

La Conner Swinomish Library Board Minutes  
August 10, 2021

Attendance: Jean Markert, Robert Hancock, Bill Taylor, Jim Airy, Kevin Paul  
Foundation Board Director, Susan Macek, Library Director, Jared Fair.  
Guests: Jeremy McNett, Jarrod Ball

Call to Order: Jean Markert called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Public Comment: None

Review of minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the July regular meeting.  
Jim Airy moved and Bill Taylor seconded to approve the meeting minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jarrold Ball from Learned Commercial Group spoke with the board regarding his experience selling commercial real estate in Skagit County. Board members asked questions, and a discussion ensued regarding his thoughts on selling the current library building.

Kevin Paul moved and Jim Airy seconded the motion to hire Jarrod Ball as our real estate agent to sell the current property. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Report: Jeremy McNett was not in attendance because he was at a town council meeting to request a deferral on the library paying for the parking fee associated with the new library building. Susan reported that Tiger Construction will proceed after Labor Day. Jake LaBarre from BuildingWorks is updating the architectural drawing for the Library.

Foundation Report: Susan Macek is looking into grants to help fund solar panels on the new library. She also talked about the ongoing challenges with fundraising events related to COVID-19.

Capital Expenditure subtotal:	\$4,680.00
Operations Expenditure subtotal:	\$3,633.75
District Payroll subtotal:	\$20,744.64
Total All Vouchers:	\$29,058.39

Jim Airy moved to approve the vouchers and payroll for July and Kevin Paul seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bill Taylor moved and Robert Hancock seconded a motion to approve Resolution 21-8.1 to pay off the existing bond with People's Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors Report:

Jared reported the following:

The library recently opened up on Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00. He is continuing his monthly column. Katrina had many summer reading activities.

All staff members are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Gem was retiring after many years working in the library as of August 16.