



Administrative Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: June 23, 2023
Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Attala County Library
Meeting Room

A called meeting of the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System Board of Trustees was held on Friday, July 23, 2023 in the Attala County Library Meeting Room. Trustees in attendance were: Flora Pilgrim, Holmes County (teleconference), Rhonda Porter, Winston County (teleconference), Martha Ramzy, Leake County (teleconference), Lee Branch, Montgomery County (teleconference) and Terry Jones, Attala County (teleconference). Staff members in attendance were Josh Haidet, Executive Director, and Tammy Bell, Business Manager.

CALL TO ORDER...

Flora Pilgrim, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

SETTING THE AGENDA...

Ms. Pilgrim asked if there were any additions to the agenda, there were none, so the agenda was set.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES...

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS...

Ms. Pilgrim asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS...

A. Springer Engineering, Inc. Report on Durant Masonic Hall

This meeting was called by board chair Flora Pilgrim to address a report from Springer Engineering, Inc. on the Durant Masonic Hall. The hall was in a state of collapse, and due to the proximity of the hall to the Durant Public Library was a cause of serious concern for library staff. Director Josh Haidet commissioned a report from an engineering firm to ascertain the risk to the library building. The report from Springer Engineering, Inc., of Starkville, was received earlier in the day on June 23. It stated that the masonic hall was "subject to collapse by small winds (winds in excess of 15 MPH)." The report also included pictures of the building and library, which essentially shared a wall with the hall. Based on the report, the director felt the risk of continuing to operate at the Durant library was too great at this time, and he had closed the library for the day, pending the board's decision.

Based on the report, Rhonda Porter motioned to temporarily close the Durant Public Library until the current library building could be made safe or an alternative location could be found. Martha Ramzy seconded, and all were in favor. Mr. Haidet stated that he would immediately begin working diligently with the City of Durant to find a solution to this issue that is in the best interests of the safety of the library's staff and patrons.

ADJOURNMENT...

Board Chair Flora Pilgrim asked if further discussion was needed before the meeting was adjourned. As there was none, Terry Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Rhonda Porter seconded. All were in favor.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 23, 2023 in the Carthage-Leake County Library Meeting Room



8/23/23

Josh Haidet, Administrative Board Secretary

Date Approved