

Yale Valley Library District

Regular Meeting

November 14, 2024

3 pm

Yale Valley Library

Trustees Present: Cynthia McAllister, Julie Starr and Kathi Wheeler

FVRL: Jennifer Giltrop, Jennifer Huan and Catrina Galicz. Lesley Miller

Member of the Public: Rob Starr

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Cynthia McAllister at 3:00pm.
2. The agenda was approved for the meeting. Wheeler/Starr. The motion was approved by all trustees present.
3. Cynthia introduced Catrina Galicz to the board. She is the new Financial Director for FVRL. We all introduced ourselves.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. October 10, 2024 regular meeting: A motion was made to approve these minutes. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present.
 - b. FVRL invoice for services July-December 2024: A motion was made to approve Invoice #1215 for services received from FVRL in the amount of \$72,500.00. Wheeler/Starr. The motion was approved by all trustees present.
5. **Financial Report:** Catrina Galicz reported that the income for September 2024 was \$4,565.00. There were no bills. The total revenue ending September 2024 in the non-capital and capital reserves are \$411,929.00. There was a motion to accept and file the financial report. Starr/Wheeler The motion was approved by all trustees present. Catrina presented a Levy rate history for the information of the board. Our current rate is 0.313. An analysis of our financials by Catrina shows that we currently meet the Reserves Test for 60-90 day operating expenses. This review looked 5 years out to 2030. This will be a review that we should do yearly.
6. **2025 YVLD Budget Approval:** Vice Chair, Cynthia McAllister explained the purpose of the the Budget Hearing to provide a brief description of the 2025 Budget and the action that the hearing body may legally take. She invited Catrina Galicz to introduce and explain the 2025 Budget for the public hearing. Catrina went over the Total Expenses for the year 2025 of \$220,000. She returned the floor to chair when she finished. Cynthia opened the public comment period of the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. The chair asked if there were any comments or question from the Board of Trustees. There were no questions of comments. Cynthia closed the Public Hearing comments portion of the 2025 Budget. There were no other comments from the Board of Trustees. Cynthia asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-02 adopting the 2025 YVLD Budget. Starr made the motion to approve. Seconded, Wheeler.

Motion was approved by all trustees present. The budget was approved and the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget is closed.

7. **2025 Levy Certification:** Cynthia reported the purpose of the Public Hearing of the 2025 Levy Certification is to provide a brief hearing and the action that the hearing board may legally take. Catrina presented the preliminary levy report including the new levy rate of 0.313% which along with the limit factor of 101.0% will provide a levy amount of \$137,197.00. She returned the floor to the chair when she was finished. Cynthia opened the Public Comment period. There were no public comments. Cynthia asked for any Board of Trustee comments. There were none. Cynthia closed the comment portion of the Public Hearing for the 2025 Property Tax Levy. Cynthia asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-03. Wheeler made the motion to approve. Seconded, Starr. Motion was approved by all trustees present. The levy was approved and the Public Hearing for the 2025 Levy Certification was closed.
8. **2025 YVLD Board Meeting Schedule:** The secretary presented a schedule of 6 meeting dates throughout the 2025 year. A motion was made to accept the schedule. Wheeler/Starr The motion was approved by all trustees present.
9. **Well Project update:** Jennifer Giltrop told the board that we are waiting for water test results. Kathi reported that she had spoken with the drillers several times and drilling went approximately 200 feet with unofficially water at 7-8 pm. This will be adequate for our needs but we will be discussing with Jay a storage tank.
10. **Branch Manager Report:** Lesley Miller reported approximately 850 patrons visited the library. The Fall Festival display and Halloween party were very successful. Amber did a Junior Fiction display during the event. The library partnered with the Cowlitz Skamania Fire Dept. to welcome Trick or Treater's at both the library and the Fire Station next door. Approximately 85 kids visited the library during 5:00-8:00pm party. She would like to expand the party next year. Lesley is starting a Book Discussion group on January 23, 2025. The first book will be *I Cheerfully Refuse* by Leif Enger. Books will be available on December 23, 2024 for pick up. The library is sponsoring Winter Crafts. Wreath Making will be Monday, November 25, 2024, 5-7pm. Gingerbread House making on December 12, 2024 2-5:30pm. Jennifer Huaun, reported that the new Woodland Library is off to a fantastic start. They have issued over 200 new cards. John Boucher, SLA, is doing filmmaking, writing and poetry with young people. He will be doing a DIY film making on Saturday, November 16, 2024. Kristi Hughes with of a lot of shoes is teaching very young people how to tie their shoes! Also, Reading to a dog is very popular. Woodland Library will be having a Wreath making class November 25, 2024 at the library.
11. **Public Comments:** None
12. **Board Comments:** None
13. A motion was made to adjourn the Yale Board of Trustee meeting at 4:05pm. Wheeler/Starr

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi Wheeler
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YVLD Secretary