

Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System

December 20, 2021 scheduled at 5:30 PM via Zoom, meeting started at 5:34 PM

ARVRLS Board Members Present:

Brad Spikes, Chairman

LaDonna Evans

JJ Chronister

Casey White

Glenda Ezell

Heather Patton

Reagan Eisele

A motion was made by Heather Patton to approve the minutes from October 18, 2021, Casey White seconded. The motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A motion to approve was made by Glenda Ezell, Heather Patton seconded. The motion carried.

Librarians Report:

Misty Hawkins presented updates pertaining to the CARES Act funding distribution through the Department of Finance and Administration (the funding initiative was previously organized within the second phase of the American Rescue Plan Act). Hawkins stated that PPE purchases from April 1, 2020 to November 2021 will be reimbursed to each library branch if county officials had not filed reimbursements on behalf of the library. In addition to PPE purchases, reimbursements will be distributed to the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System for ebook and audiobook purchases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional funding distributions are anticipated for the last week of December 2021.

Old Business:

- A. A Dodge Ram ProMaster City was purchased through Breeden Dodge in Fort Smith for \$29,317 to be used as an outreach vehicle in all counties. Shelving units were installed by the dealership and a graphics package was added to the exterior by Scarlett Marketing in Clarksville.
- B. Hawkins updated the board regarding the Interlocal Agreement and Coworking Space Agreements. Hawkins will meet with Attorney John Peel in Russellville to further review the documents.

New Business:

- A. The ARVRLS Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 was presented. A motion to approve was made by Glenda Ezell, Casey White seconded. The motion carried.
- B. The 2022 Proposed Budget was presented. A motion to approve was made by

Heather Patton, Reagan Eisele seconded. The motion carried.

C. A motion was made by Heather Patton to implement a 5% cost of living wage increase to all Regional employees starting on January 1, 2022, Glenda Ezell seconded. The motion carried.

D. The meeting dates for 2022 were presented. A motion to approve was made by Heather Patton, Glenda Ezell seconded. The motion carried.

E. After a review of the ARVRLS bylaws and officers, a motion was made by Glenda Ezell to elect Brad Spikes as the Chairman, Heather Patton seconded. The motion carried. Heather Patton volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair. A motion to approve was made by Glenda Ezell, Reagan Eisele seconded. The motion carried. The board opted to table the review and update of bylaws until the first quarter meeting in March 2022.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Glenda Ezell to adjourn, Heather Patton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

