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EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 30, 2017, 1:00 pm
Main Library, Accomac, VA

Present: Kitty Hall (Chair), Paul Berge, Dana Bundick (Treasurer), Barbara Coady, Ann Rutledge, Gerry Ryan. Tim Valentine. Absent: Patricia Bloxom, Dennis Custis, Jackie Davis (Vice Chair)

In attendance: Cara Burton, Director. Foundation: Frank Hall, Kim Miles, Colette Nelson. Other: Jeanine Hall.

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm.

Closed Meeting

Motion was made by , seconded by Paul , that the Board ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 2.2-3711(a)(29) OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO DISCUSS THE AWARD OF A PUBLIC CONTRACT INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS, AND DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS OR SCOPE OF SUCH CONTRACT, WHERE DISCUSSION IN AN OPEN SESSION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BARGAINING POSITION OR NEGOTIATING STRATEGY OF THE PUBIC BODY.

All members were present with the exception(s) of Pat Bloxom, Dennis Custis, and Jackie Davis and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

Barbara motioned an amendment to delay going into closed until we have had an opportunity to hear from representatives of the public, Gerry seconded. Discussion about Robert’s Rules or Order. Motion for the amendment carried.
The motion as amended carried.

Miles: What is the rush on the vote for the loan. K. Hall: Was to have the terms in order before the November BOS meeting. Miles: Did NCALL give you an amortization table? K. Hall: No. F. Hall: We received \$20,000 in campaign donations in October. Miles: Questioned status of agreement with County/BOS. F. Hall: The reason we were taken off the October BOS meeting because they wanted the terms of the loan before the meeting. We are told now that the BOS won’t agree to support the NCALL loan. Miles: What does the letter require? F. Hall: \$20,000 (1%) fee with \$5,000 due now and \$15,000 at the closing of the loan (May 2018). Miles: Questions whether a CPA and attorney reviewed the commitment letter? F. Hall: You are focusing on the minimum path, but that is not what we are going to do. NCALL is giving us breathing room. The 25 years is a ‘red herring.’

Berge: The time gives the BOS a chance to determine what will happen with the existing building and gives the Foundation time to have additional two phases of capital campaign. The grant cycles get to come up again, providing additional grant revenue. I



started 8 years again. We have raised almost \$4M already! This group can raise this money in seven years. F. Hall: It will be a construction loan until the building is complete and then roll over into a regular loan thereafter. There is no pre-payment penalty. Ryan: You won't even activate the loan until construction actually starts. F. Hall: Yes, we use our money first, particularly during the planning phase. F. Hall: The County's money will come in at the same time as the NCALL loan.

Public comments are closed at 1:26. The Board went into closed session with Nelson and F. Hall invited as officers of the ESPL Foundation.

The Board came out of closed session at 2:55 pm.

Certification of Closed Meeting:

DO YOU CERTIFY THAT THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION JUST HELD WERE COVERED IN THE MOTION BY WHICH THE LIBRARY BOARD ENTERED CLOSED SESSION, AND WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT?

Upon being polled individually by a roll call vote in open meeting, each Board member confirmed that these were the only matters of discussion during the closed session.

Paul Berge motioned that the Board authorizes Kitty Hall to sign the NCALL letter of commitment once certain conditions concerning County and library liability, a.k.a. hold harmless agreement, and references to collateral are met. Tim Valentine seconded. The motion carried with 6 votes in favor and 1 against.

Paul Berge motioned requests that we authorize the library director to contact the County Administrator and request to be on the November 15th Board of Supervisor's meeting agenda to make a presentation on the status and financing of the new regional library. Barbara Coady seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00 pm at Chincoteague Island Library.

Tim motioned to adjourn and Ruttledge seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Burton, Secretary