**Beaver Island District Library Board of Trustees**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**September 1st, 2015**

**Present**: Lyle , Mitchell, Moore, Tidmore, Welter

**Absent**: Martin, Rehkoph

**Other**: McGinnity

1. Meeting called to order by Welter at 5:00 pm.
2. **Changes or additions to agenda**:
3. **Public Comment**: None
4. **Bylaws Revision**: Remote Meeting Participation

Proposed language to be added:

**“Should circumstances prevent his or her physical attendance at a Board meeting, a Board member may participate and vote remotely via telephone or other technology as adopted by the Board, provided that:**

* 1. **full participation in the meeting is possible and**
  2. **a quorum of the Board is physically present.”**

After some discussion of the merits of the amendment, it was decided that though it would not help with meeting cancellation issues, due to the necessity of a physical quorum (which both Dick Butler and Roger Mendel assured us was a necessary stipulation to avoid trouble with OMA), the amendment would allow members who cannot physically attend a particular meeting to vote and therefore represent their townships more fully.

* Motion to approve the addition of the amendment language to the BIDL Board Bylaws proposed by Moore, Lyle seconded—motion carried. McGinnity will add it and send the revised Bylaws document to all board members.

1. **Board/Officer Vacancy**

Jones’ resignation letter was discussed, and Welter volunteered to contact Bill Haggard, St. James Twp. Supervisor, to ensure that the St. James Twp. Board will post the position following their next meeting, which is scheduled for September 2nd. In the meantime, a new BIDL Board Secretary would need to be elected in order to certify the millage question.

* Motion to nominate Kathy Tidmore as Board Secretary proposed by Moore, Lyle seconded. Tidmore accepted. Motion to elect Tidmore proposed by Lyle, Moore seconded —motion carried.

1. **Millage Resolution**

McGinnity explained that the Elections Bureau had decided it would not oppose BIDL’s millage question being on the November ballot. The certified millage question needs to get to the County Clerk as soon as possible. To that end, the lawyer will send an MSWord version (to enable the clerk to copy and paste) and a PDF of the certified copy to the Clerk right first thing in the morning, and McGinnity will hand deliver the original to the Clerk on the same day to avoid any chance of delay.

The details of the resolution were discussed, including the increase from the two years the Board approved submitting language for at the August meeting, to four years, and the change from the 1.0000 mills to the .9864 mills to avoid the necessity of “new additional” language in the millage question. Both were recommendations of the library attorney to ensure that there would be not difficulties getting the millage voted in.

Motion to certify resolution as presented proposed by Moore, Lyle seconded.

**Roll Call Vote**:

Lyle: *Yea*

Mitchell: *Yea*

Moore: *Yea*

Tidmore: *Yea*

Welter: *Yea*

Motion carried 5 *Yeas*, 0 *Nays*.

Welter mentioned that he also wanted to be sure the minutes reflected that at the previous regular meeting (August) the Board had in fact given the Director a mandate to do whatever could be done to solve the millage deadline issue, including possibly incurring legal expenses. The board agreed, and it was decided that possibly amending the Professional Fees line of the budget would be on the agenda for the September meeting.

1. **Public Comment**: None

Motion to adjourn proposed by Tidmore, seconded by Mitchell—motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm.

*Next regular meeting:*

***9:00 am, September 17th, 2015.***

-*Respectfully submitted by Patrick S. McGinnity, Director*