

Columbia County Library Board Meeting

May 23, 2023 • 11:30 am

In attendance:

Columbia County Library Board

- Russell Wilder, Board Chair
- Windy Bedingfield, Treasurer
- Marlena Bergeron
- Tripp Calloway
- Barry Paschal
- Lindsey Brantley

Absent

- Stephanie Coghlan

Library Staff

- Mary Lin Maner, GCHRL Library Director
- Devin Morris, Regional Admin Coordinator

Other

- John Luton, Director, Community Services

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Lindsey made a request for the April minutes to be amended to include a conversation about how library staff and Mary Lin handle patron book concerns. This was not included in the original minutes because it was not an agenda and did not meet the requirements to be "New Business".

Lindsey also requested that explanations be given for the reason the board members vote "No" to marking books that had been submitted by patrons for Reconsideration.

The Board said they are fine with the additions. Devin will add the items to the April minutes and email the board for their approval.

Friends of the Libraries

- At the suggestion of South State Bank, Friends has decided to open a savings account and a CD. Balances are as follows:
 - Checking: \$5,779.53
 - Savings: \$26,002.01
 - CD: \$10,000

Requests for Reconsideration

None.

Treasurer Report

- 2 CDs have matured, one with First Community and one at Edward Jones.
- Marlina made a motion to move the CD with First Community to Edwards Jones, all approved.
- Windy will speak to Ron Lentz at Edward Jones about rates and will email with the board to make a decision.

May 24, 2023 - Board voted via email to purchase a CD through Edward Jones for 9 months at 5.25% to mature March 1, 2024.

June 5, 2024 – Board voted via email to purchase a CD through Edward Jones for 18 months at 5.2% to mature December 9, 2024.

County Library Manager Report

- The 2nd Annual Putt-Putt in the Stack, a Friends Fundraiser's is June 7.
- Summer Learning Kickoff is May 24

GCHRL Report

- GCHRL Board voted to approve the 2024 Budget.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Members of the public Greta Vega and Heather Carey came to speak about the recent news reports of other members of the public trying to have certain books removed from the library.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:30 am at the Columbia County Library.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.