

Gilpin County Board of Trustees Meeting: February 9, 2023

Attendance: Harv Mastalir, Linza Douglas, Dorothy Sweet, Alisa Witt, Ruth Arnold + Director Michael Carlson;

Absent: Jeffrey Smith

1. **Call to Order:** 6:32 pm

2. **Call for Changes to Agenda:** Harv moved Old Business VI.A. change from “Update” to “Action Item.” Alisa seconded, Approved Unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Dorothy moved to approve the amended minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting. Linza seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. **Public Comment:** Gilpin County Commissioners Susan Berumen, Sandy Hollingsworth and Marie Mornis and County Manager Ray Rears were present to observe the meeting.

5. Library Director’s Report

Michael reported January circulation is down a bit while programs and patron visits are up, the Building Life Cycle report is in final draft and will be delivered soon, a grant for “Growing Readers Together” will be used for goody bags for kids, some kids’ room furniture was upgraded, and a picnic table may be added outside. Staff is planning a summer program for kids to book presenters early. Yearly statistics on 2022 versus 2021 were reviewed.

a. Financial Report

The library district’s finances were reviewed and discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Update on Well Testing

Michael contacted the original well installer, and they are pumping it now to clear out sediment and then will take water samples next week to send to the State to determine any contaminants and what fixes will be necessary. Bid estimate for pulling the pump and installing any seal or filtration system was \$6,700. Alisa moved that the Board authorize Michael to contract with C.R. Smith to service our well, pending the results of our water test. Dorothy seconded. Approved unanimously.

b. Approve Update on Board Trustee Vacancy Recruitment

The announcement of the vacancy did not get into the newspaper until a couple of weeks ago, so applications will be taken until February 24, 2023. Interviews will then be held, and the Board will vote in April on a recommendation to the Commissioners. The listing is also on our website and will be put on Facebook. Board members were asked to solicit possible candidates to apply.

7. New Business

a. Parking Lot Lighting

The Board discussed what may be needed for improved parking lot lighting for safety, and how to incorporate Dark-Sky-compliant fixtures. The possible installation of 2-4 electric vehicle charging stations with the grant money being pursued by the County, and what lighting and security cameras would come with that installation and the timetable for that was also discussed. Alisa and Jeff will work on estimates for possible solutions and discuss with Robb at Gilpin Community Development Dept. to coordinate.

8. Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2023

9. **Adjournment:** 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by Jeffrey Smith, Secretary (Minutes taken by Ruth Arnold)