



**East Central Arkansas
Regional Library**

**ECARL REGIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALLED SESSION MINUTES**

March 3, 2022

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m. Trustees in attendance were: Anne Eldridge, Justin Futrell, William Gregory, Jerry Harvey, Willie White, and Dr. Djuana Cartillar. Mr. John Paul Myrick, Regional Librarian, Karen Golden, Woodruff County Branch Operations Manager, and Asti Ogletree, Cross County Branch Operations Manager were also present.

Introduction of Guests

None

Public Participation and Communications:

None

Annual Meeting Business

First item of business was the Election of ECARL Board Chair. Chairperson Eldridge acknowledged that in the past the board has alternated between counties. Currently the board chair is a Woodruff County Trustee which would grant the position to a Cross County Trustee. Trustee Futrell nominated Trustee Harvey for ECARL Board Chair. Trustee White moved to elect Trustee Harvey as ECARL board chair. Trustee Gregory seconded. A roll count vote was as follows:

Chairperson Eldridge
Trustee Futrell
Trustee Gregory
Trustee Harvey- abstain
Trustee White

4 ayes, 1 abstain; 1 absence; motion carried.

Trustee Cartillar arrived

Chairperson Harvey took over the meeting and asked for the selection of signatories and depositories. Mr. Myrick advised that this Trustee along with the Chair would need to be accessible throughout the day for easy deposit navigation. Chairperson Harvey made a motion to leave the current signatories on the ECARL accounts. Trustee Eldridge seconded and the roll was as follows:

Chairperson Harvey - Aye
Trustee Cartillar - Aye
Trustee Futrell - Aye
Trustee Gregory - Aye
Trustee Eldridge - Aye
Trustee White -Aye

All ayes; motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes (August 26, 2021 Regular Session):

No discussion was made concerning the minutes. Trustee Futrell made a motion to approve the reading of the August minutes. Trustee White seconded the motion. Votes were cast as follows:

Chairperson Harvey - Aye
Trustee Cartillar - Aye
Trustee Futrell - Aye
Trustee Gregory - Aye
Trustee Eldridge - Aye
Trustee White -Aye

All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of Financial reports, reconciliations, journal and ledger entries, amendments and funds transfers:

Chairperson Harvey asked the board to review the financial reports. Mr. Myrick noted that the October financial reports were not submitted at this time and that they would be submitted upon receipt from the accountant. Trustee Eldridge noted the January date should reflect 2022. Trustee Eldridge made a motion to accept the October 2021 – January 2022 financial reports. Trustee White seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Chairperson Harvey - Aye
Trustee Cartillar - Aye
Trustee Futrell - Aye
Trustee Gregory - Aye

Trustee Eldridge - Aye
Trustee White -Aye

All ayes; motion carried.

Old Business:

Trustee Eldridge asked if the new Credit Card delegation had been resolved per the minutes of the last ECARL meeting. Mr. Myrick advised that he had not yet worked on them but would be getting to it.

Next Mr. Myrick discussed the Long Range Plan. He acknowledged that we were at the point to receive names for those to be in our Long Range Plan focus group. He asked the board to each submit 3 names with contact information so that he could contact them to participate. Trustee White asked when the names would be due. Mr. Myrick said he'd like to have them by the March 10, 2022.

New Business:

Mr. Myrick presented the board with copies of the 2020 ECARL Audit. He advised that we would be submitting the 2021 financials soon and hope to have the next audit back by the May board meeting. Trustee White motioned to accept the audit; Trustee Eldridge seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chairperson Harvey - Aye
Trustee Cartillar - Aye
Trustee Futrell - Aye
Trustee Gregory - Aye
Trustee Eldridge - Aye
Trustee White -Aye

All ayes; motion carried.

Next Mr. Myrick discussed the CARES Act Funding to purchase a new or used van (not to exceed 5k miles used or \$32,000 total cost) to replace the 2011 Ford Fusion currently used in Cross County. The cost \$20,741.62 would be split 60/40 between the counties. Both Trustee Eldridge and Chairperson Harvey agreed that it was great that we are able to use the CARES Act Funding for the purchase of a new vehicle. Trustee Eldridge moved to approve the purchase of a vehicle; Trustee Futrell seconded the motion. Mr. Myrick asked Trustee Eldridge to amend her motion to include a used vehicle not exceeding 5k miles or a new vehicle not exceeding \$32,000. Trustee Eldridge amended her motion and Trustee Futrell re-seconded. Mr. Myrick called roll as follows:

Chairperson Harvey - Aye
Trustee Cartillar - Aye

Trustee Futrell - Aye
Trustee Gregory - Aye
Trustee Eldridge - Aye
Trustee White - Aye

All ayes; motion carried.

Next Mr. Myrick advised the board of federal e-rate funding. He explained that prices have dropped and now we will be able to get 1 gig of internet at the Cross location along with new phone service. In Augusta we're also getting new wiring and equipment. Both locations will have category 6 wiring, in hopes that Augusta too will bid for 1 gig next year. He admitted that the Universal Service program has allowed us to do good things in technology for both counties.

Trustee Comment Period:

No Comments

Adjournment:

With no other business, Trustee Futrell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee White seconded and the roll was as follows:

Chairperson Harvey - Aye
Trustee Futrell - Aye
Trustee Gregory - Aye
Trustee Eldridge - Aye
Trustee Cartillar - Aye
Trustee White - Aye

All ayes, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Asti Ogletree
Cross County Operations Manager
East Central Arkansas Regional Library