



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees

January 12, 2022

Meeting held in Library Community Room and via Zoom

Trustees Present:

Katie Sayler, Board Chair, Zoom
Ann Smart, Board Vice Chair, Zoom
Steve McCrea, Board Member, Zoom
Fay Sweney, Board Member, Library
Jim Windisch, Board Member, Zoom

Others:

Kiki Miller, City Council Liaison, Zoom
Michael Priest, Library Director, Library

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Katie Sayler at 4:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Self-recognition of an Open Meeting Law violation and intent to cure under Idaho Code § 74-208(7):

Katie read the following opening statement; "It has been the practice of this board to have at least one trustee attend seminars provided by the State Attorney General's Office regarding Open Meeting Law when we receive notification of one in Coeur d'Alene or, most recently, online. When we became aware of the January 5, 2022 seminar, two trustees agreed to attend live and one attended through YouTube on January 8, 2022. In the course of the seminar, it became apparent to each trustee that there was now a more detailed explanation of "virtual" meetings. We realized that although we had access to our virtual meetings online and at the library with the Director present, we also needed a trustee to be physically present at the designated location. According to Attorney General Wasden, if an error in Open Meeting Law compliance occurs, and the public agency works to correct the error as soon as possible by a Special Meeting to re-vote on Action Items from the agendas of said meetings, everything is then within compliance with Open Meeting Law for those meetings and actions. Therefore, we meet today to rectify our error and remain in good standing with Idaho Open Meeting Law."

Motion to acknowledge that the thirty-four Action Items from the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees meetings dated between July 29, 2020 and December 1, 2021 are thus null and void, Ann; second, Steve. Approved.

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Approval of the Action Items from Coeur d’Alene Public Library Board of Trustees meetings dated between July 29, 2020 and December 1, 2021:

Katie noted that Ann had caught an error in the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes regarding the update to the Board of Trustees Bylaws. The minutes from that date stated that an update had been made to Article V to include information on public comment during meetings. The update had in fact been made to Article IV.

Motion to recognize that the fourteenth Action Item, titled “Update to bylaws concerning public comment”, was an update to Article IV of the Board of Trustees of Coeur d’Alene Public Library Bylaws, not Article V, Steve; second, Jim. Approved.

Katie disclosed that the thirty-four listed Action Items between July 29, 2020 and December 1, 2021 had previously been discussed by the Board of Trustees with no contention expressed, and received unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the thirty-four Action Items from Coeur d’Alene Public Library Board of Trustees meetings dated between July 29, 2020 and December 1, 2021, Jim; second, Steve.

Discussion: Steve recounted that there had been public comments made at in-person meetings between July 29, 2020 and December 1, 2021. He inquired as to whether any members of the public had made comments at the Zoom meetings during that period. Katie confirmed that there had been public comment made at a few of the Zoom meetings.

Approved.

Next regular meeting – January 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room and via Zoom. Fay will be the trustee present at the library.

Adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Priest