service usage. Councilman Green asked how this would affect ILL usage. Director Hochstrasser noted that currently 75% of the postage line goes towards shipping and of ILL's and if courier service is implemented, this would potentially translate over into the courier cost instead of postage.

Trustee Mercado made a motion to approve the request to change the Mountain Home Public Library membership level change with the Lynx Library Consortium starting fiscal year 2024 to Open Access and to approve the use of the library budget to include courier service shared cost listed in the Open Access Membership Level.

Trustee Mattern seconded.

The following vote was recorded.

Chairman Venable-Harjo	AYE
Vice Chair Sisson	AYE
Secretary/Treasurer Mattern	AYE
Trustee Mercado	AYE

Motion carried.

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Mercado moved the meeting to be adjourned at 5:21p.m. Seconded by Trustee Mattern. Motion carried.

Shasta Hochstrasser,
Library Director & Clerk of the Board

Samantha Venable-Harjo, Library Board Chair