

**WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

**MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**Turner Community Library**

**I. Call to Order/Attendance**

Erica Simpson, Chair of the KCKPL Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Location: Turner Community Library.

In Attendance: Erica Simpson, Judy Anderson, Korri Hall, Joe Caiharr, Gregory Todd, Rocki Mayes, and Jim Jarsulic.

Absent: Jody Boeding, Susan Martin, Micki Hill and Commissioner Davis' Appointee (not yet confirmed).

Support Advisors in Attendance: Carol Levers, Director of KCK Public Libraries, Jack Granath, Director of Bonner Springs City Library and Aaron Froelich of Turner Library, Branch Manager.

UG Support Staff in Attendance: Jeff Conway, UG Legal Department, Reginald Lindsey, Treasurer's Office.

**II. Introductions & Announcements**

Roll call—Announcement(s): Library Board member's terms run concurrently with their appointing UG official. Terms expire in December of the year when the appointing UG official's term expires.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Judy Anderson made motion to approve the minutes from the November 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Korri Hall and was approved by the Board.

**IV. Old Business**

Review of Board Member's contact information. Information sheet was distributed and corrections/additions were made.

**V. New Business**

**A. Ethics Training:**

The Charter Ordinance of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Board indicates that Library Board members are classified as "Unified Government Officials" and fall under the Unified Government Ethics Policy. This means all members must attend a basic ethic course and then a refresher course every three years after that. Contact has been made to both Ruth Benien and Monica Terrell at the UG, UG Human Resources to schedule training. Attempt will be made to set training for a future scheduled meeting, if possible or if possible, to attend virtually. Jeff Conway will follow up for us. Item tabled.

**B. Notification of Public Meeting(s) and Exceeding Revenue Neutral Rate:**

A question was posed regarding when the Library Board will be responsible for mailers/notification to the public regarding public meetings and possibility of exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Jeff Conway indicated that 2024 would be when the Board would be responsible for additional cost of postage and mailers for taxpayers within the county, according to newly adopted state statutes. Jeff indicated that since the PET district footprint for the Wyandotte County Library covers only a portion of the county, it should only be responsible for the mailings that were sent to the taxpayers in its district. Last year that figure would have been around \$4,130. But, Jeff notes, that figure may not have included the county and KCKCC's calculations, so the final figure for the Library Board may be less. This gives a ballpark figure for us to work with. The Legislature may choose to further amend the law this session. In addition, the state may have some administrative interpretations that change this analysis.

**C. Library Branch Budget Information:**

For those interested, a link to the budget report for KCK Public Libraries, issued to USD 500, was provided in last meeting's minutes. Aaron Froelich sharing the Turner Community Library budget and Jack Granath sent the Bonner Springs City Library budget via email. Reginald Lindsey shared the there was some appraisal growth within the county with more details to come in future budget discussions.

**VI. Monthly Library Reports**

Monthly reports were submitted from each of the districts

Kansas City Kansas Public Library—Carol Levers

Bonner Springs City Library—Jack Granath

Turner Community Library—Aaron Froelich

**V. Adjournment--Meeting adjourned 4:55pm (Motioned by Rocki Mayes, Seconded by Korri Hall and carried.)**

**Next meeting: (Budget Presentation) May 16, 2023 at South Branch Library Room B: 3104 Strong Ave. Kansas City, KS 66106**