

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting
September 20, 2022

Board Vice President Jerry Watzlawick called the meeting to order at 5:40 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Director Donna Techau and Board Trustees Bill Gallagher, Jill Lawson, Connie Kinsella, Jerry Watzlawick, and Kenneth Wright were present. Trustees Erin Kindred and Mary Postlewait were absent.

Connie Kinsella made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jill Lawson seconded the motion, and all trustees present voted aye.

In old business, Director Techau reported that the IPLAR was completed on time and the audit of the report checked out fine. The genealogical items are awaiting pickup by the Piatt County Historical Society. They will be in good hands with them. The long range planning survey has not yet been sent out but is on the to-do list. A new janitor was hired and is doing a great job so far. Director Techau attended 8 sessions at the ARSL Conference and found it very valuable and informative.

Regarding the west door replacement, this is an item that does not have to be completed urgently. The board recommended seeking out multiple estimates in addition to the one already obtained.

In new business, Director Techau presented her budget proposal for the 23-24 fiscal year. Kenneth Wright made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented, and Bill Gallagher seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye per a roll call vote.

Four trustees are up for reelection in April 2023. Bill Gallagher, Jill Lawson, and Ken Wright all expressed a desire to continue their terms. Erin Kindred was absent from the meeting.

Director Techau was offered a precision tune-up by the HVAC contractor who was at the library recently to fix a problem with the air conditioning. The board recommended looking into a service/maintenance contract that might be a good option to consider. Director Techau will make inquiries and the board will discuss at the next meeting.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kenneth Wright seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the library.

Connie Kinsella, Board Secretary