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**A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
LOUTIT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
and the
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Loutit District Library, Program Room B

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by LDL Board President Burton Brooks.

Board members present: Belter, Brooks, DeWitt, DeYoung (via phone from Texas), Lannon, Longstreet, Menerick, Rusco

Search committee present: Golden, Layton, Weiden

Staff: Martin

By phone: John Keister, director search firm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The purpose of the special joint meeting is to review candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Loutit District Library.

Motion to approve the agenda.

22-64 *Motion by Rusco, second by DeWitt. Motion passed 10-0*

Discussion:

Belter: Under unfinished business: Review/discussion of the 3 candidates for the position of LDL Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Cotner: he sat in on 2 of the 3 interviews, most impressed with both candidates. Came in with 2 individuals he liked. Prefers Ellen Peters. Elaborated on the reasons for his preference. Said the board has the option to make a decision, or continue with interviews

TRUSTEE COMMENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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A. Review/discussion of the 3 candidates for the position of LDL Executive Director

At the suggestion of search committee member Golden, board and search committee members reviewed strengths and weaknesses of the three Executive Director applicants. After discussion, members submitted their top choice to Search Committee Chair Rusco.

LDL Trustee Penni DeWitt left the meeting at 5:25.

John Golden thanked everyone for the discussion.

Brooks proceeded with a poll, by paper, of the Board and Committee members. After reviewing, Brooks announced that all 10 members recommended Ellen Peters as their top choice.

22-65 Motion by Rusco, second by Menerick, that the LDL Board and Director Search committees recommend to the LDL Board that the position of Executive Director be offered to Ellen Peters, and, if she declines, the position will be offered to Emily Kornak.

Vote: 9-0

John Keister said he will handle the reference checks and issue a report to the board. Board President Brooks will work with him on salary and benefits.

Roger Cotner: the board made the right choice

MaryAnn Herbst: Appreciated the discussion of the candidates prior to the vote.

It was determined that Ms. Peters and the other candidates will be contacted after the meeting by Rusco and Keister.

22-66 Motion by Menerick that the LDL Board of Trustees offer the position of LDL Executive Director to Ellen Peters. If Ellen Peters declines, the position will then be offered to Emily Kornak. The motion was seconded by Lannon. Vote 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Rice (staff) commented that she appreciated the board decision.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Longstreet questioned if staff is in favor of this decision. Weiden responded affirmatively for staff, and that staff were please with both top candidates.

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS

A. November 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m., LDL Program Room A (change in date from Nov. 8, 2022)

B. December 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m., LDL Program Room A

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mary Jane Belter,
Secretary, LDL Board of Trustees