

Meeting June 1, 2020 Breaux Bridge Library 5:00PM

AGENDA

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes from Meeting, 4 May, 2020

Unfinished Business

St. Martin Parish Library Reopening Phase II

New Business

Adopt Millage Rates for 2020

Director's Update

Adjournment



St. Martin Parish Library
Board of Control

Meeting: June 1, 2020

Breaux Bridge Branch Library 5:00PM

The St. Martin Parish Library Board of Control met on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at the Breaux Bridge Library. Members present were: Georgie Blanchard, Freda Harrison, Brenda Hobbs, Charlene Leblanc, Tommy Romero and Cramin Wiltz. Chenita Broussard was absent. Also in attendance were: Calder Hebert, Director of Administration for St. Martin Parish Government, David Poirier and Tangie Narcisse, St. Martin Parish Council.

President Romero called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M. Invocation led by Charlar Brew. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman David Poirier. Charlar Brew, Secretary recorded attendance. On a motion by Cramin Wiltz and a seconded by Freda Harrison the minutes of the May 4, 2020 were approved unanimously.

The first agenda item of unfinished business was Library Reopening. Director informed Board that library reopened today, June 1st with reduced hours Monday – Friday 8:00am 5:00pm. Saturday, 8:00am - 12:00 at all Branches. Staff will not lose hours. She expressed how grateful the library is to have St. Martin Sheriff Officers assisting from 8:00 -4: 30 until June 26. At that time a determination will be made to resume services of Lofton Security. Summer Reading registration will begin on June 8. The program will run until July 25. Due to 25% occupancy, there will be more virtual programs. However, there will be a few in-house programs. Fire Marshall Brody Mills gave occupancy for each Branch: Breaux Bridge Branch – 52; St. Martinville Branch 59; Cecilia Branch 22 and Parks Branch 3 (social distancing will be used). Later in the afternoon, Governor Edwards issued plans for Phase II reopening with a 50% occupancy.

Under new business, President Romero read the Resolution to adopt the 2020 tax millage

The library will not roll forward. The following millage(s) were levied on the 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Martin Parish Library:

Library Construction and Maintenance 1067052 3.560mills

Library Construction and Maintenance 1067010 3.900 mills

The votes were as follows:

Yeas: Georgie Blanchard, Freda Harrison, Brenda Hobbs, Charlene Leblanc, Tommy Romero

NAYS: Cramin Wiltz

Absent: Chenita Broussard

Motion for approval of resolution by Georgie Blanchard and seconded by Charlene Leblanc.

There was some discussion of the expiring 3.560 mills that expires in 2020 and the 4.00 mills that expires in 2024. The Director gave a brief discussion of both mills and the tax property reappraisal/reassessment and the amounts of each tax.



There was much discussion of the upcoming Proposition in November that rededicates library funds. Charlene Leblanc questioned what happens if the tax fails. Discussed also was the original range rate of the 3.83 expiring tax. Calder Hebert, Director of Administration addressed the members in regards to the Proposition. Georgie Blanchard and Brenda Hobbs expressed strongly their concerns of the library tax being rededicated to other agencies. Mrs. Blanchard stated her feelings were ambiguous, however she would support the tax. Brenda Hobbs express her concerns as to the conception to taxpayer and how would the presentation of rededicating library tax funds be made to tax payers. Calder Hebert expressed the large fund balance of the library and the concerns of Parish Government and the need of funds for other agencies Several Board member expressed skepticism of having a successful tax on a large election as the November election. And the feelings of the taxpayers. Mr. Romero referred to the cost of elections. In the past the library had its own election, and there was no problems, the taxpayers supported the tax. Mrs. Hobbs concern is how Parish Government can convince the taxpayers on this proposition as stated. Mr. Hebert discussed the very positive and success of the library system. Mrs. Brew stated we will make every effort to promote the passage of the tax.

Parks Branch Library was discussed. There is a need for a small Branch library. Councilwoman Tangie Narcisse thanked the Library Board for all their efforts for libraries of the Parish. She applauded the members for their frugal use of taxpayer monies. As representatives of Council District 2 and 3, Tangie Narcisse and David Poirier expressed they will do what is needed to build a new facility in Parks. All members agree that a new library is needed. This matter will be addressed to the full Council as early as December, stated Mrs. Narcisse. In defense of Parish Government, she asked the library Board to be a friendly neighbor as far as sharing funds are concerned.

In the Director's update Mrs. Charlar Brew gave the financial report. She informed the members of revision made on March, End of Month Report. All funds at Home Bank have been placed in Maintenance account under the advisement of CPA, Charles Maraist.

In personnel matters she informed the Board of upcoming retirement of Peggy Decou, Outreach. Her position will not be filled. Staff will be cross trained in all areas to assume other duties and responsibilities.

Good of the Order: Mrs. Brew thanked Mr. Hebert, Mrs. Narcisse and Mr. Poirier for their support and attendance at the meeting. She expressed a special thanks to the Library Board for their time, support and hard work. She wished the members a safe summer.

The next scheduled board meeting will be On August 3, 2020. Being no further business, Cramin Wiltz moved that the meeting be adjourned and Charlene Leblanc seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlar P. Brew, Secretary



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Martin Parish Library:

MILLAGE

Library Construction and Maintenance 1067052	3.560 mills
Library Construction and Maintenance 1067010	3.900 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2020, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Georgie Blanchard, Freda Harrison, Brenda Hobbs, Charlene Leblanc, Tommy Romero

NAYS: Cramin Wiltz

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Chenita Broussard

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 1, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, this 1st day of June, 2020.

Charlar P. Brew, Director and Secretary of the Library Board of Control

