

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Alpena County Library Board of Trustees was called to order on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 4:31 pm. by President Joseph Garber.

Present:

Board of Trustees: Joseph Garber, Dustin Budd, Lauren Mantlo, Quintin Meek

Staff: Jessica Luther

Excused: Michelle Cornish

Approval of Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Old Business:

- A. Millage: Resolution to Approve Library Ballot Language** It was moved by Meek with support from Budd to adopt a resolution to approve the ballot language for the millage request of .90 mill, of which .7462 mill is a renewal of the millage that expired in 2023 and .1538 mill is new additional millage for a period of 10 years. The motion passed. A copy of the signed resolution is attached.

Other: Budd asked for clarification on the role Clare Membiela, Library of Michigan Library Law Consultant, will be serving at the April 17th meeting. Meek encouraged the other members to use Membiela's presence to understand the Board's legal responsibilities and have a thorough discussion about the demands made by the group presenting the petition and the request to move *All Boys Aren't Blue*. Mantlo asked Luther to send Membiela the minutes from the past meetings and the petition. Garber added that he has the signed petitions at his home office. He has instructed Luther to draft a communication plan with assistance from Brian Mortimore of Kent District Library and Val Meyerson of Petoskey Library.

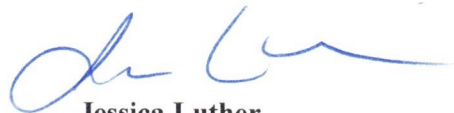
Garber acknowledged the correspondence to the Board received from Julie Byrnes and Carol Bobolts.

Adjournment: Garber declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Cornish
Secretary



Jessica Luther
Recording Secretary

ALPENA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LIBRARY
BALLOT LANGUAGE**

At a meeting of the Library Board of the Alpena County Library ("Library Board"), Alpena County, Michigan, held at the Library on April 3, _____, 2024 at 4:31p.m.

PRESENT: Joseph Garber Lauren Mantlo
Dustin Budd Quinton Meek

ABSENT: Michelle Cornish

The following Resolution was offered by Meek
_____ and seconded by Budd
_____.

WHEREAS, Alpena County ("County") has the powers granted by 1851 Act 156, including the authority to levy a tax to raise funds permitted and authorized by law, and the authority to levy a tax for library purposes pursuant to the County Libraries Act, 1917 PA 138; and

WHEREAS, the County previously placed a proposal on the ballot to provide funds for local public library service in Alpena County; and

WHEREAS, voters previously approved a renewal of .75 mill (rolled back to .7462 mill when it was last levied in 2023) mill for ten years to fund library service in Alpena County and that millage expired in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of Alpena County and its residents that revenue be authorized for the purpose of funding library service; and

WHEREAS, The Library Board desires to request voters approve a millage of .90 mill, of which .7462 mill is a renewal of the millage that expired in 2023 and .1538 mill is new additional

millage, subject to applicable Headlee rollbacks, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the 2024 levy; and

WHEREAS, Library Board has determined that placing the millage request on the ballot at the August 6, 2024 election is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the County residents.

THEREFORE, the Library Board of the Alpena County Library, Alpena County, Michigan, resolves as follows:

1. The Library Board resolves to present to the electors of the County at the August 6, 2024 election a renewal of millage as described in the ballot language attached as Exhibit A. The Library Board approves and certifies the ballot language attached as Exhibit A.

2. The Secretary or Board President are authorized and directed to promptly submit this Resolution, along with the ballot language attached as Exhibit A, to the County Board of Commissioners so that the millage proposition may be included on the August 6, 2024 election ballot.

3. Any resolution inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded.

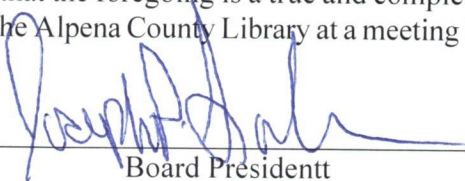
ADOPTED:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ALPENA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Alpena County Library, Alpena County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Library Board of the Alpena County Library at a meeting held on April 3, 2024.



Board President

EXHIBIT A

County of Alpena
Library Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the County of Alpena, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed .90 mill (\$0.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which .7462 mill is a renewal of the previously authorized millage that expired in 2023 and .1538 mill is new additional millage, against all taxable property within Alpena County for a period of ten (10) years, 2024 to 2033, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all library purposes authorized by law, including maintenance and operations of the Library? The estimate of the revenue Alpena County will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2024) is approximately \$1,130,000. Funds from this millage will be distributed to the Alpena County Library Board.

Yes

No

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