



Meeting: Monday, April 2, 2018

Breaux Bridge Branch Library

5:00 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order

Attendance

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes from Meeting, February 5, 2018.

Unfinished Business

Cecilia Branch Library Construction Update

New Business

Announce date of Public Meeting for 2018 millage rate (s) adoption

Director's Update

Adjournment





**St. Martin Parish Library
Board of Control**

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The St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control met April 2, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. at Breaux Bridge Branch Library. Members present were Tommy Romero, Cramin Wiltz, Brenda Hobbs, Freda Harrison, Chenita Broussard and Georgie Blanchard. St. Martin Parish Library Director, Charlar Brew, Administrative Assistant, Liz Gautreaux and Architect Dionne Sonnier were also present. Charlene LeBlanc was absent. There was one public in attendance. President Tommy Romero called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and a recording was made. Liz Gautreaux recorded attendance. On a motion by Brenda Hobbs and a second by Freda Harrison the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were approved. All Board members voted orally in favor.

The first agenda item of unfinished business was Cecilia Branch Library. Mrs. Sonnier updated the board on the progress of the Cecilia renovations. She stated that the concrete is complete and the framing should begin this week. The framing crew will work in conjunction with the demolition crew so that the interior of the library is protected from the outside elements. Georgie Blanchard asked if any of the delay with the soil could have been avoided. Mrs. Sonnier stated that because they were originally going with plans from the existing building, the firm was trying to save the Library money by not doing extra engineering tests. She stated that early engineering test would have helped. They learned that the soil in the Cecilia area has changed over the last 30 years and there was no way of predicting this without extra testing. Mr. Romero asked how far behind the project is because of this planning error and Mrs. Blanchard asked about the extra monetary cost. Mrs. Sonnier stated that the end date has moved from April to late August. Mrs. Brew asked if Mrs. Sonnier foresaw any more change orders. She stated she did not. The Board thanked Mrs. Sonnier for her update and she left the meeting. Mrs. Blanchard stated that in the future, the board may want to consider a more cost effective approach and plan on the side of caution with tests instead of the additional costs and delay once a project begins. The board should be given the option to decide when the Board could cut costs. She asked at what point should the Board draw the line for the financial responsibility of such planning errors. Mrs. Brenda Hobbs stated that the Breaux Bridge Library had less issues perhaps because of the professional expertise of Dewberry Architects overseeing the project on behalf of the Library Board.

Under new business, Tommy Romero announced there will be a Public Meeting for the Adoption of the 2018 Tax Millage Rates on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. at the Breaux Bridge Branch Library.

In the Director's update, Mrs. Brew informed the members the Library had their Workman's Compensation Audit in March. Mr. John Caro with Brown and Brown Insurance sat in on the audit and all looks to be in order. The Library is awaiting the official results. She informed the Board of the addition of the sliding glass doors that have been installed at the St. Martinville Branch Library. The Board members received the financial update as of April 2, 2018. Registration for Summer Reading is scheduled to begin May 19, 2018. Registration will be online. Patrons who need assistance may come to the Library Branches and staff will assist them. For the good of the order, Mrs. Brew congratulated Georgie Blanchard on the release of her book, *Pots, Pans, and Prayers: An Heriloom Storybook with Recipes*. Mrs. Brenda Hobbs thanked the Library for financially providing

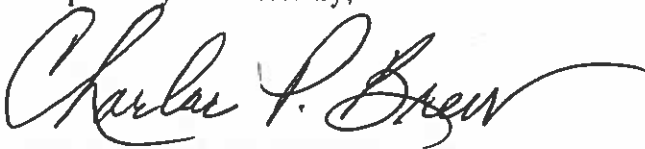


the balloon artist for the City of Breaux Bridge's Easter Egg Hunt in Veterans Park. Mrs. Hobbs also thanked Mrs. Brew for attending the *Leaders Against Litter Event* with the Lieutenant Governor in Cecilia.

Being there was no business to take action on, there was no public comment period. The one public in attendance asked to speak and was granted permission. She had a question about a matter for the City of St. Martinville. Being new to the area, she was unaware that the Parish Library and City of St. Martinville were separate and members informed her of where to take her concern. The Board thanked her for attending the meeting.

The next board meeting will be at Breaux Bridge Branch Library on May 7, 2018. Being no further business, Brenda Hobbs moved that the meeting be adjourned and Chenita Broussard seconded and was approved unanimously by oral vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charlar P. Brew". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Charlar P. Brew, Secretary

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