Wilderness Coast Public Libraries Serving Franklin, Jefferson, and Wakulla Counties Governing Board Meeting Minutes

June 2022 at 10:30 AM WCPL Meeting Room

Board Members present: Greg James, Chuck Hess, Chris Tuten, Brenda Humphrey,

Others Present: Whitney Roundtree, Courtney Whitaker, Parker Bugg, Keith Dean (via Zoom), Robyn Drummond, Andy Bucher, Charles Mayberry, Carol DeMent

James called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. No changes to the agenda were announced.

Old Business: Minutes from the meeting were accepted and passed unanimously. The financial report was presented by Keith Dean on speakerphone. Everything is on track with the budget. The year-to-date results show that we're doing well. Our books category is largely unspent and Whitaker proposes that WILD use that money to take over the expenses for the digital collection. There were no questions from the board. The Financial Report was accepted unanimously.

Administrator Report: Whitaker read her report and introduced Charles Mayberry, Carol DeMent, and Andy Bucher.

New Business: The extra meeting this year was called to discuss merging the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries OverDrive collection with the Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN) OverDrive collection. Guests Charles Mayberry and Carol DeMentfrom PLAN were present, as well as Andy Bucher from OverDrive, to give an overview of the procedure, timeline, benefits, and cost of merging our digital collection with PLAN. James looked over the exact costs of the merge, including the prorated months between the end of WILD's contract and the beginning of PLAN's. Administrator Whitaker proposed WILD taking on the cost of the prorated months of OverDrive as well as the yearly fee for each member library. Hess asked for the downside of merging with PLAN and none were offered. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the merge.

Directors Reports:

Roundtree reported that she is hiring a new employee soon. She is happy to report that she has bilingual storytime occurring at both branches. Everything is going well with summer reading. She has been collaborating with Lucy Carter at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Municipal Library on summer reading programming and performances.

Drummond says they have been very busy at WCPL. Everyone is busy with the summer reading program. They are not participating in the CSLP program this year, but going with a camping theme instead. The number of people in and out of the library is steadily increasing, with more new patrons added to the library recently. Drummond

requested new carpet and new paint at the last county budget meeting. Items are circulating very well and program attendance is great.

With no further discussion, and a reminder that the next meeting will be on September 12, 2022, James adjourned the meeting at 11:48 A.M.