

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Coldwater Township Hall
319 Sprague St., Coldwater MI 49036
Monday, May 13, 2016
9:00 am

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**
BDL President Martha Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call / Attendance**
Board Members Present: Erica Ewers, Daniel Gordon, Benjamin Jewell, Marilyn Johnson, Susan Smith, Lewis Uhrig, Martha Watson.
Board Members Absent: None
Others Present: Staff and members of the public
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion made by Uhrig, supported by Jewell, to remove items #11 and 12 from the agenda and approve as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Jewell, supported by Watson to recess until the candidates arrive at 9:30. Meeting recessed at 9:13am.
5. **Instruction to the Public**
6. **Bradbury/Miller Instructions to Board**
7. **Thomas Vose – Interview**
8. **Recess**
9. **Linda Lyshol – Interview**
10. **Public Comments:** Several members of the staff and public gave opinions regarding both candidates.
11. **Board Deliberations**
12. **New Director Chosen: Motion by Watson, supported by Smith, to offer the position to Linda Lyshol pending a background check. Motion carried.**
Motion by Jewell, supported by Uhrig, to offer Lyshol a starting salary of \$72,500. Motion carried.

Motion by Jewell, supported by Gordon, to offer Lyshol a benefits package comparable to the Assistant Director. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Jewell, supported by Uhrig, to offer Lyshol a benefits package comparable to the Assistant

Director, minus the technology stipend. Motion carried.

Motion by Jewell, supported by Smith to offer reimbursement for moving expenses up to \$10,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Watson, supported by Smith to amend the motion to have Lyshol include 2 bids from moving companies prior to submitting moving expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Jewell, supported by Smith, to have the beginning date be on or before July 1, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Watson, supported by Gordon, to authorize the Search Committee to do further negotiations with Lyshol, taking it to the entire BDL Board for approval. Motion carried.

13. Announcements

The next scheduled meeting of the Branch District Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, May 15, 2016, at 5:30 pm at the Alganssee Branch.

14. Additional Public Comments

The board expressed their gratitude to all for the long hours and hard work.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Uhrig, supported by Jewell, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Marilyn Johnson
BDL Board Secretary

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