

## MINUTES

### EAST BONNER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### **EMERGENCY SESSION**

SANDPOINT, IDAHO

Monday, March 17, 2020

#### **WELCOME/ROLL CALL**

The telephone conference meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Judy Meyers at 10:35 am and was held in Meeting Room 102, of the Sandpoint Branch Library at 1407 Cedar Street in Sandpoint, Idaho. Other trustees calling in were Jeanine Asche, Susan Shea and Joan Terrell. Amy Flint did not join the meeting.

Also present were Director Ann Nichols and staff members: Denise Mills, Gina Emory, Dawn Riggins and Craig Hofmeister.

No members of the public were present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

No public comments were received.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Closure of Library District Facilities and Services

The trustees discussed the need to close all branches of the library district due to the on-going concerns of the COVID2019 virus.

Ann Nichols relayed that, although of great value, the library is not an essential service to the community. Federal, State and various health organizations have recommended gatherings of no more than 10 people and that people distance themselves from each other by six or more feet. Considering the library sees over 800 people daily in the district, it would be difficult to maintain the recommendations of the public officials.

Local schools, offices and retail businesses either have closed their doors to the public or have closed completely for the duration of the emergency declaration.

The trustees agreed that closing the facilities and shutting down services is prudent. Essential staff would report to work as needed during the closure. The trustees also agreed to revisit the status of the library closure at the end of the month.

***Jeanine Asche made a motion to close the library facilities until further notice. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Judy Meyers moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Mills  
Bookkeeper

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Ann M. Nichols, Director

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Amy Flint, Board Chairperson