Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of January 9, 2007

Call to Order

Lauffer called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Board members present were Tiff Lauffer, President; Terri Brunner; Linda Dellsperger; and Pat Powell. Jessica Robinson joined the meeting after roll call.

Also present were Lynn Hostetler and Jo Sapp, DRBL board members; Melissa Carr, Director; Kris Farris, Karen Neely, Jim Smith, and Mary Jane Edele, DBRL staff; and Ying Ying Joyce Choi, Missourian.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Powell moved, Dellsperger seconded, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2006. The motion passed.

Finance Plan

Financing Plan- Smith went over the financial assumptions that were outlined in the memo. He explained that these assumptions were used to prepare financial plans and that the revenue from the tax increase would be divided between the Debt Service Fund and Operating Fund. Funds not needed to repay the debt will go into the Operating Fund. There were no questions for Smith regarding the financial assumptions.

Potential Boone County Library District (BCLD) Tax Rate- Carr began by stating that library staff hoped to get direction tonight on which tax rate the BCLD board would like to pursue so that the appropriate documents could be posted publicly before the January 11th BCLD meeting.

Robinson entered the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Smith reviewed each of the options for the tax rate located on the chart provided in the memo. After going through the chart and board discussion, Smith explained that library staff recommended option three to the board because it puts less of a burden on the taxpayers of BCLD but still allows for the size of facility planned in the north. Carr added that there would be a 10 year repayment period before a portion of the tax could be sunsetted. Dellsperger asked, based on option three, when the library would have to request another tax levy. Carr answered
that another tax levy would not need to be discussed until 2017 when the debt service would be complete. Dellsperger added that if the BCLD is meeting their portion of the Operating Fund at that 2017 point, they may not need to go for another levy.

Robinson added that the level of partnership between the current library boards is rare and the use of DBRL transfer funds is positive for everyone.

Brunner moved, Dellsperger seconded, to adopt option three for the tax levy rate. The motion passed.

**Election Process**

**Ballot Language** - Carr said that she has been discussing the ballot language with Nancy Lear, bond council attorney form Gilmore and Bell. Carr reported that Lear said that the explanation should not go before the question, as the board had requested. Robinson asked library staff to investigate this further, because what she had read indicated it was preferred to put the explanation first. Carr said that she would contact the State Library and discuss it further with Nancy Lear.

Carr noted that the ballot language was meant to be general but clear on purpose. Robinson asked if the word “new” could be added in front of “library facilities.” The board discussed and determined that eventually none of it will be “new,” so it should not be added.

Carr said that she had spoken with Farris about creating an objective fact sheet about the projects and purpose of the increases. Dellsperger added that most people who go to the voting booth have their vote decided. She said that while it was worth looking into, including an explanation before the question was not necessary.

Carr asked if the board preferred one question over another. Brunner preferred the alternate question because it informed the voters that their money would be going toward new services, rather than only funding existing ones. Powell and Dellsperger said that they would be comfortable with either. The board decided to go with the expanded language for the time being. Robinson asked why the question had to specify things such as construction and furniture when they are already covered under Operating costs. Smith stated that they were included to clarify that Operating expenses covered costs such as utilities but also include construction and furniture.

**Election Process** - Carr distributed two handouts to the board that were intended to clarify what is and is not appropriate for staff during the election process and bond and levy legal issues. She noted that she and Farris would begin talking with staff about what they could and could not do during the election process.

**Reimbursement Resolution**

Smith distributed the resolution to the board, and explained that the $16,000,000 stated is much higher than the actual amount of Certificates of Participation that will be issued. The actual number will be lower but cannot exceed what is stated in the resolution. Carr added that this is
not permission to use that money, rather it opens up the possibility of transferring to reimburse amounts expended in another fund.

Powell moved, Dellsperger seconded, to adopt the resolution of the board of trustees of Boone County Library District determining its intent to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures. The motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**

There was no miscellaneous information to report.

**Public Comment**

Sapp, of the DBRL board, expressed that eventually equalizing the tax rates of the Columbia Library District and the BCLD is important and will help extend current solidarity to future boards.

**Adjournment**

Powell moved, Brunner seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, and Lauffer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Mary Jane Edele, Executive Assistant.

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Board Secretary