Boone County Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of November 13, 2008  
Breakout Session

**Call to Order**

Jessica Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:14 P.M. in the Training Center of the Columbia Public Library.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Board members present were Jessica Robinson, President; Terri Brunner, Linda Dellsperger, Tiff Lauffer, and Patricia Powell. Also present were Melissa Carr, Director, and Karen Neely, DBRL staff.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

Lauffer moved and Dellsperger seconded approval of the August 14, 2008 minutes. The motion passed.

**CY 2009 Operating Budget**

Lauffer moved, Brunner seconded, approval of the CY 2009 DBRL Operating Budget.

Powell asked if the members who attended the Finance Committee meeting had any comments. Lauffer, Brunner and Robinson attended the last Finance Committee meeting. Lauffer said he highly approved the budget and it was well done by the staff. Brunner reiterated that the budget was well done and the board and staff are managing the money well. Dellsperger indicated she was not voting for the budget strictly on the salary increase because it is out of line with what is happening in today’s economic environment. She said that there are also too many possible expenditures coming up related to the long-range plan and possible changes to the retirement plan.

The motion passed. Brunner – Yes; Lauffer – Yes; Powell – Yes; Robinson – Yes; Dellsperger – No.

**BCLD Bylaws**

Dellsperger moved, Brunner seconded, to approve the BCLD bylaws. Discussion followed.

Powell said that 5 (five) on page one should be spelled out.
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Carr was asked about background on the President not voting as a member of committees. Carr said typically this is not an issue for the district boards. Carr indicted that at the regional board level the President appointed all the committees. If the President attended all the committee meetings the President could change the outcome of the vote. Robinson asked if anyone could think of a reason that a five member board would appoint subcommittees. The consensus was that the President should have the right to vote as the member of a subcommittee. Motion passed with the changes as discussed.

Miscellaneous

Robinson led a discussion about where discussions take place in the Regional Board meetings particularly regarding the budget. Dellsperger said the two most important things a board does are to evaluate the Director and to approve the budget. Dellsperger asked about where the individual boards had a chance to ask questions before the night the Board voted on the budget. Discussion followed about attending the Finance Committee meetings. If board members were not able to attend the committee meetings a suggestion was made to have work sessions where board members can ask questions. Robinson suggested the board should start thinking about discussion guidelines if Robert’s Rules are not followed.

Lauffer said he would like a Boone County board meeting so the board can determine if they would like to talk to Dr. Bynum about adding an addition to the current Southern Boone County Public Library building.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Karen Neely, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary