

Jackson Parish Library Board
Jonesboro, Louisiana
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2020

The Jackson Parish Library Board of Control met on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. at the main branch of the Jackson Parish Library for the regular monthly board meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Massey, Board President. Members present: Mrs. Essmeier, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Standley, Mrs. Robinson, Ms. Crawley, Mrs. Massey, and Mr. Culpepper. Also present was the Library Director, Mr. Knox, Assistant Director, Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Paul Riley, Engineer with Riley & Co. Members absent: None.

Mr. Culpepper led the invocation.

There being no public comments, the Board proceeded with the proposed Agenda.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2020, regular board meeting. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Culpepper made the motion to approve the minutes for the October 2, 2020, special called board meeting. Mrs. Robinson seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawley made the motion to accept the September financial reports. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nunn made the motion to accept the September statistical data. Mr. Culpepper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Riley presented the board with the proposals for the parking lot project at the Chatham library. Mrs. Robinson made the motion to award the project to Mabry Company, LLC for the price of \$82,820. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Riley also presented the board with the suggestion to add curbs to the parking lot. This was not a part of the original plans and is an option that can be added since the price was lower than expected. Mrs. Standley made the motion to approve change order #1 to add curbs to the Chatham library parking lot project in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Culpepper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Library Director presented the amended 2020 budget and the budget for 2021. Mrs. Cooper made the motion to accept the amended 2020 budget. Mrs. Nunn seconded. All yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Crawley made the motion to accept the 2021 budget. Mrs. Massey seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Culpepper had to leave the meeting early.

The Library Director presented the board with a long-range plan for the Jackson Parish Library. At the last minute, a suggestion to add a plan to incorporate the Jackson Parish Museum at the Jonesboro branch had been added. The board agreed to have this stricken from the plan, since there had been no communication with the Museum Board about this before the meeting. Mrs.

Essmeier made the motion to adopt the long-range plan (which was pages 15-17 in our packet) with the reference to the Jackson Parish Museum stricken from section 1A. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

The Library Director updated the Board on a phone call he had with the State Librarian, Rebecca Hamilton, regarding emancipation of libraries. One of the steps is to introduce a bill in Baton Rouge. She warned that now may not be the time to take this action due to the political climate. It was agreed that we should table the subject of emancipation until we can meet with our representative, Jack McFarland, and see if he will lead the way on this endeavor. Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to table emancipation at this time. Mrs. Standley seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Robinson seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Carol Massey, Board President

Mr. Floyd Knox, Secretary