

JACKSON-GEORGE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2020

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, April 17, 2020, 2:00 p.m., via teleconference

PRESIDING: Carol Lewis-Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Sholl, Nancy Jo Maples, Evelyn Read, Cheryl Frederic, Penny Groves, Joanne Anderson (all via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Barnes, Director; Stacie Zorn, Board Attorney; Aaron Taylor, Administrative Assistant; Janet Beatty, Business Manager; Alisa St. Amant, Assistant Director- Technology Services.

Re-evaluation of the Library Closures and/or Reopening Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Determination of Continued Paid Administrative Leave for Staff:

The Board discussed possible scenarios and timeframes on when staff would return to work and the necessary procedures that need to be taken prior to reopening the library or offering services to our patrons. Nancy Jo Maples stated that staff should report back to work as soon as possible while following CDC guidelines. George Sholl believes that once the staff arrives, there should be no more than ten staff members in the library. He would like to see JGRLS offer curbside and book-by-mail services to our patrons. Evelyn Read feels that employees should not return to work prior to the Governor's "shelter in place" declaration is lifted on Monday, April 27, 2020. Cheryl Frederic was opposed to re-opening on April 27, 2020 due to the concern that COVID-19 cases are still on the rise in Jackson County. Carol Lewis-Jones would like to see the key "essential" employees return to the branches first. Lori Barnes, Director, made the request to the Board that staff be given 2-3 days minimum of staff-only on site in order to make the preparations before offering patron services.

MOTION: Frederic **SECOND:** Read
"To have employees return to work on Monday, April 27, 2020 with the possibility of curbside services for patrons beginning on Monday, May 4, 2020."

Motion withdrawn by Cheryl Frederic

MOTION: Sholl

SECOND: Frederic

"To have "essential" employees return to work on Monday, April 20, 2020 with all other employees returning to work on Monday, April 27, 2020. Limited library services are to resume to the public on Monday, May 4, 2020."

VOTING AYE: Read, Frederic, Jones, Groves, Sholl, Anderson, Lewis-Jones

VOTING NAY: None

Nancy Jo Maples made the request that there be a message on the JGRS homepage explaining the latest JGRS news in regards to the COVID-19 situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Regional Board Meeting Monday, April 27, 2020, Pascagoula Board Room


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Sholl

SECOND: Groves

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

APPROVED:  ADOPTED: 6/22/2020
Chair Date

Minutes recorded by Aaron Taylor, Board Secretary