

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING

627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana

November 29, 2022

MINUTES

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library and mailed to requesting media on Friday, November 25th, 2022 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

Steve Bultinck, President
Mary Springer, Vice-President
Dave Lahr, Treasurer
Grant Fischer, Member
Connie Harper, Member
Kay Walton, Member

ABSENT:

Mida Grover, Secretary

GUESTS

Alex Gonzalez, Kettelhut, Inc.
Greg Helms, Kettelhut, Inc.
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

Board President Stephen Bultinck chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library.

Board member, Grant Fischer led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under the heading of **Committee Reports**, Facilities Chair, Mary Springer provided an update on the most recent Facilities committee meeting which centered on the downtown renovation project. Topics included the bids received for the project, the work being done in phases, Mattcon General Contractor's preferences about the project, and whether to close the building or not. The committee reached consensus on awarding the bid and will make a recommendation during the meeting. The approach is to accept the bid along with the alternates for an estimated \$8.1 million dollars and then issue a change order to reduce the bid to a manageable \$6.3 million-dollar construction project.

There were no topics under the heading of **Old Business**.

Under the heading of **New Business**, the Board considered the downtown renovation bid. Both Greg Helms and Alex Gonzalez of Kettelhut shared a few thoughts and comments about the bids and the construction project. With the Facilities committee report, a motion was made to accept the base bid of \$7,965,00 along with alternates 2,3, and 4 for a total of \$8,178,000. Board member Kay Walton provided a second for the motion. After a bit of discussion and clarifications, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Also, the committee moved that through value engineering of items 3,4,6,8,13 and 15 to reduce the awarded amount by \$1,925,650, thereby issuing a change order to allow a revised total contract of \$6,253,350. Board member Connie Harper seconded the motion and the motion passed. Finally, the committee moved to authorize the County Librarian to issue a Notice to Proceed letter that confirms the

contract will be awarded to Mattcon General Contractors. Mrs. Walton provided a second. The motion passed.

There was no **Other Business**.

There were no **Comments from the Public**.

Under **Comments from the Board**, President Bultinck requested clarification on the next steps for the downtown renovation project. Mr. Gonzalez mentioned a meeting would be held with Mattcon in early January. In the meantime, representatives from Keystone will revise the plans and show any “credits” that might revert to TCPL or any “adds” that might come up. Mr. Bultinck led the Board in discussing and reaching consensus for a special year-end Board meeting on Monday, December 19th at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Walton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Springer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Springer, Vice-President

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